

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOUNDED JANUARY 15, 1837

**THE SEVENTH
SUNDAY OF
EASTER**

June 1, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 AM



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PARDON OUR DUST

Reconstruction of our front sidewalks is nearly complete. The sidewalks are now open. Entry to the church is now limited to the entrances off the courtyard. Though the new ramp is now very gradual and ADA compliant, please be cautious, railings will be installed shortly.

We will keep you informed through the Parish News and bulletin as work progresses.

PARKING

Effective immediately, Metropolis has increased the church's parking rates at the U.S. Steel Tower garage. The new QR Code posted throughout the church will allow parishioners to park for up to 2.5 hours for \$6.00. \$3.00 will be charged to your credit card, which you must enter into your phone. The other half of the fee will be charged to the church. To encourage worship attendance, the church will cover half the fee on Sundays, (though we are happy for donations toward the cost). On weekdays, we ask parishioners to reimburse the church the other \$3.00. A different QR Code is also available, which will allow you to park for 7.5 hours for \$8.00. **Please note that if you stay past 2.5 hours, you must either scan this code or you will be charged full price.**

Please see a staff member for this code. We realize on Sundays it may now make more sense to park elsewhere. Free on-street parking is now available in front of the church, especially for those with mobility issues. Our sidewalks have reopened! We also continue to provide subsidized parking at Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00 on Sundays. The ushers and staff will provide validation stickers for these garages. Thank you for your patience and commitment to our Gospel ministry as we navigate these changes.



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting with us today and hope you will return to worship with our community of faith again. If you would like to know more about our ministry in downtown and metropolitan Pittsburgh, please speak to a pastor, any of our members, or visit www.flcpittsburgh.org.

ACCESSIBILITY Accessible entrances to the building is available from either entrance on the courtyard. An elevator is available in the Parish House to access other levels of the building. The parking spaces directly in front of the building have been designated for those with handicapped plates or placards for their vehicles.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are available at the ushers' table in the rear of the nave. Easy-to-use receivers with either an earpiece or a neck loop are available. Antiseptic wipes are available to clean assisted listening equipment before use.

PARKING is available on Sundays at Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garage for \$1.00. See an usher or the attendant at the reception desk for validation. Street parking is free downtown on Sundays, except in areas with no parking signage.

YOUNG CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me." The presence of children in worship, even when they are wiggly and noisy, is a gift to the Church and a reminder that our parish is growing. Children's worship boxes, with items to help engage our youngsters in worship, are available in the back of the nave. Please return them to an usher after worship. A family restroom with a changing table is available downstairs.



HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is offered by invitation of the Lord himself. All baptized believers who trust that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist, regardless of denomination, are invited to receive the Blessed Sacrament. To receive the Sacrament, come to the altar rail by way of the center aisle. The pastor will place a wafer into your hand. Please indicate to the pastor if you need a gluten-free wafer. The wine may be received by drinking directly from the common cup or with an individual glass filled from a pouring chalice. Please pick up a glass from the tables at the head of the center aisle, and return your empty glass to the tables at the head of the side aisles. If you need to have communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament under the form of bread alone for any reason, you may be assured that in so doing, you receive the whole Christ. If you choose not to receive communion, you may request a blessing instead. After receiving communion (or a blessing), you may return to your seat by the side aisles.

✠ ALTAR FLOWERS & LAMPS ✠

FLOWERS

THE CENTERPIECE

*is given to the glory of God
by Lorraine Beers.*

THE BAPTISTRY

*is given in celebration of
Kyle Neumann's birthday by
Barb & Steve Neumann*

SANCTUARY

LAMPS

May 19 - June 1

is given to the glory of God.

VOTIVE

*is given in memory of
Marilyn Obley by Harry Obley
& Nancy Headrick.*

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

June 1, 2025 — 8:30 & 11:00 AM

*Thank you for silencing your electronic devices before worship.
The people prepare to worship by silently praying the following prayer:*

✠ Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we who celebrate
the Easter festival, kindled with heavenly desires, may ever
thirst for the fountain of life, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Read Psalm 98, p. 262

THE PRELUDE

11:00 AM

Prière

Antiphon

Louis Raffy

Arnold Sherman

The people stand as the bells peal.

The people may turn in place to follow and bow as the cross passes.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

LBW 130

Printed on the following page.



- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
 2 Love's re-deem-ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
 4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, ye heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
 Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
 Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
 Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

- 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
 Thee we greet triumphant now;
 hail, the resurrection, thou!
- 6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
 everlasting life is this:
 thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
 thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: ORIENTIS PARTIBUS, French, 13th cent.

