

'The stone that
the builders
rejected has
become the
cornerstone' ?
Luke 20:17



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Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 2022

WELCOME

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES

April 10 – Palm Sunday
April 14 – Maundy Thursday
April 15 – Good Friday
April 17 – Resurrection of Our Lord

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Lee Mills

Crucifer –

Acolyte –

Lector – Lee Mills

Ushers – Fred & Crystal Lepley

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Barba Wisler

Sound Technician – John Null

Offering Counters – Ken Hollinger

Fred Lepley

Livestream – Mason Tippet

Sandy Tippet

March 27, 2022

ATTENDANCE - 55

“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE – *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?*

Arr. Cindy Berry

The assembly stands (if able)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

C: Amen

Matthew 28:19b;[18:20]

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our Sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

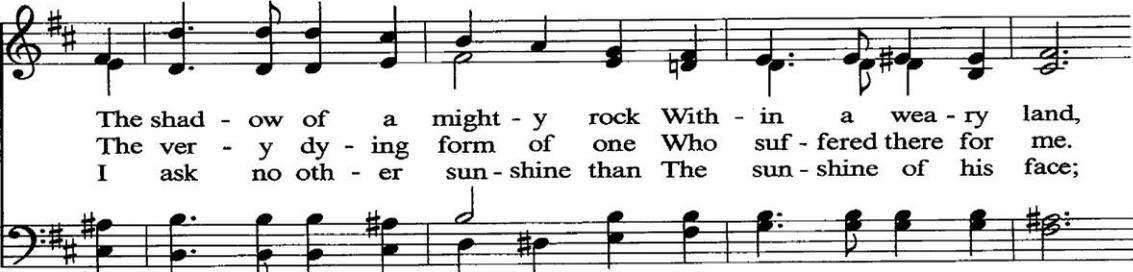
C: Amen

ENTRANCE HYMN

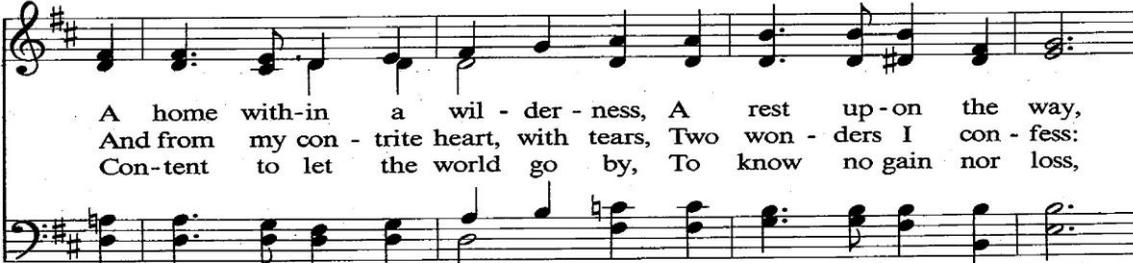
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



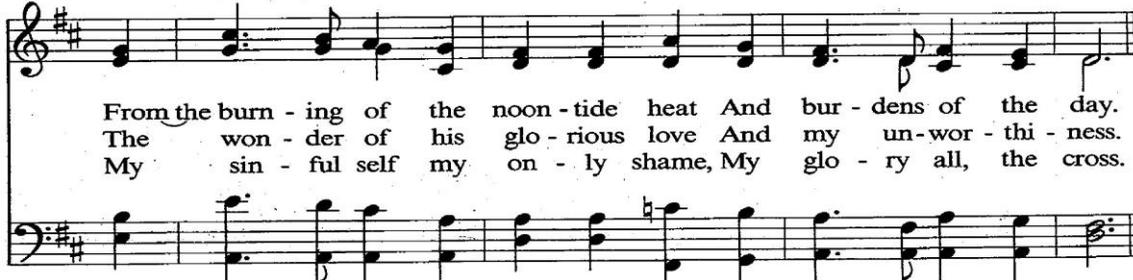
1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, My eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow For my a - bid - ing place;



The shad - ow of a might - y rock With - in a wea - ry land,
The ver - y dy - ing form of one Who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than The sun - shine of his face;



A home with - in a wil - der - ness, A rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, Two won - ders I con - fess:
Con - tent to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,



From the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat And bur - dens of the day.
The won - der of his glo - rious love And my un - wor - thi - ness.
My sin - ful self my on - ly shame, My glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830-1869
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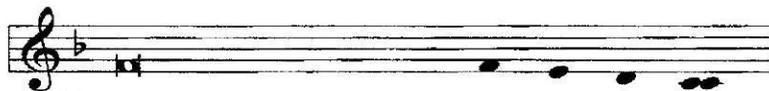
GREETING

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.**

KYRIE

Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray | to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray | to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray | to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us | gracious Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.**

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

2 Timothy 4:22

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world, and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

The Word of God

The First Reading is from the 43rd chapter of Isaiah.

