

***Prayer After Communion:**

Pastor: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, Sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **C: Amen.**

***Blessing**

Pastor: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **C: Amen.**

***Recessional Hymn:** Alleluia! Sing to Jesus **LBW 158**

***Dismissal**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is Risen. **C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Please keep the following in your prayers:

Dave Lamar Walter Maul Carolyn Pinos Ava Stancovich Emma Rosman

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This morning, Jack Seymore, an authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod, ELCA will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

May 4—Refreshments in the Social Hall after service this morning.

May 5—Council Meeting 6:30 pm.

Church officers for 2025 are Tom Cordwell, President; Bill Cooper, Vice President; Sharon Cordwell, Secretary; and Dan Kerch, Treasurer.

We are still in need of the following 1 Council Member, 2 volunteers for Synod Assembly, and 3 Volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Please see Tom Cordwell or any council member if interested.

If anyone is in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office to make arrangements at (814) 942-1042.

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**Third Sunday of Easter
May 4, 2025
Worship Sundays at 9:00 am**



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Communion Hospitality

Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.

Sanctuary candle is in memory of Patty Shultz by Clarence. Tall candles are in memory of Patty Shultz by Clarence. Small candles are in memory of Betty and Ray Ernest by George Ernest and family.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Setting I

Parish Announcements

Prelude

*= Stand

(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)

*Announcements:

Pastor:

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed.

Alleluia!

Pastor:

In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

Pastor:

Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Pastor:

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as your are one.

Pastor:

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

Pastor:

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

Pastor:

Grant us grace, love, and life, O living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

*Entrance Hymn:

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

WOV 675

*Pastor:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Kyrie

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*Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast of Victory For Our God

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*Prayer of the Day:

Pastor:

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

First Reading:

Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalms 30

(Read Responsively)

Second Reading:

Revelation 5:11-14

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Verse

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*Holy Gospel :

John 21:1-19

C: Glory to you O Lord

C: Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day	The Church of Christ, in Every Age	LBW 433
*Nicene Creed		p. 64
*Prayers of the Church		
Pastor:	Hear us O God.	C: Your mercy is great.
*Passing of Peace	Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.	
	<i>The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord, and then be seated.</i>	
Offering	<i>The offering is received as the Lord’s table is prepared.</i>	
*Offertory	“Let the Vineyards”	p. 66
*Offertory Prayer		
Pastor:	Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. C: Amen.	
Liturgy of Holy Communion		
*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus		p. 68
*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, we heard again the story of God’s mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus’ life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and we shared the holy meal of the Lord’s Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.		
Gathered at the Lord’s table, we celebrated with thanksgiving that ”In the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take and eat; is my body given to for you. Do this in remembrance of me. Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: “This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.” This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord’s presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.		
*The Lord’s Prayer		p. 71
*Invitation to Communion:		
Pastor:	Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.	
*Agnes Dei	“Lamb of God”	p. 72
	<i>As the ministers give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:</i>	
	<i>“The body of Christ, given for you.’ & ‘The blood of Christ, shed for you.’</i>	
	<i>After each, the communicant may say: ‘Amen.’</i>	
Distribution		
Communion Hymn:	I Love to Tell the Story	LBW 390
*Post Communion Blessing		p. 72