May 11, 2025

Easter 4 Communion Service

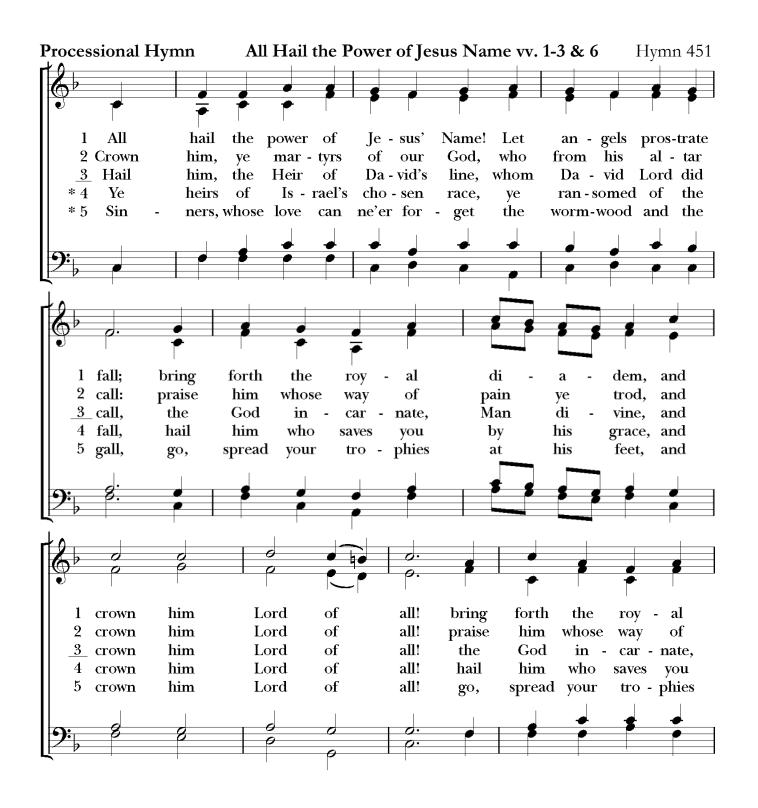
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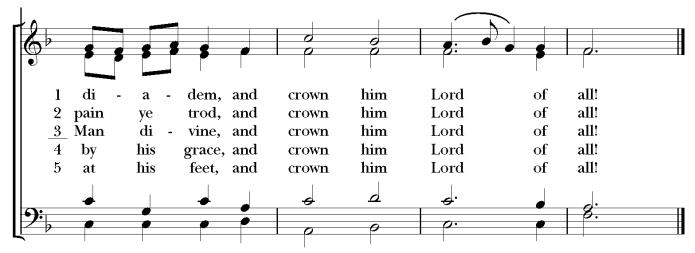
Happy Mother's Day

Vision Statement: "Our Culture"

As a church of Jesus Christ, Christ Church Westshore exists to help build a great community for all people through a movement of the gospel that brings personal conversion, discipleship in community, meeting needs in the neighborhood, and cultural renewal / revival to the Westshore and, through it, to the world.

"Know - Grow - Serve!"





5 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

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Alleluia! Christ is risen.

The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

WELCOME

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

Song of Praise

Resurrection Hymn

Townend & Getty

Verse 1

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem,
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 2

See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb, Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, Speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, Will sound till He appears, For He lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

Verse 3

One with the Father, Ancient of Days, Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty, Honour and blessing, glory and praise, To the King crowned with pow'r and authority! And we are raised with Him, Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered; And we shall reign with Him, For He lives" Christ is risen from the dead!

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads, who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Children's Blessing & Prayer

The people sit.

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 14:3 – 11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107:31 – 43 (Please pray responsively by half verse.)

- 31. Oh, that they would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness * and declare the wonders that he does for the children of men!
- 32. That they would exalt him also in the congregation of the people * and praise him in the seat of the elders!
- 33. He turns rivers into a wilderness * and water-springs into thirsty ground.