THE APOSTOLIC 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



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



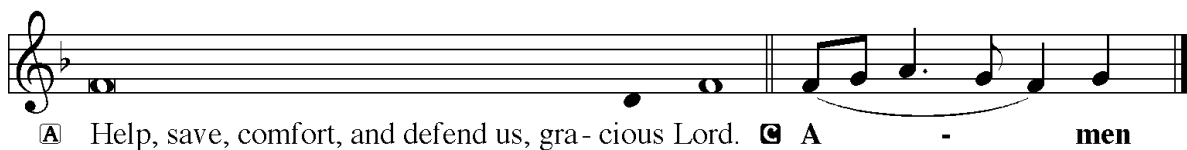
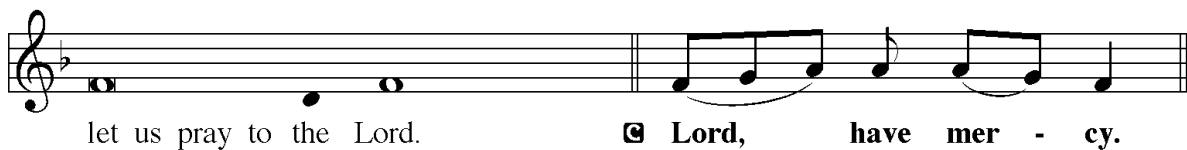
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



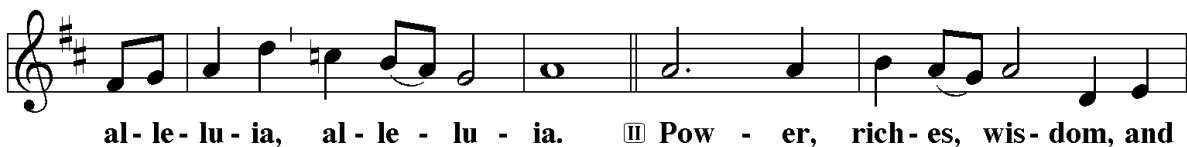
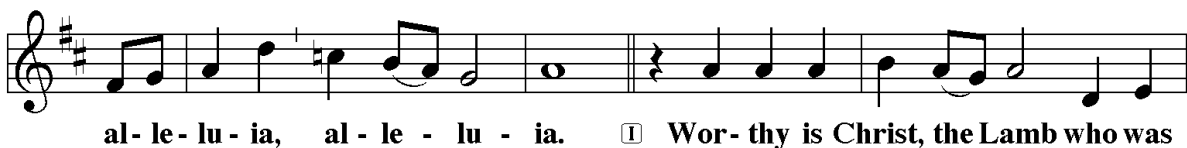
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

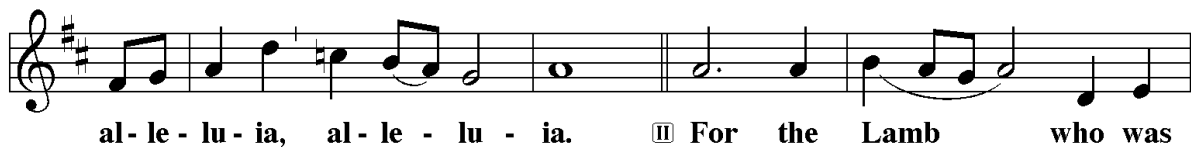
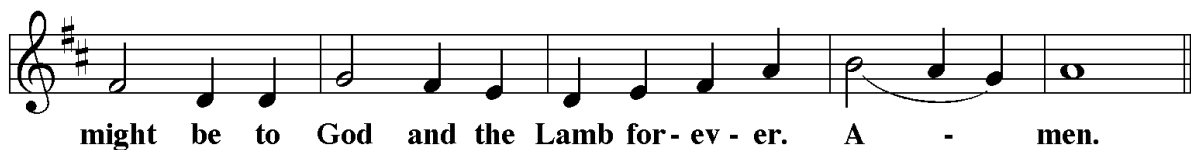


THE CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Worthy is Christ

C—All • I—Women • II—Men





C This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

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

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al-so with you.

- P** Let us pray.
 Almighty and eternal God, your son our Savior is with you in eternal glory.
 Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still and will be
 with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen** *(sung on one tone)*

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON—Acts 16:16-34

L A reading from Acts.

¹⁶ One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.” ¹⁸ She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And it came out that very hour.

