



## ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*"As an inclusive and caring congregation, our mission is to make disciples,  
praise God, and serve the community."*

**April 27, 2025**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

*How Good It Is to Worship the Lord!!....Thank you for worshiping with us this morning. We pray that you would sense Christ’s presence among us as we open our spirits to God.*

**If You Are Visiting with Us Today ...Welcome!!** Please be so kind as to sign our guest book and introduce yourself to the Pastor as you leave. We ask **everyone** to sign the red fellowship pads as they are passed down the pew. Only visitors need to put their address and phone number. Additionally, in your pew rack, there is a bible. We believe we are called not only to proclaim God’s Word, but to give it away. So, should you need a copy of God’s Word, we invite you to take a bible as a gift from our congregation.

**Nursery Care:** Jesus said, “Let the little children come.” So, living in our baptismal promises, we welcome and encourage children to worship with us. However, we understand that children often wiggle during the service, so if you so desire, parents are invited to go for a walk in the narthex or to take children (thru age 4 years) to the nursery, which is in the room just off the narthex.

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**Sunday Morning Schedule**

8:00 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

10:30 A.M. Worship Service in Sanctuary

**\*\* Holy Communion Celebrated Each Week at Both Worship Services**

**Church Office Hours:**

8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)

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# The Order of Worship

Second Sunday of Easter - April 27, 2025

## The Prelude

*"The Blessed Christ is Ris'n To-Day" Johann Sebastian Bach*

## \* Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is Risen

C: **Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!**

## \* The Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: **Amen.**

P: Lord God Almighty, in your great mercy, you sent your son to die for us. Grant us now the confidence we need to draw near you, to recognize and confess our sin, that we may receive your mercy and grace now and in the time of our need.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Hear our prayer and have mercy, O God,

C: **according to your lovingkindness, for we are helpless in the face of our sin. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, wash away the guilt of those thoughts, words, and actions with which we have hurt you, our brothers and sisters, and your creation. Cleanse us from our sin, O Lord, and renew a right spirit within us that we may grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Restore to us a good and willing spirit, the joy of your salvation, and your everlasting grace, that we may live in you and for you forever. Amen.**

P: God is merciful and gracious, loving us even when we were dead in sin, and granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who believe. And so as a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ and by his authority I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

## \* The Gathering Hymn

*"The Day of Resurrection!"*

*(Hymn is on the Next Page ►)*

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

## \* The Greeting

P: 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.**

## \* Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray . . . O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.  
C: **Amen.**

## The New Testament Lesson

*Acts 5:27-32*

<sup>27</sup>When [the high priest and the Sadducees] had brought [Peter and the other apostles], they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' <sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, so that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

A: The word of the Lord.  
C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Psalms 118:14-29*

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

**'The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.'

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> **Open to me the gates of righteousness,**

**that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.**

*(The Responsorial Psalm continues on the Next Page ►)*

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> **I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **This is the Lord's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> **Save us, we beseech you, O Lord! O Lord,  
we beseech you, give us success!**

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.  
We bless you from the house of the Lord.

<sup>27</sup> **The Lord is God, and he has given us light.  
Bind the festal procession with branches,  
up to the horns of the altar.**

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God,  
I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> **O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.**

## **The New Testament Epistle**      *Revelation 1:4-8*

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

A:      The word of the Lord.

C:      **Thanks be to God.**

## \* Gospel Acclamation



## \* The Gospel Lesson *John 20:19-31*

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John the twentieth chapter.

C: **Glory to you O, Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.'

<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!'

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

(The Gospel Lesson continues on the Next Page ►)

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: The Gospel of the Lord  
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

## Children's Sermon

## The Sermon

*Rev. Patrick V. Downes*

### \* Hymn of the Day

*"O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"*

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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:

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to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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| <p>5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,<br/>         that they had seen the risen Lord,<br/>         he doubted the disciples' word.<br/>         Alleluia!</p> | <p>7 No longer Thomas then denied;<br/>         he saw the feet, the hands, the side;<br/>         "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.<br/>         Alleluia!</p>      |
| <p>6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,<br/>         and look upon my hands, my feet;<br/>         not faithless, but believing be."<br/>         Alleluia!</p>     | <p>8 How blest are they who have not seen,<br/>         and yet whose faith has constant been,<br/>         for they eternal life shall win.<br/>         Alleluia!</p> |

## \* Apostles' Creed

P: Responding to the good news of God's grace, let us confess our faith together.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified died and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*(The Apostles' Creed continues on the Next Page ►)*

