# LITURGY OF HOLY EUCHARIST

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

C - Celebrant D - Deacon A - Assistant L - Lector R - Response

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## **GATHERING**

WELCOME

**PRELUDE** "Beautiful Savior" \*GATHERING HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" Shells Bells Hymn #650

\*INVOCATION

We make the sign of the cross in remembrance of our Baptism.

C: In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  $\pm$  and of the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

#### \*APOSTOLIC GREETING

C: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R: And also with you.

### \*PENITENTIAL RITE

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

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

C: Most merciful God,

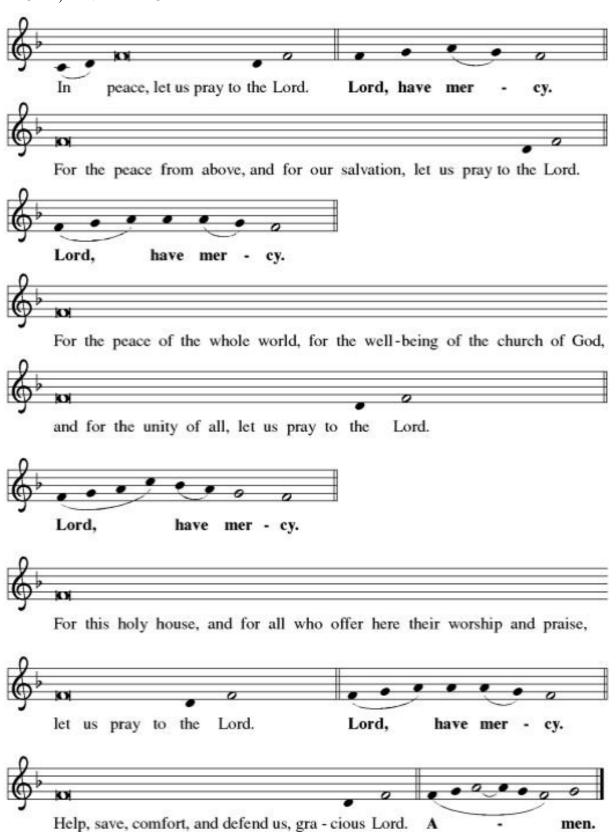
R: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus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

C: God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  $\pm$  and of the Holy Spirit.

We make the sign of the cross as God forgives us this day.

R: Amen.

## \*LORD, HAVE MERCY



## \*THIS IS THE FEAST





## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: Let us pray. Father of all holiness, guide our hearts to you. Keep in the light of your truth all those you have freed form the darkness of unbelief. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

Please be seated.

## **WORD**

## FIRST READING Acts 10:44-48

L: A reading from Acts.

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM 98** (sung responsively)

Sing to the Lord | a new song,\*

for he has done | marvelous things.

## With his right hand and his | holy arm\*

has he won for him- | self the victory.

The Lord has made | known his victory;\*

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

## He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel,\*

and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.

Shout with joy to the Lord, | all you lands;\*

lift up your voice, re- | joice, and sing.

## Sing to the Lord | with the harp,\*

with the harp and the | voice of song.

With trumpets and the sound | of the horn\*

shout with joy before the | king, the Lord.

## Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it,\*

the lands and those who | dwell therein.

Let the rivers | clap their hands,\*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to | judge the earth.

# In righteousness shall he $\mid$ judge the world\*

and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

L: A reading from First John.

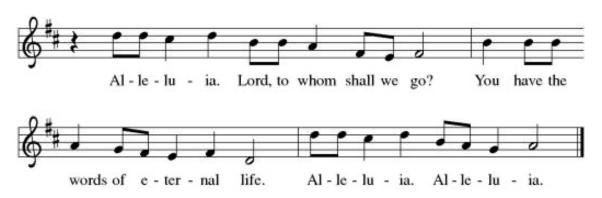
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in honor of the Gospel.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

C: A reading from the holy gospel according to John.

R: Glory to you, O Lord.

We make the sign of the cross with our right thumb on our forehead, lips, and heart to symbolize the gospel being present in our minds, on our lips, and in our hearts.

\*GOSPEL READING John 15:9-17

[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

R: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**HOMILY** 

Please stand as you are able.

\*HYMN OF THE DAY

"Beautiful Savior"

Hymn #838

# \*MAY CROWNING OF AN IMAGE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY INSTRUCTION

C: My dear people, we have come here to crown this statue of the virgin Mother of God. This ceremony has a lesson to teach us about the Gospel: that the greatest in the kingdom of heaven are those who are foremost in serving and love. Our Lord himself came to serve, not be served; he drew all things to himself when he was lifted up from the earth, and he reigned from the tree by the power of gentleness and love. And Mary, whose glory we proclaim today, was the humble servant of the Lord when she was on earth: she gave herself utterly to her Son and his work.