¹⁹ But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. ²⁰ When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews ²¹ and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.” ²² The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. ²³ After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. ²⁴ Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened. ²⁷ When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted in a loud voice, “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.” ²⁹ The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ Then he brought them outside and said, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” ³¹ They answered, “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.” ³² They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. ³³ At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. ³⁴ He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

8:30 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

LBW Tone 8

Sung antiphonally, Men / Women



- ¹ The LORD is king; let the | earth rejoice;*
let the multitude of the | isles be glad.
- ² **Clouds and darkness are | round about him,***
righteousness and justice are the foundations | of his throne.
- ³ A fire | goes before him*
and burns up his enemies on | every side.
- ⁴ **His lightnings light | up the world;***
the earth sees it and | is afraid.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax at the presence | of the LORD,*
at the presence of the Lord of | the whole earth.
- ⁶ **The heavens de- | clare his righteousness,***
and all the peoples | see his glory.
- ⁷ Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight | in false gods!*
Bow down before him, | all you gods.
- ⁸ **Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Ju- | dah rejoice,***
because of your judg- | ments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you are the LORD, most high over | all the earth,*
you are exalted far a- | bove all gods.
- ¹⁰ **The LORD loves those | who hate evil;***
he preserves the lives of his saints
and delivers them from the hand | of the wicked.
- ¹¹ Light has sprung up | for the righteous,*
and joyful gladness for those who | are truehearted.
- ¹² **Rejoice in the | LORD, you righteous,***
and give thanks to his | holy name.

11:00 AM

THE PSALMODY—Psalm 97

Dominus regnavit

Anglican Chant / Thomas Norris

Sung by the Choir

THE SECOND LESSON—Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L A reading from Revelation.

¹² “See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. ¹³ I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” ¹⁴ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

¹⁶“It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.”

¹⁷ The Spirit and the bride say, “Come.”
And let everyone who hears say, “Come.”
And let everyone who is thirsty come.
Let anyone who wishes take the water of

²⁰ The one who testifies to these things says, “Surely I am coming soon.” Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

THE VERSE

setting by C. Pock

*The Alleluia is intoned once by the Soloist / Choir, and then repeated by **All.***



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.
I will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord. I am coming to you.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL—Saint John 17:20-26

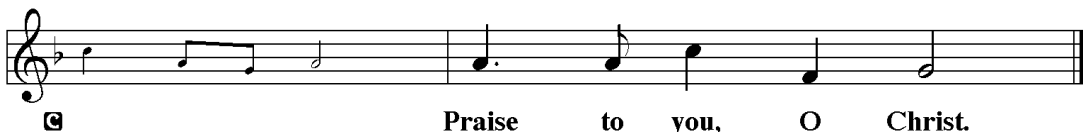
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the seventeenth chapter.



[Jesus prayed:] ²⁰“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²² The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, ²³ I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. ²⁴ Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶ I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.



The people are seated.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Brian A. Evans

Following the Sermon, the people stand for the Hymn of the Day.



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
 2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
 3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
 4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
 Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
 we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
 quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
 grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855–1932

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

The people are seated.

THE INSTALLATION OF THE CONGREGATION COUNCIL

P The following persons, having been elected to the Congregation Council of First Lutheran Church, are asked to come forward as their names are read: Joe Marsh, *President*; Adam Heald, *Vice President*; Mimi Pasternak, *Secretary*; Susan Bruder, *Treasurer*; Thad Bobula, George Briercheck, Gail Carl, Alexander Gionta, John Harmon, Sarah Maenner, Richard Moncure, Wes Nelson, Jennifer Roth, Amanda Skov and Frances Verschuure.

In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Church. Through the Word and Sacraments you have been nurtured in faith. I ask you, together with all who are here gathered, to confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we are baptized.

Saint Paul writes: There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same Lord is served. There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives to everyone ability for particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person, for the good of all. I CORINTHIANS 12:4-7

You have been elected to positions of leadership and trust in this congregation. You are to see that the words and deeds of this household of faith reflect him in whose name we gather. You are to work together with other members to see that the worship and work of Christ are done in this congregation, and that God's will is done in this community and in the whole world. You are to be diligent in your specific area of serving, that the one Lord who empowers you is glorified. You are to be examples of faith active in love, to help maintain the life and harmony of this congregation.

The minister addresses those being installed.

P On behalf of your sisters and brothers in Christ, I ask you: Are you ready to accept and faithfully to carry out the duties of the offices to which you have been elected?

R Yes, by the help of God.

P People of God, I ask you: Will you support these, your elected leaders, and will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized?

C Yes, by the help of God.

Those being installed face the minister, who addresses them:

P I now declare you installed as Council members of this congregation, in the Name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God bless you with his Holy Spirit, that you may prove faithful servants of Christ.

R Amen

The people stand.

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;
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 people remain standing.

