



Truly, truly, I say to  
you, whatever you  
ask of the Father in  
my name, he will  
give it to you.  
*John 16:23*

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**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
May 22, 2022



## **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES**

May 29 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 5 – Day of Pentecost

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – June Kreider

Crucifer –

Acolyte –

Lector – Joanne Thomas

Ushers – John and Kandi Null

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Kandi Null

Sound Technician – Chaz Stroup

Offering Counters – Sandy Tippet

Lee Mills

Livestream – Mason Tippet

Sandy Tippet

**May 15, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE - 44**

## **“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.***

## RESURRECTION GREETING

P: He is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *Abide With Me*

arr. Timothy Matthews

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**C: Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.**

**We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. 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.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

# Built on a Rock

1 Built on a rock the Church shall stand, E - ven when stee - ples are  
 2 Not in our tem - ples made with hands God, the Al - might - y, is  
 3 We are God's house of liv - ing stones, Built for his own hab - i -  
 4 Yet in this house, an earth - ly frame, Je - sus the chil - dren is

fall - ing; Crum - bled have spires in ev - 'ry land, Bells still are  
 dwell - ing; High in the heav'ns his tem - ple stands, All earth - ly  
 ta - tion; He fills our hearts, his hum - ble thrones, Grant - ing us  
 bless - ing; Hith - er we come to praise his name, Faith in our

chim - ing and call - ing — Call - ing the young and old to rest, Call - ing the  
 tem - ples ex - cel - ling. Yet he who dwells in heav'n a - bove Deigns to a -  
 life and sal - va - tion. Were two or three to seek his face, He in their  
 Sav - ior con - fess - ing. Je - sus to us his Spir - it sent, Mak - ing with

souls of those dis - tressed, Long - ing for life ev - er - last - ing.  
 bide with us in love, Mak - ing our bod - ies his tem - ple.  
 midst would show his grace, Bless - ings up - on them be - stow - ing.  
 us his cov - e - nant, Grant - ing his chil - dren the king - dom.

5 Through all the passing years, O Lord,  
 Grant that, when church bells are ringing,  
 Many may come to hear God's Word  
 Where he this promise is bringing:  
 I know my own, my own know me;  
 You, not the world, my face shall see;  
 My peace I leave with you. Amen

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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Christ is Risen                      **C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



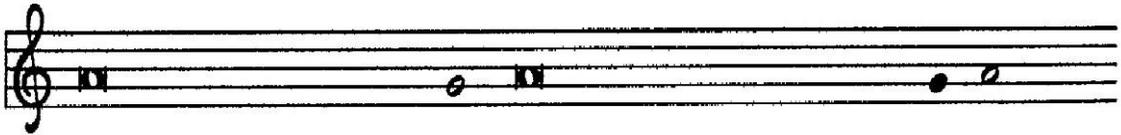
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



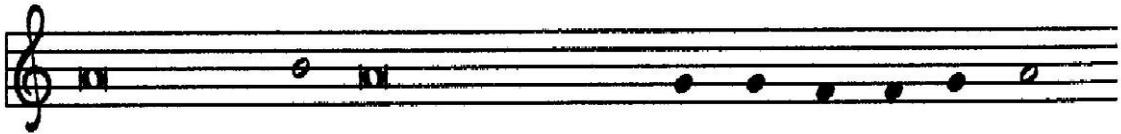
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain  
has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He 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 16<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts

### First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a

place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

### **Psalm 67**

<sup>1</sup> May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

<sup>2</sup> **that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

<sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>4</sup> **Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

<sup>6</sup> **The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.**

<sup>7</sup> God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter of Revelation

### **Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like

a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — <sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

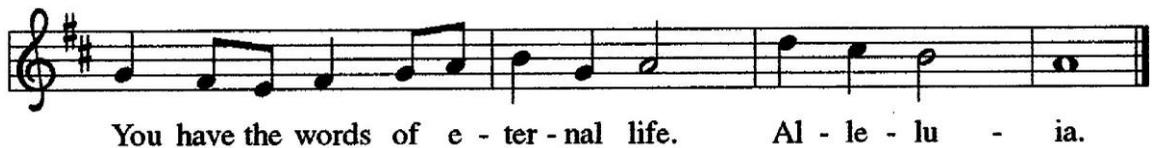
<sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

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



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.