### **BEFORE CROWNING**

C: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Lord, God of heaven and earth for in your mercy and justice you cast down the mighty and exalt the lowly. Your marvelous wisdom is shown above all in the word made flesh and in his Virgin Mother. For he, your Son, who freely humbled himself even unto death on the cross, now sits at your right hand and is radiant with unending glory, the King of kings and Lord of Lords; and she, the Virgin who wished to be called your servant, was singled out to be Mother of the redeemer and true Mother of all the living.

Merciful Lord, look upon us your servants, who by crowing this image of the Mother of your Son, proclaim him as King of all creation. Give us the grace to follow them in serving you; to do what love demands for the sake of our brothers and sisters; to deny ourselves and spend ourselves, so as to win our neighbors for you; to be lowly on earth, so as to be exalted in heaven where you reward your faithful servants with a crown of life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

### AFTER CROWNING

C: Let us pray. O God, Father of mercies, whose Only Begotten Son, as he hung upon the Cross, chose the Blessed Virgin Mary, his Mother, to be our Mother also, grant, we pray, that your Church may be more fruitful day by day. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

R: Amen.

#### \*NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven

We bow our heads in honor of the mystery of the Incarnation.

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man;

Our heads are raised.

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen

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#### \*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

C: Baptized, chosen as a priestly people, let us come to our Father on behalf of all our brothers and sisters, praying through Christ, "the Way, the Truth and the Life."

A brief silence.

A: For God's chosen and consecrated people, that the Church may always offer prayerful and reverent worship, let us pray to the Lord.

### R: O God, hear us.

A: For those engaged in the Catechumenate Process here at Shells - Emily, Jordan, Gabe, Jacob, Mary, Lexi, and Nora, let us pray to the Lord.

## R: O God, hear us.

A: For our law enforcement officers, first responders, and service women & men, especially Matt, Nikolas, Crist, Sam, John, James, Blake, Keegan, Michael, Stephen, Chris, and John, let us pray to the Lord.

## R: O God, hear us.

A: For the rulers of nations, that they may recognize the service provided by the Church and so respect her rights and freedom, let us pray to the Lord.

## R: O God, hear us.

A: For people stumbling on their search for faith, that they may come to God through Jesus Christ, the only way to the Father, let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For ourselves as living stones in a spiritual house, that we may work with the energy and courage of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For those who suffer in any way, especially - Mim, Ed, Al, Angie, Alfred, Doug, Nancy, Keira, Lincoln, Lisa, Iva, Lucas, Larry, Bev and Jack, our homebound members and those we name out loud or in the silence of our hearts (a brief silence), let us pray to the Lord.

#### R: O God, hear us.

A: For the dead, that they may enter that place Christ has prepared for them, especially Lore Lilley, let us pray to the Lord.

### R: O God, hear us.

C: We thank you, Father most holy, for the wonders of your generous care. Show again your love for us as we call upon you, through Christ our Lord.

## R: Amen.

Please be seated while the bread and wine are brought forward for consecration and the offering is collected for the ministry of Christ's Church.

## **MEAL**

### **OFFERING/OFFERTORY**

Please stand as you are able.

\*OFFERTORY HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Hymn #362

verses 1-5, and 8

### \*OFFERING PRAYER

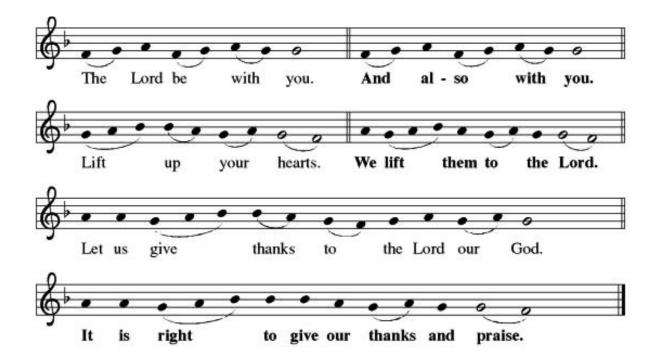
C: Pray brothers and sisters that my sacrifice of praise and yours may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.

R: May the Lord accept our sacrifice of praise for the glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.