THE PRAYERS

- A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus,
and for all people according to their needs.
- A ... Lord, in your mercy,
C hear our prayer.
- 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**

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE

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

*The people offer each other the sign of peace, saying "Peace be with you."
The people are seated as the gifts are prepared.*

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING

8:30 AM

Teach Us, Good Lord

Carl Schalk

11:00 AM

*Arise! Fill Death's Empty
Hole with Joy Sounds*

Joyce Moon Strobel

Arise! Fill death's empty hole with joy sounds, and loose the bells to clang and ring. All silence break with psalm and music, To Christ full praise and glory sing. Lift up your hearts to laughter's dance; the grave has lost its fatal spine. Survivors, stand and show your freedom. Outlived is death; blood mutes all sin. Wear Aaron's robes before the Lord God with edges trimmed in golden bells; make noise wherever you may be: The great High Priest has opened life. Inscribe your hours with vibrant movement and write, "Holy to the Lord" in love and chime the chord of feast and gladness, your Christ has led your exodus. A land of milk and honey waits for children, Christ is hymn and meal.
— The Rev. H.S. Mozolak

The people stand.

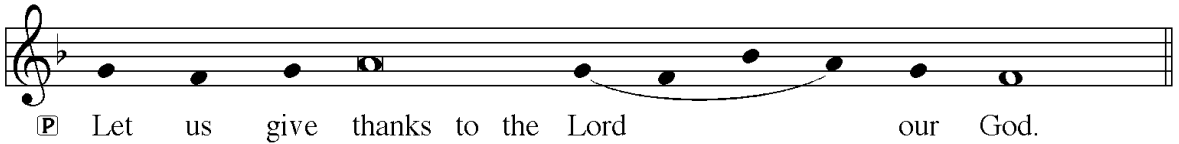
THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

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**

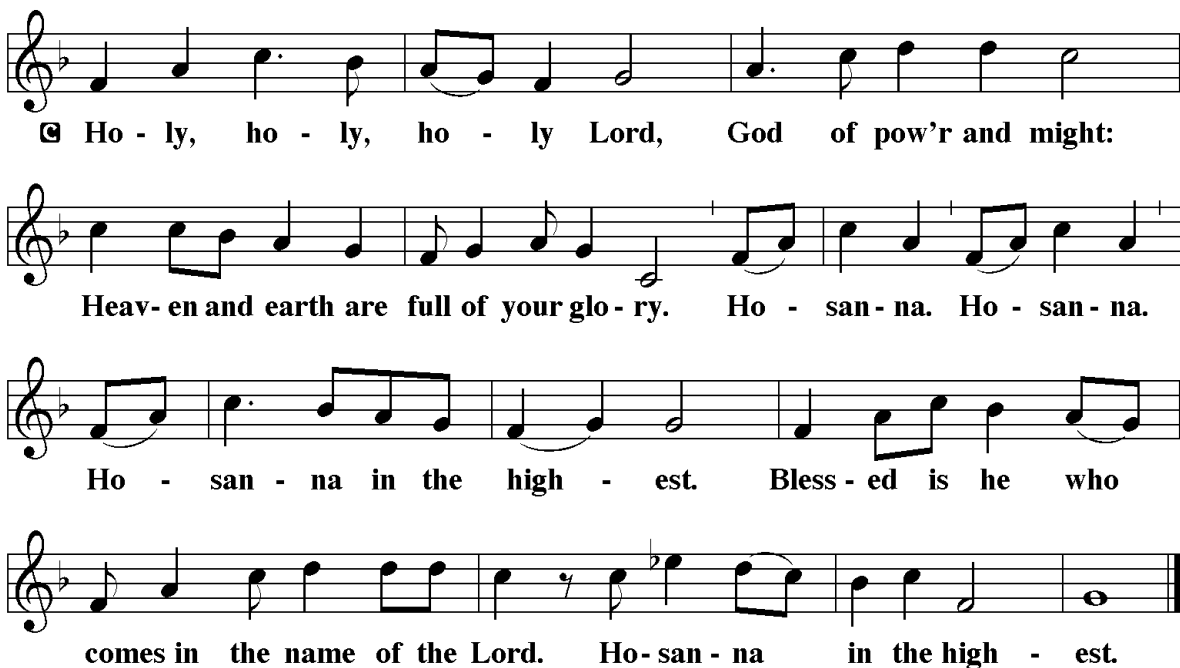
SURSUM CORDA



THE PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter, and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, with angels and archangels, with cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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

Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san - na in the high - est.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P You are indeed holy, O God, the fountain of all holiness; you bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence. We worship you for our lives and for the world you give us. We thank you for the new world to come and for the love that will rule all in all.

- P We praise you for the grace shown to Israel, your chosen, the people of your promise: the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the memory of the fathers, the homecoming from exile, and the prophets' words that will not be in vain. In all this we bless you for your only-begotten Son, who fulfilled and will fulfill all your promises.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

- P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the incarnation of your Son: his human birth and the covenant he made with us. We remember the sacrifice of his life: his eating with outcasts and sinners, and his acceptance of death. But chiefly on this day we remember his rising from the tomb, his ascension to the seat of power, and his sending of the holy and life-giving Spirit. We cry out for the resurrection of our lives, when Christ will come again in beauty and power to share with us the great and promised feast.

