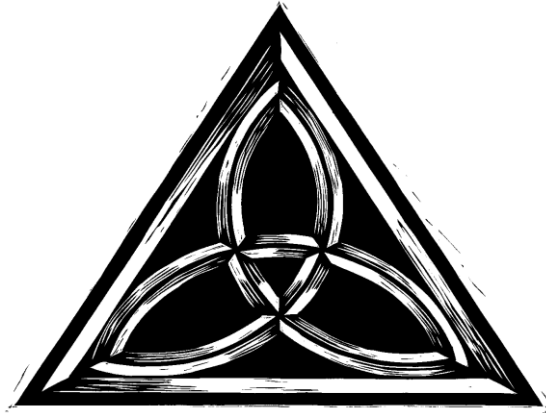


# ***Holy Spirit Lutheran Church***

## ***The Holy Trinity***

***May 31, 2026***

---



Though the word *trinity* is not found in the scriptures, today's second reading includes the apostolic greeting that begins the liturgy; "The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." In the Gospel, Jesus sends his disciples forth to baptize in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. More than a doctrine, the Trinity expresses the heart of our faith; we have experienced the God of creation made known in Jesus Christ, who is with us always through the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity in Word and Sacrament, we profess our faith, and we are sent into the world to serve God, by serving our neighbors.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church  
2205 Old Liberty Road, Eldersburg, MD 21784.

Church Office- 410-795-6333

Church Email- [hslc.eldersburg@comcast.net](mailto:hslc.eldersburg@comcast.net)

HSLC Website- [www.hslceldersburgmd.org](http://www.hslceldersburgmd.org)

The Rev. Tom Kaye, Sr., Pastor

A Shared Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**We extend the warmest welcome** to all worshipping with us today. No matter who you are: if this is your first time worshipping with us, if you haven't been here in a while, if you are here regularly, if you are seeking a community of people trying their best to follow Jesus, if you are curious about Jesus, or even if you are not entirely sure what or who you are looking for; know that you are welcomed in this place, and we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

**Holy Communion is open to all.** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus. It is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.

**We believe** the varied sounds and actions from children of all ages during worship is evidence of Jesus among us, and bears witness to the life, growth, present and future of the Church. If your child makes noise, you are not bothering anyone, you are blessing everyone. If you would like an activity bag for your child during worship, please ask the greeter who handed you this bulletin.

**We stream** our worship service on a private zoom link and publicly on Facebook. We also setup a laptop in the lobby area, just outside of the sanctuary, so that we might connect with our members who regularly "Zoom-in" for service. Please stop by to say hello!

**PRELUDE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

**INVOCATION, CONFESSION, AND FORGIVENESS**

P: The Spirit of God hovered over the face of the waters,

**C: And the voice of God spoke from a burning bush,**

P: Jesus breathed peace on the disciples,

**C: And the Spirit of God, like tongues of fire, rested on all who gathered.**

P: So God's Holy Spirit moves among us this day as we gather In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: As the spirit moves among us, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another

*(We pause for reflection)*

P: Sometimes we are like those disciples so long ago:

**C: Huddled in fear of what others will think, of what others will do, of what God will do.**

P: Sometimes we are like passive bystanders.

**C: Making fun of what we do not understand. Tearing down what is sacred to another. Waiting until we are sure it's okay.**

P: Always God is with us.

**C: Nudging us like a gentle breeze. Stirring us with flames of hope. Speaking to us with words engraved in our hearts.**

P: Sisters and brothers in Christ, God's Spirit did not leave us after that first Pentecost. The Holy Spirit is still with us, empowering us to know and proclaim mercy, grace, forgiveness, service, and love.

Through Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, we proclaim the Good News: Alleluia, Christ is Risen!

**C: Christ is Risen indeed, alleluia!**

P: Alleluia, we are forgiven!

**C: We are forgiven, indeed! alleluia!**

**GATHERING HYMN: *God, Whose Almighty Word – LBW (Green) – 400, vers. 1, 3, & 4.***

## God, Whose Almighty Word



1 God, whose al - might - y word cha - os and dark - ness heard  
 2 Lord, who once came to bring, on your re - deem - ing wing,  
 3 Spir - it of truth and love, life - giv - ing, ho - ly dove,  
 4 Ho - ly and bless - ed three, glo - ri - ous Trin - i - ty,



and took their flight: hear us, we hum - bly pray, and where the  
 heal - ing and sight, health to the sick in mind, sight to the  
 speed forth your flight; move on the wa - ter's face bear - ing the  
 wis - dom, love, might! Bound - less as o - cean's tide, roll - ing in



gos - pel day sheds not its glo - rious ray,  
 in - ly blind: oh, now to hu - man - kind let there be light!  
 lamp of grace, and in earth's dark - est place  
 full - est pride, through the earth, far and wide,

Text: John Marriott, 1780–1825, alt.  
 Music: ITALIAN HYMN, Felice de Giardini, 1716–1796

### 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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE** *We all sing together; the refrain twice, the verse once, then the refrain once more.*



☐ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace



to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## **FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a**

<sup>1</sup>When God began to create the heavens and the earth, <sup>2</sup>the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. <sup>3</sup>Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. <sup>4</sup>And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup>God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

<sup>6</sup>And God said, “Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” <sup>7</sup>So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. <sup>8</sup>God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

<sup>9</sup>And God said, “Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. <sup>10</sup>God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. <sup>11</sup>Then God said, “Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.” And it was so. <sup>12</sup>The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. <sup>13</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

<sup>14</sup>And God said, “Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, <sup>15</sup>and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. <sup>16</sup>God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. <sup>17</sup>God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, <sup>18</sup>to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. <sup>19</sup>And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

<sup>20</sup>And God said, “Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.” <sup>21</sup>So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>22</sup>God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.”

<sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

<sup>24</sup> And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. <sup>25</sup> God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind and the cattle of every kind and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, "Let us make humans in our image, according to our likeness, and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth."

<sup>27</sup> So God created humans in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." <sup>29</sup> God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the air and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. <sup>31</sup> God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

<sup>2:1</sup> Thus the heavens and the earth were finished and all their multitude. <sup>2</sup> On the sixth day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

<sup>4a</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 8**

<sup>1</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

<sup>2</sup> **you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup> When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

<sup>4</sup> **what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup> **You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup> all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup> **the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup> O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

[Paul writes:] <sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

<sup>13</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *Congregation sings acclamation once.*

### Gospel Acclamation *Celtic Alleluia*

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

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

## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## SERMON

*After the sermon, please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Holy, Holy, Holy – LBW (Green) – 165, vers. 1, 2, & 4.*

Holy, Holy, Holy



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!  
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
 though the eye made blind by sin thy glo - ry may not see,  
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.  
 Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

**NICENE CREED**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship (*especially*). God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A: Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises (*especially*). Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

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

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

*Please be seated*

## **OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website,*

[hslceldersburgmd.org/give](http://hslceldersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry.

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: We are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering; we are an offering**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Let us pray, Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love,  
so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. 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.**

#### **PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might:



heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



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



in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

You formed the earth from chaos;

you encircled the globe with air;

you created fire for warmth and light;

you nourish the lands with water.

You molded us in your image,

and with mercy higher than the mountains,

with grace deeper than the seas,

you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

P: That also we, estranged and dying,

might be adopted to live in your Spirit,

you called to us through the life and death of 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.

P: 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.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate,  
send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit,  
whose breath revives us for life,  
whose fire rouses us to love.  
Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.  
Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit,  
that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.  
**C: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Holy and benevolent God,  
receive our praise and petitions,  
as Jesus received the cry of the needy,  
and fill us with your blessing,  
until, needy no longer and bound to you in love,  
we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb:  
through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God,  
with the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the language of our hearts:

**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.**

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Jesus invites you. Jesus welcomes you. All are invited. All are welcome. Come taste and see that the Lord is good! **C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

COMMUNION HYMN

# 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.

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from now and until life everlasting. **C: Amen.**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray, , Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## BENEDICTION

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN: *Lord, You Give the Great Commission – WOV (Blue) – 756, vers 1-3.***

## Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea-sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom-ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care and  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

*Refrain*



With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace, be of good heart!

C: Thanks be to God!

A: Our purpose is to love God,

**C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

***“We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church.”***

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2012 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #23995.

New Revised Standard Version Bible, copyright 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Sunday (05/31) 9:30 am -- Sunday School  
10:30 am -- Fellowship  
11:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion  
Sunday (06/07) 9:30 am -- Sunday School  
10:30 am -- Fellowship  
11:00am – Worship w/Holy Communion

**Please contact Pastor Tom** by email at [HSLC.pastor@comcast.net](mailto:HSLC.pastor@comcast.net) if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

**Volunteers**

	<b><i>This Week (05-31-2026)</i></b>	<b><i>Next Week (06-07-2026)</i></b>
Greeters	TBD	TBD
Ushers	Rob T. Bradley T.	TBD
Acolyte	Abby Pal.	TBD
Assisting Minister	Megan F.	TBD
Communion Assistant	John F.	TBD
Lector	Cara K.	TBD
Altar Care	Heather T.	TBD
Fellowship/Coffee	Brecker	Long

**Upcoming Events Reminder:**

**Please see the “Events” tab on our website for all our upcoming events.**

**June 6-13, 2026: Sykesville Carnival**

**June 27, 2026: Flea Mart (Rain or Shine)**

**July 27-31: VBS 2026**

## **Pray in May: Refreshed and Renewed**

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

During the month of May, echoing the prophets and saints who have gone before us, I am personally inviting all of you to be Refreshed and Renewed; to Pray in May.

The call to pray rings throughout scripture: *1 Thessalonians 5:16–18*, *Ephesians 6:18*, *Philippians 4:4–7*, and *Colossians 4:2–4*. Life in the early church was bound together by prayer: *Acts 2:42*. Therefore, let us, too, be bound together, Refreshed and Renewed, through prayer.

Maybe you have an idea about how to renew your prayer life. Maybe you have no idea where to start. In any case, here's how I am renewing mine, and I invite you to use my structure as it suits you:

1. Find a time and space to pray out loud. It's best if the time is the same each day for the sake of structure and consistency. For me, it's right before lunch. I also encourage you to pray out loud because Jesus promised us that when we pray, God listens.

2. Identify someone or something to pray for. In this season of life and ministry, I will pray for the Holy Spirit to embrace all on our Parish Prayer List, the Parish Prayer List at Shepherd of The Glen, and name each person out loud before God. I will then pray for the Church and world as a whole; that God's Spirit of peace be known to all people. Maybe you'd like to pray something like the Prayer of St. Francis, or the full Serenity Prayer; all of which are powerful prayers which have united Christians for centuries.

3. Spend 1-2 minutes in silence before God. The Holy Spirit moves in many ways. When we silence our hearts and minds before God, it creates space for the Spirit. If you are "not good and being silent or still," I encourage you to try being silent and still for smaller increments of time.

Lastly, I'd like to encourage you; no one is good at anything the first, or even the tenth time they try something new. It takes practice and consistency; silence, stillness, quietness, and prayer in general, are of no exception. Keep at it. Ask for help if needed. May God's grace and peace be with you now and always, in Jesus' name.

With all my love and prayers,  
The Rev. Tom Kaye, Sr.