### Gospel: John 16:23-33

<sup>23</sup>{Jesus said to his disciples,} "In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The assembly is seated.*

### SERMON

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands (if able).*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

*Refrain* F C<sup>7</sup>

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

F Gm C<sup>7</sup> F

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their  
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will  
 4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

F Dm Dm<sup>7</sup> Gm C<sup>7</sup> F *Refrain*

feet, mas - ter who pours out him - self for them.  
 race, neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 feet: this is the way we will live with you.

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 Music: Ghanaian folk tune; adapt. Tom Colvin, b. 1925; arr. Jane Marshall, b. 1924  
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## **NICENE CREED**

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **RECEPTION OF LUTHERANS BY TRANSFER**

*P: These persons have come to us from other Lutheran congregations  
and desire to transfer their membership into our community of faith.*

*Their names are read. The new members may come forward.*

*A representative of the congregation welcomes them.*

We welcome you as members of Reformation Lutheran Church to join with us in worshiping God, hearing his Word and sharing his supper, proclaiming the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, serving all people, and striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

*The assembly stands (if able).*

## **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.**

P: We thank you, Lord, for *these* new members of our congregation. By your life-giving power, bind us to each other in you, strengthen us for service, support us all our days, and bring us at length to that day when all your children will be one and you will be All-in-All.

*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 greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## **PRESENTATION OF GIFTS**

## OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so 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 him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

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



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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.*



## 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 you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

## BENEDICTION

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. C: Amen

# SENDING HYMN

## Blessed Assurance

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,

Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*

This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:

this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long.



## 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](http://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](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto: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!



## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



The annual congregational meeting will be held after worship TODAY. We will receive reports from the committees and Pastor, and will elect new council members.

## Vacation Bible School

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!

# VBS

### **Facebook and Instagram Users**



Help advertise our church and its activities by “liking” or following us in Facebook and Instagram. Our Facebook page is Reformation Lutheran Church NALC – Lancaster PA, and our Instagram page is reformation.lutheran.church.

### **Reformation Church Potluck Picnic**

**Sunday, June 26, 2022**

**Jeff & Joan Schaum's**

Fellowship will be sponsoring a picnic at Jeff & Joan Schaum's house, 4150 Marietta Ave., Columbia, PA 17512.

The picnic will start at 3:30 PM with a hamburger & hot dog meal then family fun activities will follow. Fellowship will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, rolls and place settings. There is a sign-up sheet for the picnic on the table at the back of the sanctuary for you to sign your name, the number from your family that will be attending and a potluck item to share. Looking forward to seeing you at the Schaum's.



*Thank You!*

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers throughout the time of my father's illness and death. The love and support from our church family were such a blessing to us all, and helped us through our grief. We are so thankful for you! Kim and Ivan Wittel

## May Church Council Highlights

1. Financial - Income exceeded expenses this month.
2. Community Breakfast is May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30-10:30am. Luther Lager League will be helping with set up and serving. We will be having scrambled eggs, ham, pancakes, fruit cup, juice, coffee and tea. We encourage members of the congregation to join us for this event, even if you cannot host a table. We currently have 4 people to host tables. We will be greeting people, clean up tables, and reset for the next guests.
3. Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup> Danielle Peters from Columbia Food Bank speaking during coffee time. More information to come.
4. Council discussed starting to begin bringing up the offering plates during the offertory part of service. This will be discussed with Worship and Music.
5. VBS planning is in full gear. The VBS committee met on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> and finalized what lessons, games, and crafts we will be doing with the kids. An ad will be running in the Patriot and the Merchandiser and will appear the week of May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY NEEDS YOUR HELP



**Feeding the  
Community**

Your Church Social Ministry Committee, will be asking the congregation for monetary contributions for our Annual support of the Columbia and Hempfield Food Banks, as part of the Church community outreach programs. These organizations and what they do are a blessing to our communities.

We will be asking for monetary contributions for the following weeks, May 29<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please

mark your contributions for support of Food Banks.

Thanks to the congregation for your support.

PEACE BE WITH YOU

Your Church Social Ministry Committee

### Faith Speech on Trial in Finland featuring Bishop Juhana Pohjola

"Faith Speech on Trial in Finland" featuring Bishop Juhana Pohjola of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland at Mount Calvary LC, 308 Petersburg Rd, Lititz, PA, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. Bishop Pohjola will speak about his recent prosecution by the Finnish government for publishing and distributing a pamphlet entitled, *Male and Female He Made Them: Homosexual Relationships Challenge the Christian Concept of Humanity*.

## 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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