- C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the fullness of the kingdom of heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

- C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

- P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
 Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
 might- y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 FRACTION

P Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

C Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The people are seated.

AGNUS DEI

♩ 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.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

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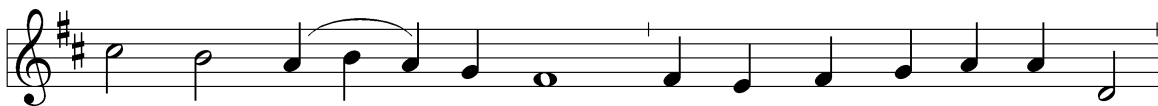
HYMN

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LBW 210



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
 you have conquered in the fight,
 you have brought us life and light.
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
 now no more the grave enthrall;
 you have opened paradise,
 and your saints in you shall rise.
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 newborn souls in you to be.
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,
 Savior, by whose death we live,
 Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, your name we praise.
 Alleluia!

11:00 AM

MUSIC AT THE DISTRIBUTION

VOLUNTARIES

Sonata for Flute and Keyboard
Movement II: Andante, molto espressivo

Joyce Moon Strobel

Lin-Fa: The Lotus Lily—A Pastorale

Valerie Coleman

When all have communed, the people stand.

THE POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C Amen

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

[illegible]

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

The musical notation consists of a single staff in treble clef. The melody begins with a quarter note G4, followed by an eighth rest, then an eighth note A4, a quarter note B4, and another eighth rest. This is followed by a half note C5, which has a slur over it extending to the next half note D5. After a quarter rest, there is a quarter note E5, followed by two eighth notes F#5 and G5 beamed together. Then comes a quarter note A5, followed by a half note G5, and finally a half note F#5.

Let all who seek 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.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

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

THE BLESSING



Almighty God, Father, † Son,
and Holy Spirit, bless you now . . . and for - ever.

A - men

THE HYMN TO CLOSE

Praise the Savior, Now and Ever

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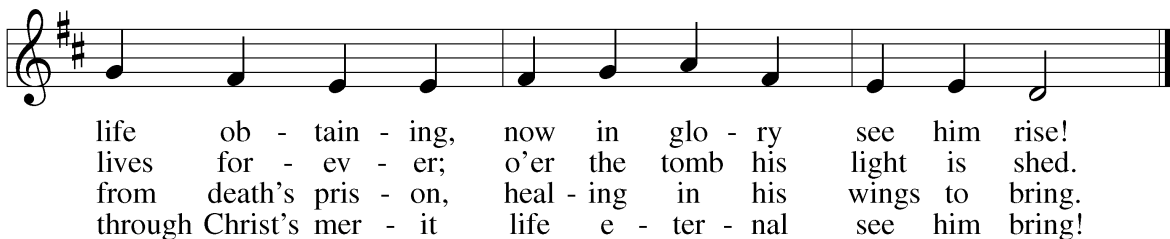
1 Praise the Sav - ior, now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
2 Day of glad - ness! Gone is sad - ness; Christ has bruised the
3 An - thems glo - rious, hymns vic - to - rious, raise we to our
4 Earth re - joic - es; all its voic - es glo - ry to the



neath the skies; come be - fore him and a - dore him,
ser - pent's head; death no long - er is the strong - er;
pas - chal King. Bonds are bro - ken, heav'n is o - pen;
Fa - ther sing! Praise the Sav - ior, laud him ev - er,



God's own per - fect sac - ri - fice; vic - t'ry gain - ing,
hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ our Sav - ior
sing, O ran - somed mor - tals, sing! Christ is ris - en
Son of God, our Lord and King! Praise the Spir - it,



life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry see him rise!
 lives for - ev - er; o'er the tomb his light is shed.
 from death's pris - on, heal - ing in his wings to bring.
 through Christ's mer - it life e - ter - nal see him bring!