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

¹⁶Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸“Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise.”

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Psalm is read responsively.

Psalm 126

¹ When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

² **Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;**

then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

⁴ **Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!**

⁵ Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

⁶ **He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The Second Reading is from the 3rd chapter of Philippians.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:[4b-7] 8-14

[^{4b}... (T)hough I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.] ⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith — ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Brief silence for reflection.

The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God. John 20:31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 20th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 20:9-20

⁹{Jesus} began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'?" ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

The assembly stands (if able).

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a

prince of glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss And pour con-tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Tune: adapt. Edward Miller, 1731-1807

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APOSTLE'S CREED

**C: 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.

**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**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all
people according to their needs.

A brief silence.

Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:

P: Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in
your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,
"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and the unity of the Spirit
in the bond of peace.*

[Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:103]

The assembly is seated.

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -

new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -

way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it

from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -

tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

[Colossians 3:1]

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

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

[Psalm 136]

P: It is indeed right and salutary we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood. **C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**C: 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.**

The assembly is seated.

AGNUS DEI



1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.

HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.

If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.

The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. C: Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

Luke 2:29-32



1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray.

God of mercy and grace, we thank you for feeding us with the sacrament of Christ's body and blood – that which strengthens us in faith and assures us of new life now and in eternity. As we wait and watch for the return of the Messiah in these last days, continue to feed us with the life-giving bread and the cup of salvation.

C: Amen

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

[Psalm 103:1]

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. *Numbers 6:24-26*

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,

let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.

Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.
Music: Sicilian, 18th cent.

SICILIAN MARINERS
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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

In your daily prayers please remember those listed below:

Homebound

Debbie Binder
Clair Crist
Donna Hildebeitel
Pauline Houck
Elizabeth Larsen
Sonya LaGamba
Earl and Janet Harry

Additional prayers

Pastor Luke – ongoing medical issues
Denny Raup – terminal cancer
Bill Bennett – preparing for surgery
Ruth Stehman – recovering from broken hip
Matthew Seigford – cancer/hospice care
Tom Wolfgang
Family of Jack Mahoney – mourning his death
Chaz Stroup – prostrate cancer
Jan Graves – broken shoulder
Josephine Morgan – back surgery

Additional names during today's worship: To include a person for prayer not yet on the list above during today's worship please "*print*" that person's name on the prayer request sheet on the table in the back of the nave before worship.

Become a Prayer Chain participant: Prayer Chain participants are emailed prayer updates. Please email Judy Mills (jmills.email@comcast.net) with your request, to be included in Prayer Chain updates, preferred email address, or request removal from Prayer Chain participation.

Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin: Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email rose.a.keller@gmail.com OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website (www.reformation-nalc.org) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to rose.a.keller@gmail.com **AND** pastor@reformation-nalc.org or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

COFFEE TIME

Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!



Mission District Annual Convocation

Our Central Mission District Annual Convocation will be Saturday April 30 at Vinemont Community LC in Reinholds, PA from 8:30-12:30 pm. Pr. Mark, Lee Mills and Dcn. Arica will be attending as delegates. Lee will make a presentation on our Atlantic Mission Region Renewal and Discipleship Ministry Team. Pr. Brad Hales will make a presentation on Revitalizing the Small and Rural Church. If you are interested in attending the Convocation and riding with Pr. Mark, Lee and Dcn. Arica let them know.

Vacation Bible School

VBS The Christian Education Committee is working on planning a VBS this year at Reformation, but we need your help to make it happen! It will be held every Wednesday evening in July (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) from 6-8pm. We will be holding a meeting in April to finalize the theme, but we are looking for volunteers to help during these evenings in July. If you are able to help at any or all of these dates please speak to Pastor Mark, Melissa, Crystal or Judi. Thank you!

