

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH
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Wednesday Evening Service (In-Person & Zoom)

April 22, 2026 – 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: God of rainbow and promise,

C: God of the swirling waters of baptism,

P: God of the dark night of doubt,

C: God of comfort and call,

P: Dwell with us as we continue our journeys

C: And lead us from temptation to trust, from fear to love, from despair to hope, and from sadness to joy.

*** Gathering Hymn 433**

“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”

*** Greeting**

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

☑ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Reading: *1 Peter 2:19-25*

¹⁹ It is a commendable thing if, being aware of God, a person endures pain while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do good and suffer for it, this is a commendable thing before God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

²² “He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

²³ When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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*** POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in
God's grace.**

C: Amen.

*** Blessing**

**P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, ✠ bless you
now and forever.**

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 764**

“Have No Fear, Little Flock”

*** Dismissal**

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Hope that you are collecting your coins for our Delaware/Maryland Assembly in June. We will have our **Noisy offering on May 17th**. **This money goes to Hunger.**

We will honor our graduates on **May 17th** following our 10:00am services. We congratulate **Zachariah Ahern, Ellie Harbert, Macy Judy, Jordyn Sneathen and Sebastian Stewart**. Also graduating are Jim & Shirley Smith's two granddaughters, **Cambri Hosselrode and Colby Smith**. If you have someone from your family graduating, please notify the church office.

Also on May 17th we will have a Blessing of our Garden during the service and you can visit the garden following service. This is a busy Sunday!

Geraniums for the Festival of Pentecost - On Sunday, May 24th we would like to decorate our church with red geraniums which will then be planted outside in our flower beds. *The cost per plant is \$4.00. If you are interested in purchasing a geranium for Pentecost Sunday, please place money or check (Christ Lutheran Church) in an envelope and put in offering plate or bring to the church office. You may donate these flowers in honor or memory of loved ones. Please write this on your envelope or on a paper with payment. Deadline for ordering geraniums is May 21st.* These plants will be enjoyed for the entire summer.

Also on Sunday, May 24th the Mission & Generosity will have another Listening Circle following our service. They will focus on our Memorial garden: Labyrinth for reflecting, bench for resting, marble memorial stone for remembering, trees and flowers for enjoying, meadow for meandering, notebook for sharing.

As you are doing your Spring cleaning remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

For anyone who likes to go to yard sales! On Saturday, **May 9th from 8-4:00pm**, the Marian Bittle Estate will hold a sale at 10 Warfield Place, LaVale. Everything must go!