**I believe in the Holy Spirit  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **\* The Prayers of the Church**

*Congregation responds to each petition with: **Your mercy is great.***

### **\* Sharing of the Peace**

**P:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** **And also with you.**

*The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbors in whatever way you are mutually comfortable with: handshakes, hugs, elbow bumps, "peace signs," or words of peace and grace.*

### **Greetings and Announcements**

*At this time the pastors will lift up some of the relevant events/happenings in the congregation. Offering plates are no longer passed around. Instead the offering plate is near the baptismal font. At some point this morning you may deposit your offering in the offering plate or you may continue to mail, automatically deposit, or use the website to continue your generous giving. Thank you so much for all you do for the ministry we are all a part of here at St. Philip's.*

### **\* Offertory Prayer**

**P:** Let us pray . . . Holy God,

**C:** **we give you thanks and praise for light and life and love, and above all, the presence of the living Lord among us. By your Spirit who breathes within us, strengthen our faith, use our gifts, and work in our lives to bear witness to the resurrection of Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

## \* The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places . . . We praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise.

## \* Sanctus (*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -



est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Blessed are you, O God, creator of all things. By your power and love you continue to deliver your people from bondage, show the way through the wilderness, turn hardship into righteousness, and reveal your hand upholding those in need. Blessed are you, O Christ, servant of the universe. You came among us to feed and heal and teach, to confound the haughty, to confuse the tricksters, to challenge the wrong-hearted, and, in all these things, to give hope to those who long for peace.

That is why in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering our Lord's self-giving love, we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

C: **Christ has died.  
Christ has risen.  
Christ will come again.**

P: Blessed are you, O Spirit, giver of life. You give us words when we have none; you fill us with vision when we have the most need; you give us voice to proclaim our faith in every hour. Be our guide and teacher, today and always.

C: **Amen.**

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

P: Joined together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

P: Come to the banquet of our Lord, for everything is ready.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## Agnus Dei

("Lamb of God")

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## The Reception of Communion

*The pastors will give direction on how communion will proceed this morning. Remain seated until directions are given.*

## Communion Distribution Hymn

*As you are waiting to come forward to receive the bread and the wine and/or after you are seated again, we ask you to join us in singing together the following hymns during the distribution of the Eucharist.*

## Communion Hymn

*"We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight"*



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 That, when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## Communion Hymn

*"Touch that Soothes and Heals"*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good

*(The Hymn continues on the Next Page ►)*



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

*Refrain*



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

**\* Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray . . . Life giving God, in the mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus’ resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: **Amen**

**Blessing**

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy; and may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen**

\* Closing Hymn

*"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!



## **\* Sending**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

*“Jesus Christ is Risen” Sharon Elery Rogers*

## **Remember Us When You Pray**

*We believe in the power of prayer, so please remember to keep the following persons and their families in your prayers. Even if you do not know them it means so much to them to know that they are remembered in our daily prayer lives. Also, it would be a wonderful gift for them to hear from their church family:*

### ***We Pray for the Members of St. Philip's:***

Judi Parsons, John & Barb Williams, Charles & Ruth Bowles, Lois Hardy, Carol Ruckle, Sharon Smith, Louise James, Helga Kissell, Bob O'Brien, Sherry Thompson, Eleanor Georgiana, Dave Frampton, Amy Papili, Donna Hokanson, Lynn Pouser, Bev Reedy, Elizabeth Stirk, Paul & Barbara Stadelberger, Jeff Stirk, Charlie Boss, Debra Gelesh, Richard Braun, Ellen Lenker, Janette Saxton, Phyllis Bolgiano, Yvonne Cilento, Danny Mason, Kim Longo, Mark & Marge Davis, David Nevins, John Frink, Erica Miller, , Jenni Longhenry, Richard Pierce, Michael Pushkarewicz, Craig & Jennifer Florschutz and Family