- 34. A fruitful land he makes barren, *

 because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.
- 35. Again, he makes the wilderness into pools of water * and dry ground into water-springs;
- 36. And there he sets the hungry * that they may build a city to dwell in,
- 37. That they may sow their land, and plant vineyards * *to yield the fruits of increase.*
- 38. He blesses them, so that they multiply exceedingly, * and does not allow their cattle to decrease.
- 39. And again, when they are diminished and brought low, * *through oppression, through any plague or trouble,*
- 40. Though he pours contempt on princes * and lets them wander in the pathless wilderness,
- 41. Yet he helps the poor out of misery * and increases their households like a flock of sheep.
- 42. The righteous will consider this and rejoice, * and the mouth of all wickedness shall be stopped.
- 43. Whoever is wise will ponder these things, * and shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

The Epistle Hebrews 9:23 – 28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia

Hymn 178, v 1

Refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Verse 1

Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation.

Refrain

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The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Gospel John 3:16 – 18, 36

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sequence Hymn

Alleluia

Hymn 178, v 2

Refrain

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to His name.

Verse 2
Spread the good news o'er all the earth.
Jesus has died and has risen.
Refrain

The Sermon

Rev. Gene Sherman

We Believe: "The Bridge"

The people stand.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and 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, 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.

The people sit or remain standing.

The Prayers of the People

On this day the Lord has made, let us pray for the people he has redeemed.

That we may live as those who believe in the triumph of the cross: *

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That all people may receive the good news of his victory:*

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That those born to new life in the waters of baptism may know the power of his resurrection.*

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

For the nation and the world.*

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

That those who suffer pain and anguish may find healing and peace in the wounds of Christ.* Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We thank you Lord for all the blessings of this life.

May Prayer Focus

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Resurrection gives us newness of life in him: grant that we, who have been born again into the fellowship of your Church, may show forth in our lives, what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

That in the undying love of Christ we may be united with all who have died in the faith of Christ. *

Collect for Mothers' Day

O God, you brought forth life from the womb of creation. We give thanks today for the ministry of motherhood, for all those who have been bearers and nurturers of human life, in body or in spirit, a reflection of your persistent and unconditional love for us. With all our forebears who have looked to you in hope we offer our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us commend the world, to which Christ rose from the dead to the mercy and protection of God. *Amen.*

The Confession and Absolution

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God,

Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Hear the word of God to all who truly turn to him:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16 ESV

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with your spirit.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements / Birthdays / Anniversaries

Birthdays:

Cathy Hackman 5/11 Marilyn Anderson 5/15 Bennett Gilstrap 5/12 John Hackman 5/17

Anniversary:

Tom & Nancy Payne 5/16 (44 yrs)

Offertory

Doxology

All Creatures of Our God & King

Hymn 400, v. 7

Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, Alleluia! Praise God the Father praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The people remain standing.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Pascal Lamb, who was offered for us, and has taken away the sin of the world; who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are,
full of your glory,
Holy is your name,

Chorus
Hosanna in the highest. 3X
(Women Sing) Hosanna 3X
Holy is your name. (2X)
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Blessed is he who,
comes in the name of the Lord.

Chorus

The people sit or stand.

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

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.

Alleluia, Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed once for all upon the cross.

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

We do not presume to come to this, your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. Apart from your grace, we are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

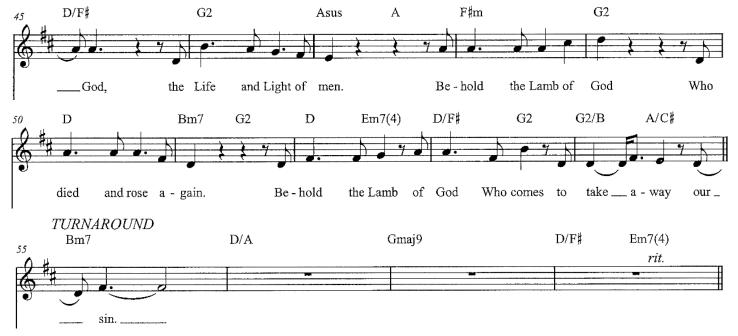
The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Behold the Lamb of God

Peterson & Story





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I Am Not My Own

Shive, Fowler, Peterson & Anderson

Verse 1

The one who made the heavens made my heart and soul.

Before I drew a breath, I was loved and known.

I am His creation, the Maker's masterpiece.

And all that He designs will be done in me.

Verse 2

My body is a temple of the Living God.

I'll worship in this house, that His blood has bought.

As I bear His image, O, may I not profane

The holiness I hold in this earthly frame.

Chorus

I belong to the Lord, O, I am not my own.

I belong to the Lord I am not my own.