WOMEN OF THE ATLANTIC MISSION REGION RETREAT

You are invited to a weekend get-away retreat with the Bible study "Beautiful Feet". 6 PM on Friday, May 6 – noon on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Twin Pines Camp & Retreat Center (3000 Twin Pines Camp Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360). Cost - \$175 for a double room, \$200 for a single room. All meals & linens/towels are included! Pre-registration forms are available on the table in the back.

The logo for "Beautiful Feet" features the words "Beautiful" and "Feet" in a blue, serif font, with a small illustration of a foot in a sandal to the right of the word "Feet".

SOCIAL MINISTRY EVENTS



We will be putting baskets together for the homebound downstairs after worship on Palm Sunday.

The Family Food Boxes will be delivered on Palm Sunday after worship.

We thank the congregation for their support of these much appreciated projects.

In addition to the baskets, we are asking members to send Easter Cards to our homebound. Their names are listed below. Addresses can be found in the Church Directory except for Sonya LaGamba. Thanks.

Pastor Luke Seamon

Debbie Binder

Clair Crist

Earl and Janet Harry

Donna Hildebeitel

Pauline Houck

Elizabeth Larsen

Sonya LaGamba Room 138 Legend of Lancaster

31 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA. 17603

Any questions please see Bob Thomas or a member of Social Ministry Committee.

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will be held April 12 at 10:30 in the fellowship hall. We will have lunch at Isaacs at 11:30.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



The Church Single Parent Oil/Filter change is being held Saturday April 30th from 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. It is being held in Church parking lot.

Please Sign up at Church or call Ed Zook at 717-951-4943 to schedule your time, and for more details.

If willing to volunteer, please see Ed Zook, Terry Miller or Jack McCarthy, for more information.

Wednesday Morning Prayer Room

During Lent participate in the discipline of prayer by gathering on your electronic device in GoToMeeting's "Prayer Room" for a ½ hour of focused prayer. Each Wednesday log in just before 8:30 a.m. using the GoToMeeting link. The link is the same each week however it will also be sent out a ½ hour before.



To gather in the Prayer Room on your computer, tablet or smartphone use the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/406666661>
You may prefer to dial in using your phone if you are away from a computer network. Dial United States: +1 (646) 749-3122. **Enter Access Code:** 406-666-661.

More details are found in the email reminder sent out ½ hour before each session. If you have questions please contact Judy Mills at jmills.email@comcast.net.

Discipleship Opportunity!! Choir for Easter Sunday



There has been some interest expressed in forming a choir to sing one anthem and possibly a choral benediction on Easter Sunday (Apr. 17, 2022). We would need more people than have currently

expressed interest to make this a reasonably well-balanced group with a viable chance of enhancing the Easter Sunday service. All voice parts are welcome, particularly sopranos and altos! The commitment would involve attendance at two brief (30-45 minute) rehearsals and early arrival on Easter Sunday to warm-up and have the final rehearsal before the service. Rehearsals would be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, Apr. 6 and Wednesday, Apr. 13 here at Reformation. If you are interested in serving in an Easter Sunday choir, please contact Ivan Wittel at 717-394-4707 or iwittel@comcast.net to indicate your willingness to participate.

Highlights from the Council meeting on 3/12/22:

1. **Financial Report** - February expenses exceeded general offering this month. This is due to 3 major expenses that hit in February. Christian Education for the 2nd booklet for the Divine Drama Bible Study, payments for our Outreach programs (Atlantic Mission Region and Faith Friendship Ministries) and Supply Pastor costs. Some of the Divine Drama expenses will be reimbursed as participants are able to purchase their booklet for \$22.
2. **Small Rural Church Online Ministry Course** - Pr. Brad Hales and the NALC renewal team is doing a Small Rural Church course available via Zoom on the third Thursdays of March, April, May and June from 7-8:30pm. Pr. Hales has a great track record of renewing congregations and Pr. Mark will be sending out information to the congregation. He highly recommends this course as he always is learning from Pr. Hales.
3. **Community Breakfast** - RLC will be working on having a community breakfast on a Saturday in May as a way to reach out to the community and provide an opportunity for us to talk to our neighbors about our ministries at Reformation Lutheran Church. We are encouraging as many members of our congregation to attend. More information on the date how you can help will be sent out soon.
4. **Spring Congregational Meeting** - Our annual meeting will be Sunday May 22nd immediately after service. Committees are already working on end of year reports for this meeting and we will be voting on our new Council at this meeting. We have one council member coming off and hopefully two members joining.



CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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