

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

April 29, 2026 – 6:30pm

*** Call to Worship**

P: Easter people, rejoice!

C: For God is good and faithful!

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C: For God brings love and hope!

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C: For all things work together for God! Thanks be to God!

*** Gathering Hymn 652**

“Built on a Rock”

*** Greeting**

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

☞ **And also with you.**

*** The Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Reading: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture:

“See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,”

⁸ and

“A stone that makes them stumble
and a rock that makes them fall.”

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰ Once you were not a people,
but now you are God’s people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

Pastor Daniel Swanson

*** Prayers of the People**

*** Words of Institution**

*** The Lord’s Prayer**

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

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*** POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen.

*** Blessing**

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

C: Amen.

*** Sending Hymn 493**

“Taste and See”

*** Dismissal**

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Garden News!

It's gardening time again! Preparations are made and we are ready for planting! The **first meeting** will be **May 2nd at 9:00**. **Bring your lunch and stay for a special class at NOON** entitled **The Seed Circle Project** (additional classes throughout the summer begin at 11:00). We will have a **second meeting on May 16th at 9:00** to complete planting. That same day we will be giving away seedlings and seed packets at the Reach Meal.

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

We will honor our graduates on **May 17th** following our 10:00am services. We congratulate **Zachariah Ahern** – Fort Hill, **Aurelia Hansrote** – Mt Ridge, **Ellie Harbert** – Mt Ridge, **Macy Judy** - Allegany, **Jordyn Sneathen** - Allegany and **Sebastian Stewart** – Center of Career & Allegany. Also graduating are Jim & Shirley Smith's two granddaughters, **Cambri Hosselrode** – Center of Career & Allegany and **Colby Smith** – Allegany. **Josef Sneathen** is also a 2026 graduate. He will graduate from Garrett College on 5/16 with his Associates in Business and Sport Management. He will transfer to Frostburg to complete his Business Degree. *If you have someone from your family graduating, please notify the church office.*

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

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

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

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

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