I will honor Him for this I know,

I belong to the Lord I am not my own.

Verse 3

And if He has redeemed me, I am not my own.

The measure of my worth is His love alone.

He declares my standing, and He declares my state.

So, I will know myself by the name He gave.

Verse 4

I am not my own and now my heart is free. O, Maker, come and make what You will of me. There is nothing broken, that You can not repair. So, Lord, I leave my life in Your loving care. *Chorus*

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Song of Celebration

Praise the Lord (Psalm 150)

Papa & Boswell

Verse 1

You made the starry hosts, You traced the mountain peaks, You paint the evening skies with wonders. The earth, it is Your throne From desert to the sea. All nature testifies Your splendor.

Chorus 1

Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness,
All creation.
Praise the Lord,
Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west,
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord.

Verse 2

You reached into the dust, In love Your Spirit breathed. You formed us in Your very likeness To know Your wondrous works, To tell Your mighty deeds, To join the everlasting chorus.

Verse 3
Let symphonies resound,
Let drums and choirs ring out,
All heaven hear the sound of worship.
Let every nation bring
Its honors to the King,
A roar of harmonies eternal.

Chorus 2

Praise the Lord,
Praise the Lord,
Sing His greatness,
All creation.
Praise the Lord,
Raise your voice,
You heights and all you depths,
From furthest east to west,
You distant burning stars,
All creatures near and far,
From sky to sea to shore,
Sing out forevermore,
Let everything that has breath
Praise the Lord.

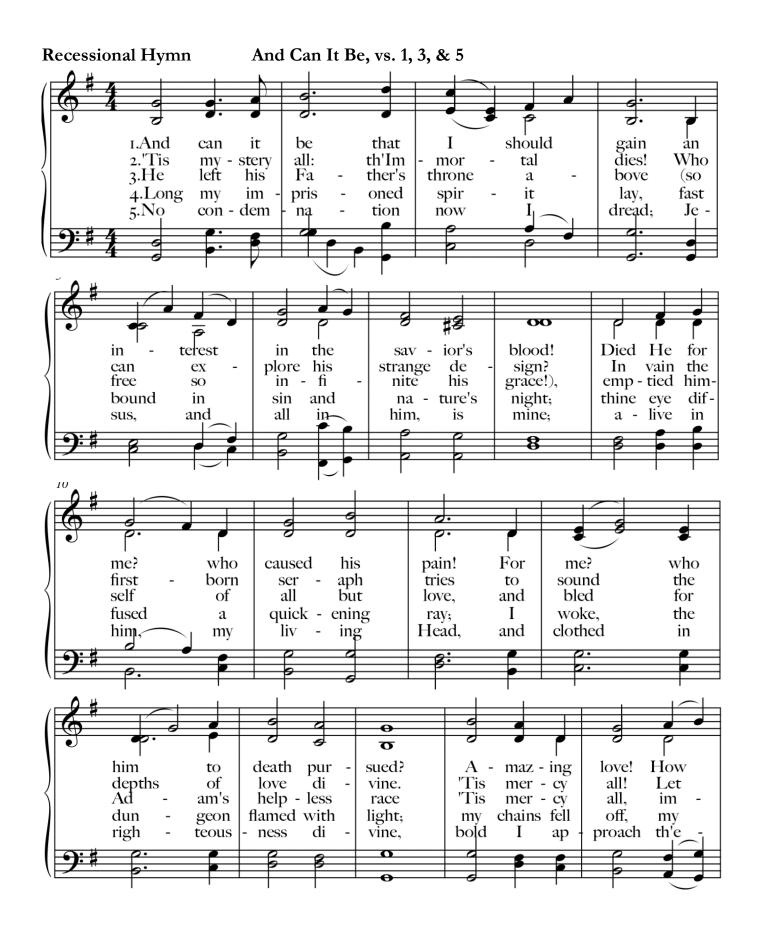
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Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

The people respond: Amen.





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The Dismissal

Alleluia! Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bake Sale, Today, Sunday, May 11th, in the Narthex, before & after the 10:00 am Service – Faith Baked Goodies on the Go is having a bake sale for Mother's Day from 9:30-10:00 am and directly after the service in the narthex, so please stop by their tables and buy something sweet in celebration of Mother's Day!