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THE DISMISSAL

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

THE POSTLUDE

8:30 AM	<i>Prelude and Fugue in G-minor</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach
11:00 AM	<i>Sortie Improvisé</i>	Dr. Ann Labounsky

TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, JUNE 1

8:30 AM Holy Communion	NAVE
9:30 AM Bel Canto Youth Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM
11:00 AM Holy Communion	NAVE
12:15 PM Cantate Children’s Choir Rehearsal	CHOIR ROOM
3:00 PM Sr. Cynthia’s Student Recital	NAVE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR, The Rev. Joseph Murdy, who is also a United States Army reserve chaplain with the 328th Combat and Operational Stress Control (COSC) unit out of Coraopolis, has been deployed to the Middle East until early 2026. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

COUNCIL MEMBERS INSTALLED THIS MORNING: The Congregation Council of First Lutheran Church will be installed at both the 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM liturgies this morning. Council Officers are: Joseph Marsh, President; Adam Heald Vice President; Mimi Pasternak, Secretary; Susan Bruder, Treasurer. Council members also include: Thad Bobula, George Briercheck, Gail Carl, Alexander Gionta, John Harmon, Sarah Maenner, Richard Moncure, Wes Nelson, Jennifer Roth, Amanda Skov and Frances Verschuure.

THIS MORNING'S MUSIC: Today we welcome and thank Terri Denmon Agin, flautist. The anthem at 11:00 AM was written by Joyce Moon Strobel, with a text by the Rev. Harvey S. Mozolak. Pr. Mozolak and Joyce served Saint Stephen Lutheran Church, Scott Township, for many years and collaborated on compositions with his poetry and her musical settings of these. We also thank the Gloria Dei Ringers, who conclude their season of service today, and Ann Labounsky, for improvising at the postlude.

PIANO RECITAL THIS AFTERNOON! Everyone is invited to a Recital by students of Sr. Cynthia Pock today at 3:00 PM. The recital includes several youth that are members of First Lutheran Church. All are welcome!

DESIGNATED OFFERINGS: The Special Offering for Easter is designated for *Abiding Missions*, a mission outreach of the ELCA, is engaged in serving, advocating for, and accompanying our neighbors who are experiencing chronic trauma and poverty. Your donation helps to expand food security, strengthen neighborhoods, and support free after-school programs that offer a formal collaboration with 4-H. Please use the "Easter" envelope in your offering envelope box, or, make your check payable to "First Lutheran Church" and mark it "Easter."

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: We are reviving our Social Justice Book Discussion group. The group will study *How We Learn To Be Brave: Decisive Moments In Life and Faith* by Mariann Edgar Budde. Participants should purchase the book. Those interested in joining this group please email Vickie Briercheck (brierchv@gmail.com). The group will meet mostly via Zoom on the following Tuesday evenings at **7:00 PM for an hour: June 10 and 24, July 8**. The goal will be to cover one chapter at each meeting.

NEW PARKING ARRANGEMENT AT U.S. STEEL TOWER GARAGE: Effective immediately, Metropolis has increased the church's parking rates at the U.S. Steel Tower garage. The new QR Code posted throughout the church will allow parishioners to park for up to 2.5 hours for \$6.00. \$3.00 will be charged to your credit card, which you must enter into your phone. The other half of the fee will be charged to the church. To encourage worship attendance, the church will cover half the fee on Sundays, (though we are happy for donations toward the cost). On weekdays, we ask parishioners to reimburse the church the other \$3.00. A different QR Code is also available, which will allow you to park for 7.5 hours for \$8.00. Please note that if you stay past 2.5 hours, you must either scan this code or you will be charged full price. Please see a staff member for this code. We realize on Sundays it may now make more sense to park elsewhere. Free on-street parking is now available in front of the church, especially for those with mobility issues. Our sidewalks have reopened! We also continue to provide subsidized parking at Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00 on Sundays. The ushers and staff will provide validation stickers for these garages. Thank you for your patience and commitment to our Gospel ministry as we navigate these changes.

IN SEARCH OF A KIDNEY DONOR: A member of our parish, Daniel Walker, is now on the kidney transplant list at UPMC because of polycystic kidney disease. A living donor is his best chance at continuing an active and productive life. Anyone can support him by sharing this message. If someone wishes to be a donor they can register at livingdonorreg.upmc.com/ and specify Daniel Walker as the recipient. Blood type does not matter.

HELP DECORATE FOR CAMP DOWNTOWN: On **Sunday, June 15**, one day before Camp Downtown begins, help us decorate Holy Cross Hall. Help is needed anytime Sunday morning until around 1:00P M. No special skills required and any amount of time is welcome! Simply go to Holy Cross Hall Sunday morning to help.

CONFIRMATION: On **Sunday, June 8, at the 11:00 AM liturgy**, Roxie Fink, McKenna Schilling, and Colby Stiger will be confirmed. Please join us in celebrating with them at the coffee hour following the service.

REGISTER NOW FOR CAMP DOWNTOWN JUNE 16-20—ALMOST FULL!