***We Pray for our Loved Ones:*** *(Though we do not explicitly name these beloved ones in worship during our prayer time, please lift up their names in prayer aloud or silently during the time set aside for other intercessions):* **Our soldiers serving overseas and their families; Sgt. Tyler Harris**, nephew of Susan Mack; **Ruth DiDonato**, family of Linda Burkum; **Emily Ruckle & Tina Davis**, family of Carol Ruckle; **John & Carly Hoeni**, family of Lynn Muller; **Beckie McNelly**, sister of Bob Gibble & Barb Williams; **Lou Cookson**, father & **Beth Cookson**, mother of Nick Cookson; **Dorothy Owens**, sister of Ruth Henry; **Stuart Emerson & Family**, friends of the Swift Family; **Linda Allen**, friend of Faith Simpers; **Joe Cilento, Jr.**, son of Yvonne Cilento; **Paul Budd, Sr.**, father of Scott, & **Lee Craig**, friend of The Budds; **Diane Balinski & Debra Jennings**, family of Donna Hokanson; **Molly Wagner**, granddaughter of Margaret Wagner; **Norman Richards & Phyllis Mensinger**, family & **Myron Davis**, brother of Mark & Marge Davis; **Mildred Marine**, grandmother of Heather Stirk; **John, Sr. & Anna Longo**, parents of John Longo; **Craig Shechter**, father of Amanda DeWeese; **Alistair Black**, grandson of Bob & Delores Wardwell; **Carol Henzy**, sister of Beth Molnar; **Zoe Kenaley**, great-granddaughter of Vic Brick; **John Lehne**, friend of Carol Goodman; **Doris S. & Kathleen K.**, friends of Anne Hamilton; **Frank Kulick**, brother of Ruth Bowles; **Christopher Longo**, son of John & Kim Longo; **Lisa Santak**, daughter of Marion Santak; **Michele Levanduski**, Family of Paul Gelesh; **Kristi Barnett**, friend of Angela Klemens; **Rick Ricciardi**, brother of Nancy Warner; **Henry Jones**, father of Derrick Thompson, **Craig Florschutz**, husband of Jennifer Florschutz; **Mark Doyle**, friend of Harold and Sharon Holean; **Mark & Jeanne Favreau**, family of Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pysker; **Chuck Stirk**, son of Elizabeth Stirk, **John Stachowski and Family**, Friends of Tom Krapf, **Kevin and Aniela Meinhardt**, son-in-law and daughter of Virginia Frattarola

## **What's Happening At St. Philip's**

**Today's Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the glory of God and in honor of our 68th Wedding Anniversary, by Mark and Marge Davis.

**A special thank you to** Sue Fuhrmann for sharing her musical talents with us this morning while our Director of Music, Stephen Benscoter is on vacation.

### **Making Disciples**

**O.W.L.S. (older, wiser, Lutheran seniors)** will gather on **Tuesday, May 13th**. This group is geared towards retirees in the congregation that would like to engage in a time of food, fellowship, and light learning. The next meeting will be held **May 13th from 11:30 am to 1 pm**. This month we'll be joined once again by Rabbi Peter Grumbacher who will be talking to us about the Jewish Holocaust. Come, bring a lunch, share some fellowship and learn something new.

**Koinonia:** If you're looking for a small group that has fellowship, food and support for one another a koinonia group (Greek for fellowship) might be right for you! The **first Koinonia Group** that meets at St. Philip's. The next gathering is **Sunday, May 18th at 6:30 p.m.** We are now reading *A Week in the Life of a Greco Roman Women*. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. A **second group** that meets with the Mueller's will meet on **April 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Mueller's home**. We will be watching a video on Revelation and then discussing it. Questions about Koinonia? Contact Sharon Kittle.

**The Daytime Book Group** will next meet on **May 20th**, we will read and discuss *The Berry Picker*, by Amanda Peters. New members are always welcome. We will be meeting at the church in Room #127!

**Women, Wine, and Whine** - Our next get together will be **on Saturday, May 24th!** Place TBD. Any suggestions for a place to meet would be welcome! All are welcome!

**Pub Theology** - Martin Luther once said: "Whoever drinks beer, they are quick to sleep; whoever sleeps long, does not sin; whoever does not sin, enters Heaven! Thus, let us drink beer! **Our next Pub Theology** will be **Thursday, May 22nd from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Chuck Lagers! See you then! Cheers!

The next **Young at Heart Group** will be **TBD from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.** at Gigi's. Any questions, ask Gigi Mueller.

### **Making Disciples (Continued . . .)**

**The Women's Evening Book Club** meets on the second Friday of the month at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall or individual homes. Our time together is much like a happy hour with good friends! Feel free to bring a snack or beverage to share. **Our next meeting is May 9th** we'll discuss *By Any Other Name* by Jodi Piccoult. On **June 13th** we'll discuss *First Lie Wins* by Ashley Alston. If you have any questions, please contact Dawn Downes or Donna Daugherty. Mark your calendars and plan to come . . . We hope you will join us. Everyone is welcome!

The final **Together in Faith Breakfast of the program year is coming on May 18**. Everyone is invited to enjoy food and fellowship once again before our summer break. We'll be kickstarting our **Summer of Service** program that morning. Learn about our new summer program. Sign up on the poster in the narthex if you can bring a breakfast casserole, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit for the breakfast.

### **Praising God**

**Worship Assistants Are Needed!!!** In particular we are in need of Assisting Ministers. This is an easy job because the pastor helps you during the entire service. Assisting with communion and the prayers. Let Pastor Patrick or Louise James know if you are interested.