Cornerstone Pregnancy Services "Baby Bottle Blessings" — The annual spring campaign kicks off today. You can help Cornerstone continue to minister to clients and meet their needs by picking up a baby bottle from the table in the nave after the service and filling it with a check (payable to Cornerstone), cash, or coins. Please return the filled bottle with your donation any Sunday, and the final collection day will be Father's Day on Sunday, June 15th. Bottles may also be dropped off at the CCW office. For more information, go to www.cornerstonepregnancy.org.

Tuesday, May 13th, from 9:00-10:00 am, Last Session of Women's Bible Study in the Hearth Room, led by Linda Jackson – Classes will meet on the following dates from 9 to 10:30 am.

• May 13: Pentecost: God Changed His Address

Saturday, May 17th, from 9:00 am-2:00 pm, Annual Grounds Clean Up Day – Please join us anytime from 9am until 2pm and help us make our flowerbeds and pavilion area look great after the winter, and in preparation of our Diocese's 15th anniversary party on Friday, June 6th at our facility. Please be prepared to rake, pull weeds, pick up debris, and maybe plant some flowers. Bring your own garden gloves and tools clearly marked with your name. Please add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on the board if you are available to help (even for a short time) that day.

Sunday, May 18th, in the Fellowship Hall, directly after the 10:00 AM Service,
Newcomer's Sunday Dinner! – We invite all who are new to Christ Church over this past year for Sunday dinner. We will eat an Italian meal in the Fellowship Hall, get to know one another better, and have the opportunity to ask any question that you may have regarding Christ Church, Anglicanism, or the Christian life in general. Please RSVP to Gene Sherman via text to 440-242-5536.

Friday, June 6th, ADGL 15th ANNIVERSARY PARTY – You're invited to join us for our 15 Year Celebration on June 6, 2025, beginning at 5:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. We're thrilled to announce that honored guests Archbishop Bob Duncan, Bishop Roger & Gretsie Ames, Bishop John Miller, and Bishop Bill Murdoch will be in attendance, along with Bishop Mark and Terri Engel and Bishop Allen & Lisa Kannapell. We look forward to celebrating with you! The cost is \$50 per person.

IN ADDITION! There will be an opportunity to join our founding bishops in an open forum at 3:30pm (prior to cocktail hour/dinner). All are welcome to visit, ask questions, and pick their brains about the early days of the ADGL! To register, please go to the following URL: adgl.breezechms.com/form/www.adgl.us7414195086.

June 2025 Annual Summer Picnic – Please join us for our summer picnic in after the 10:30 am service on Sunday, June 8th. We will have a cookout of hamburgers, hot dogs, and all condiments (i.e., ketchup, mustard, mayo, plates, silverware, and napkins) will be provided. We are asking for volunteers to help with set-up and clean-up, as well as bringing side dishes (i.e., salads, casseroles, desserts, fruit, tomatoes & onions, etc.). A sign-up sheet will be sent via Realm next week. Please add your name(s) to the sign-up sheet on Realm and/or a physical sign-up sheet on the back board in the narthex under the appropriate category and make sure to include what you are bringing so we don't have too many of the same dishes. The games provided will include a bouncy house, volleyball, corn hole, etc.! So, there will be something for everyone of all ages! We look forward to an amazing turnout this year with food, games, and lots of fun! Feel free to invite a guest or two. Please call the office with any questions or concerns.

May Prayer Focus

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Resurrection gives us newness of life in him: grant that we, who have been born again into the fellowship of your Church, may show forth in our lives, what we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

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Question for Week 28

The New City Catechism

What happens after death to those not united to Christ by faith?

At the day of judgment, they will receive the fearful but just sentence of condemnation pronounced against them. They will be cast out from the favorable presence of God, into hell, to be justly and grievously punished, forever.

Giving

The flowers at the Altar are given to the glory of God by Sybil Mundy in loving memory of her mother, Doris McNeil!

2025 CASH REQUIREMENTS		
Through Sunday	0 5/4/ 2025	
Current Month Cash Needs	\$	51,983
Current Month Actual Cash Received	\$	2, 68 3
Current Month Additional Cash Needed	\$	49 , 30 0
YTD Cash Needs	\$	2 59 ,9 15
YTD Actual Cash Received	\$	1 72 , 076
YTD Additional Cash Needed	\$	87 , 893
2025 Total Cash Requirements	\$	623,798

Attendance for 05/04/2025

10:00 am - 120

Wednesday – 4

Online — 42