Join us as we sow Seeds of Faith at this year's Camp Downtown hosted by First Lutheran Church and sponsored by the Downtown Ministerium, this summer, **June 16 – 20, from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**. We will visit Biblical stories of sowing seeds and how this relates to our life of faith which needs only be as big as a mustard seed to bear much fruit. We will also learn about Johnny Appleseed and his Pittsburgh roots. The cost is \$75 per camper. Sibling discounts are \$65 for second sibling, \$55 for third sibling and so on. Camper registration is for students entering Kindergarten through 6th grade. Students 7th Grade and older may register to serve as youth counselors at no cost. Visit flcpittsburgh.org/campdowntown to register campers, youth counselors, and adult chaperones!

REGISTER FOR LUTHERLYN SUMMER CAMP 2025! For more than seventy years Lutherlyn has been combining the love of God, fun, friends, swimming, playing in the woods, adventure challenges, Bible study, worship, cookouts, campfires, discoveries in nature, games, and a few surprises into an unforgettable experience! Lutherlyn offers a variety of week-long, half-week, and day programs for children entering 1st grade through those who have finished their senior year of high school. In addition to summer camp programs for school age children and teens, Lutherlyn offers Family Camp for campers of ANY age to enjoy. Please visit www.lutherlyn.com for dates, prices, details, and registration. First time campers get \$100 off with the coupon code FIRST! Visit lutherlyn.com/first for full details or contact the camp office at 724-865-2161

CAMPERSHIPS are available through First Lutheran Church. First Lutheran Church provides \$200 towards one week of camp at Lutherlyn. When you register with Lutherlyn, please pay your registration minus the \$200.00 and then email the confirmation letter with the outstanding amount to Suanne O'Dell (sso@flcpittsburgh.org) Further financial support is available if needed by contacting Pastor Evans. Please note that there is a special offering envelope for Lutherlyn in your offering envelope box. Please give to help fund our Lutherlyn scholarships. Thank you!

DAYTIME BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP The daytime book group meets on the second Thursday of the month at noon, usually in one another's homes from September to June. Members take turns hosting which usually means providing lunch for the group, pairing up with another member to provide lunch, or asking everyone to bring their own bag lunch while the host provides beverages and dessert. On **Thursday, June 12**, the group will discuss *The Vacation* by T.M. Logan. New members are welcome at any time. If you are interested in joining this book group, please contact Amy Bills (cym@flcpittsburgh.org) or Anne Harmon (anne.harmon@comcast.net).

PLEASE HELP US RESTOCK AFTER A BUSY WALK-IN WEEK! We could especially use: large and individual sized shelf-stable milks, canned fruits and fruit cups, peanut butter, jam and jelly, Hormel Compleats meals, potato sides, pasta & pasta sauces, canned Chef Boyardee, canned chicken, canned soups, and crackers. Please donate easy-open pull-tab canned goods whenever possible. We could also use travel-size toothpastes and both mens' and women's deodorants. Thank you!

By visiting our Amazon wish list, First Lutheran Church - Walk in Ministry Food Pantry you will get an idea of the items that are needed, you have a few options: 1. You can make a monetary donation to the church (noting that the contribution should be directed to the food pantry) 2. You can order directly from the FLC Amazon wishlist, or 3. You can place an order for similar items on the list from your own Amazon account (changing brand or quantity to suit your giving choices.)

<http://tinyurl.com/flcWISHLIST>

ON DUTY THIS WEEK / PARTNER MINISTRY SERVICES:

This week, Smithfield United Church of Christ will be on duty Monday-Thursday, June 2-5.

The Red Door at St. Mary of Mercy Roman Catholic Church offers breakfast Monday - Saturday 9:00-10:30 AM; bag lunches Monday - Saturday, 10:30 - 11:30 AM, and dinners Monday - Friday, 5:00 - 5:30 PM. A midday meal is served on Sundays from 1:00-2:00 PM. Those seeking crisis counseling or services may be directed accordingly.

SAVE THE DATE: LABOR DAY CABIN RETREAT

Labor Day weekend, the Youth Group will travel to Lake Chautauqua for a fun-filled weekend of activities and devotions. A registration email will be sent soon. If you are interested, please contact Amy Bills to sign up, or for more information (cym@flcpittsburgh.org).

PITTSBURGH DRAGON BOAT TEAM

Join First Lutheran Church at this year's Pittsburgh Dragon Boat Festival on **Saturday, September 27, 2025**. The Dragon Boat Festival is organized by Pittsburgh Hearts of Steel, an organization dedicated to supporting breast cancer survivors.

Sign up to be a racer, a cheerleader, to bring food, staff the vendor table, or to pledge support in the Parish House, by scanning the QR code, or by visiting tinyurl.com/FLC-dragonboat! **Commitment deadline is May 1.**

We will be fundraising to meet the registration fee of \$1400 once at least 20 people have committed to row.