### **Serving the Community**

**Food Insecurity continues to be a problem in our community! Can you help?** Food demand still continues to be very high. If you are at the grocery store or if someone goes for you, you can pick up needed items and drop them in the box in the narthex. We are especially in need of: **Pasta, Pasta Sauce** (cans are best and Dollar Store has good prices), **Shelf Milk (2%, Almond Breeze, Whole, or Soy** – Again, the Dollar Store is a good source), **Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Salt & Pepper, Crackers, Coffee, Tea Bags, Cake Mix/ Frosting**. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

**Since November approximately 55 Care Kits** have been distributed by members of St. Philip's to those experiencing homelessness or unstable housing. Thank you to all who have either donated items or have passed them on. You are doing something consequential! It is important that individuals who spend much of their time in transition never become invisible to those around them. I have had some thought-provoking interactions sharing a kit and I hope others have found it to be a meaningful experience as well. It is time to replenish kits for the summer. The following items are needed and may be left in the bin in the Narthex: **Socks, Small bottles of fruit juice, Toothbrushes (single wrapped), Bar of soap (small and perfume), Toothpaste (small size), Sun screen (travel size), Deodorant (men's), Chapstick. Fruit or granola bars (chewy)**

### **Serving the Community (Continued...)**

**Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregiver Support Group Continues to Meet at St. Philip's** - The Alzheimer's Assn. of the Delaware Valley is sponsoring a monthly support group for anyone who has a loved one with any form of dementia, including Alzheimer's. Living with or caring for a person with dementia can be extremely challenging, overwhelming and exhausting. The group offers education, support, and the opportunity to connect with others in a similar situation. Free and open to the public, the group will meet on the **second Tuesday of the month**. The next meeting will be on **May 13th at 1 p.m.** in Room #128. For more information, contact Erica Holmes.

**Attention Widows, Widowers, and Those Who Have Lost Loved Ones!!** If you have lost a spouse, partner, or close loved one and would like to have some fellowship and support, there is now a support group meeting for fellowship and to provide comfort and support through this life transition. The next gathering is **May 15th at 12:30 p.m. lunch/1 p.m. meeting** in the Social Hall here at church. If you are interested in being a part or learning more, contact Sally Krapf.

**Join the HABITAT RESTORATION CREW!** The current project is removing invasive plants and vines from around the trees and in meadow areas. Upcoming work dates follow a **first Saturday, third Wednesday of each month** pattern, **10:00 a.m. to Noon** each day. Mark your calendars now!! Helpful tools to bring: Large loppers, large digging shovels, sturdy hand-held garden pruners, small bow or pruning saw, sturdy leather [or other thorn-resistant] gloves, leaf and grass rakes. Be sure to mark your personal tools. Contact Phil Duncan to let him know you are coming.

**Family Promise - St. Philips Next Host Week is May 25th to 31st.** Family Promise is our ministry that provides shelter and meals for homeless families and children. Our next host week will be May 25th through the 31st. Sign up posters will be in the Narthex with menus listing food you can provide during our host week. Also, below is a Sign-Up Genius link for those who are able to contribute non-perishable items which can be dropped off throughout the month of May. Here's the link:

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050949A9A62CA3FC1-56440459-family>**

Thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact Rebecca Bardenhagen or Marty Budd with any questions.

# 2025 Lutheran Community Services Room at the Table Event is May 7th



The LCS Room at the Table Breakfast is an opportunity for our giving circle to get to know our clients. Enjoy a delicious and healthy catered breakfast while hearing powerful stories from LCS clients and supporters about how we are making a real difference in the community.

We love having the opportunity to share our vision with new and returning members of our community, as well as to foster connections between our supporters and the clients who benefit from their contributions.

All are invited and encouraged to bring their friends and family!

To register use the following link: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-room-at-the-table-breakfast-registration-1245121434729?aff=oddttdtcreator&blm\\_aid=32939](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-room-at-the-table-breakfast-registration-1245121434729?aff=oddttdtcreator&blm_aid=32939)



## **A Community Learning Experience for all Ages**

**Sunday, May 18, 2025**

**\*9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.**

- **Adults and Youth will share and fellowship**
- **Kid's Club will meet as usual.**
- **Kickoff for Summer of Service**
- **Poster in the narthex to sign-up to bring breakfast casseroles, muffins, coffee cake, donuts or fruit**

**\*The Nursery Will Be Open!**







# 2025 Golf Classic

## To Support Homelessness Prevention



# FIELDSTONE GOLF COURSE

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**Monday, June 9th, 12:30 pm, shotgun start**