Contact Sarah (SAM406@pitt.edu) or Deb (dlange312@gmail.com) if you would like more information.



Do you have a fun idea for a team name or t-shirt design? Let us know!

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SERVING TODAY

8:30 AM

11:00 AM

Presiding Minister

Fr. Hall

Pr. Evans

Preacher

Pr. Evans

Assisting Minister

Jim Nealon

Fr. Hall

Communion Assistants

Pr. Evans
Matthew Seeley

Barry Balas
Ben Sommer

Lectors

Richard King

Amy Bills

Acolyte(s)

Ben Pasternak

C

Abby Wilson

Vivian Evans

A

BB

Catherine Patton

Cantor

Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO

Vocalists

Megan Wall,
Treble Section Leader

The Parish Choir

Instrumentalists

The Gloria Dei Ringers
Terri Denmon Agin, *flute*
Joyce Moon Strobel, *piano*
Dr. Ann Labounsky, *organ*

Head Usher

Kurt Herbst

Usher(s)

Kurt Hansmann

Wes Nelson

Altar Guild

Gerri Giles
Grace Hansmann

Amy Bills
Mary Preuss

Coffee Hour Host

Eric & Frances
Verschuure

CALENDAR

MONDAY, JUNE 2

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

TUESDAY, JUNE 3 *John XXIII, Bishop of Rome*

1:00 PM Camp Downtown Planning Meeting ZOOM

6:00 PM Evangelism Committee Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4

8:00 AM Meal Ministry Prep KITCHEN

12:10 PM Noonday Holy Communion NAVE

THURSDAY, JUNE 5 *Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, Missionary & Martyr*

10:00 AM Renovation Task Force Meeting MEZZANINE

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

12:00 PM Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting HOLY CROSS HALL

SATURDAY, JUNE 7 *Seattle, Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy*

THE DAY OF PENTECOST, JUNE 8

8:30 AM Holy Communion NAVE

10:30 AM Bel Canto and Cantate Choirs Rehearsal CHOIR ROOM

11:00 AM Holy Communion with Confirmation NAVE

12:15 PM Confirmation Cake Reception PARISH HOUSE

THE FIRST ENGLISH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

has served downtown Pittsburgh since its founding in 1837 as the first English-speaking Lutheran Church west of the Alleghenies. Its members come from far and near to participate in its Christian witness in the heart of the city: a witness that is faithful to Holy Scripture and to the historic Lutheran Confessions. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is at the center of its life, providing direction, comfort, and hope. If you are seeking a church home in Pittsburgh, we invite you to become a part of our downtown ministry.

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY FOR PRAYER

STAFF

The Rev. Brian A. Evans, *Senior Pastor*
The Rev. Joseph G. Murdy, OLF, *Associate Pastor*
The Rev. Daniel E. Hall, MD, *Assisting Episcopal Priest*
Sr. Cynthia A. Pock, OLF, AAGO, *Cantor*
Ms. Amy Bills, *Christian Ed., Youth Ministry, & Fellowship*
Mrs. Suanne O'Dell, *Financial Secretary*
Ms. Christine G. Hoffman, *Admin. Assistant to Pastoral Staff*
Mr. Jeremy Caywood, *Building Manager*
Mr. Nicholas Sharer, *Communications Coordinator*
Mr. Benjamin Sommer, *Organ & Sacred Music Scholar*

PASTORS-IN-RESIDENCE

The Rev. Brian O. Bennett, *Lutheran University Center*
The Rev. Erin E. Evans, *St. Paul, Zeli. / Zion, Harmony*
The Rev. Canon Natalie G. Hall, *Church of the Redeemer*
The Rev. S. Cyril Hurnyak
The Rev. Leonard J. Larsen
The Rev. Jennifer Peters McCurry, *Carnegie Mellon Univ.*
The Rev. Caroline Mendis
The Rev. Martin M. Roth

MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Dr. Sarah Hinlicky Wilson
& Dr. Andrew L. Wilson, *Japan*

ORGAN ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE

Dr. Ann Labounsky Steele

COMPOSER-IN-RESIDENCE

Joyce Moon Strobel

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:45 AM Sunday Church School
(Classes for all ages during school year)
11:00 AM Holy Communion

Midweek Noonday Worship

12:10 PM Holy Communion, Wednesdays
(Holy Communion for Healing on the first Wednesday of each month)

SUNDAY PARKING

Accessible parking is available on Grant Street in front of the church. Reduced rate parking is available at the Mellon Square and Smithfield/Liberty garages for \$1.00. See an usher or the attendant at the reception desk for validation. Street parking is free on Sundays.

If you have a pastoral concern outside of normal office hours, please call our emergency line: **412-471-6507** and the pastoral staff member on duty will return your call as soon as possible.

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