### Pricing:

#### Ticket Packages

- \$325** Per Golfer
- \$1,750** Per Corporate Foursome
- \$100** Per Extra Dinner Guest

#### Sponsor Packages

- \$5,000** Dinner Sponsor
- \$3,000** Lunch Sponsor
- \$2,000** Cocktail Hour Sponsor
- \$1,500** Halfway Hut Sponsor
- \$1,500** SWAG Sponsor
- \$500** Hole Sponsor

### The Day Will Include:

- Hole-in-one Prize Giveaway
- Boxed Lunch
- Contests & Silent Auction
- On Course Beverages
- Gift Bags
- Reception & Dinner 5pm

### For Questions:

For information on how to become a sponsor, or any other questions, contact Alex at [AMazzei@LCSDE.org](mailto:AMazzei@LCSDE.org)

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### **JUNE: Relief effort in North Carolina**

- items needed include tools, generators, bottled water and canned food
- use envelopes in the narthex to donate money to buy an item
- money will go to NC with the St. Philip's group so items can be bought in NC

### **JULY: School supplies**

- Supplies for the E.A.G.L.E.S. school in the Dominican Republic and for the Ferris School in Wilmington
- Sign up Genius available in early July

### **AUGUST: Tower of Food**

- Build a tower with food items throughout the month of August

# Christian Music Festival

## 2025

**Where: St Philips Lutheran Church, 5320  
Limestone Rd, Wilmington DE 19808**

**When: June 21st from 11AM to 5PM  
free admission**



**Featuring:**

**Richard Porto, St Philips Trio, Steve Harkey, Harps to Halos, L Carlton Allen,  
Carroll Brown, Aaron Smith, Delivered, Mr. Weaverface, and Lev Jonikas**

# Carroll Brown Concert

6/20/2025 at 7:00pm

St. Philip's Fellowship Hall

\$20/person

**RSVP – See Mark Davis**



Raised on a farm near Camden, South Carolina, Carroll's first music influences were church music and night-time radio. His mother was the church pianist and taught him his first chords on the guitar. Traditional southern gospel and bluegrass would give way to Jim Croce and James Taylor as he entered college. The first paying jobs paid college tuition but would pave the way for his life's work. He first tested the waters in New York but opted for Nashville, Tennessee. There, he worked with songwriters and music publishing and in various studios recording and helping produce nationally released records.

Family matters and money matters brought him back to South Carolina in 1981. He settled in Charleston, where he started a recording studio and music publishing business. A steady gig at the Mills House Hotel helped to pay for his growing family and the dream that refused to die. His family roots include Irish blood and his intense interest in the Irish music led to hosting annual visits to his ancestral homeland.

## THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>PRESIDING MINISTER</b>	Rev. Patrick V. Downes
<b>PREACHER</b>	Rev. Patrick V. Downes
<b>DIRECTOR OF MUSIC</b>	Dr. Stephen Benscoter CAGO
<b>CHOIR DIRECTOR/VOCALIST</b>	Dr. Lauren Conrad

<b>ASSISTING MINISTER</b>	John Newcoomer	(8:00 a.m.)
	Gigi Mueller	(10:30 a.m.)

<b>LAY READER</b>	John Newcomer	(8:00 a.m.)
	Pat Colucci	(10:30 a.m.)

<b>USHERS</b>	Marty Budd and	
	Sharon Kittle	(8:00 a.m.)
	Mark and	
	Allyson Myers	(10:30 a.m.)

<b>GREETERS</b>	Marty Budd and	
	Sharon Kittle	(8:00 a.m.)
	Mark and	
	Allyson Myers	(10:30 a.m.)

<b>ACOLYTE</b>	Luke DeWeese	(10:30 a.m.)
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<b>GROWING IN THE GOSPEL</b>	No Growing in the Gosepl Today!
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## THIS WEEK AT ST. PHILIP'S

<b>Sunday, April 27 Second Sunday of Easter</b>	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	12:00 noon	Youth Group Spring Cleaning Service Project
	3:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	6:45 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	9:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Meeting in Room #127
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	TBD	Youth Group Departs for Youth Beach Retreat
<b>Sunday, May 4 Third Sunday of Easter</b>	8:00 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	9:15 a.m.	Kid's Club in the Christian Ed Wing
	9:15 a.m.	Adult Large Group in the Fellowship Hall
	10:30 a.m.	Worship Service at St. Philip's with Baptism of Elizabeth Jayne Barron <i>(Also, Livestreams on YouTube (Available All Day))</i>
	TBD	Youth Group Returns from Youth Beach Retreat