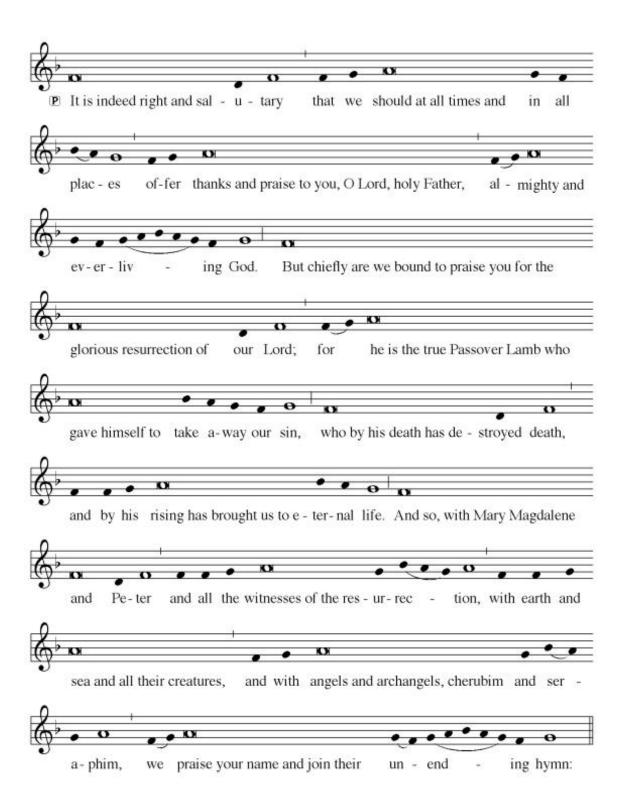
C: Lord, restore us by these Easter mysteries. May the continuing work of our redeemer bring us eternal joy. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

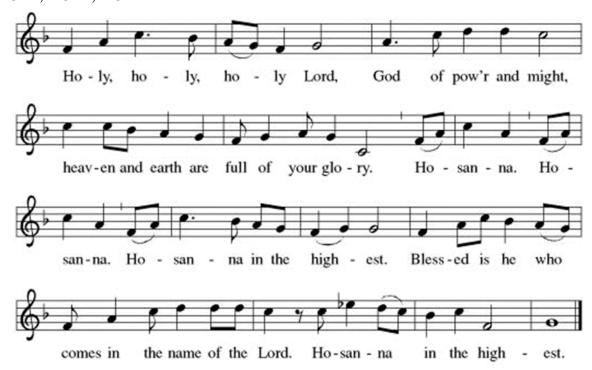
## \*DIALOGUE



## \*PREFACE



## \*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



### \*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

C: Father, you are holy indeed, and all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, by the working of the Holy Spirit.

From age to age you gather a people to yourself, so that from east to west a perfect offering may be made to the glory of your name.

And so, Father, we bring you these gifts.

We ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit. that they may become the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate this eucharist.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks and praise. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up for you. When supper was ended, he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks and praise,
gave the cup to his disciples, and said:

Take this, all of you, and drink from it:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and everlasting covenant.

It will be shed for you and for many so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.



C: Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation, his glorious resurrection and ascension into heaven, and ready to greet him when he comes again, we offer you in thanksgiving our sacrifice of praise.

Look with favor on your Church, and see the Victim whose death has reconciled us to yourself. Grant that we, who are nourished by his body and blood, may be filled with his Holy Spirit, and become one body, one spirit in Christ. May he make us an everlasting gift to you and enable us to share in the inheritance of your saints, with Mary the virgin Mother of God; with the apostles, the martyrs, and all your saints.

Strengthen in faith and love your pilgrim Church on earth; your servant Elizabeth our Presiding Bishop,
James our Bishop, and all the bishops,
with the clergy and the entire people
your Son has gained for you.
Father, hear the prayers of the family you have gathered here before you.
In mercy and love unite all your children wherever they may be.

Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters, especially: Joseph, Laura, Leonard, Melvin, Charles, Connie, John, Edward, Bette, and all who have left this world in your friendship.

We hope to enjoy forever the vision of your glory, through Christ our Lord, from whom all good things come.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.



#### \*LORD'S PRAYER

C: Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us.

R: 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.

### \*PEACE

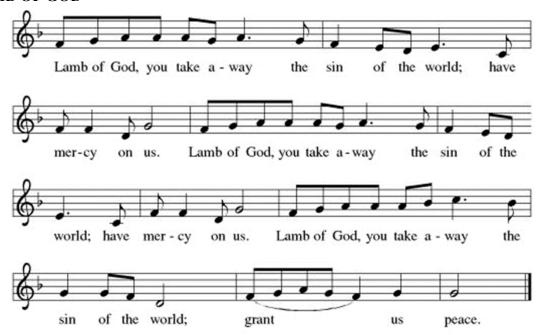
C: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R: And also with you.

C: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Please remain standing after sharing the Peace.

## \*LAMB OF GOD



### \*INVITATION

C: This the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

R: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Please be seated.

### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER** (for those viewing via live-stream)

A: My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

All baptized Christians who acknowledge the Real Presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Bread and Wine are welcome to receive the Sacrament. If you would prefer a blessing come forward and cross your arms over your chest. Beginning with the front pews, form one line and make your way down the center aisle. Please pick up a communion glass from the tray on your right. Receive our Lord Jesus' Body from the Celebrant and, according to where you are seated, receive his Precious Blood from the Assistant and consume both elements. Upon receiving our Lord's Body and Blood, respond Amen. Please place your used communion glass in the tray on the table and return to your seat by the side aisle. Taste and see that the Lord is good!

## **COMMUNION HYMNS**

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

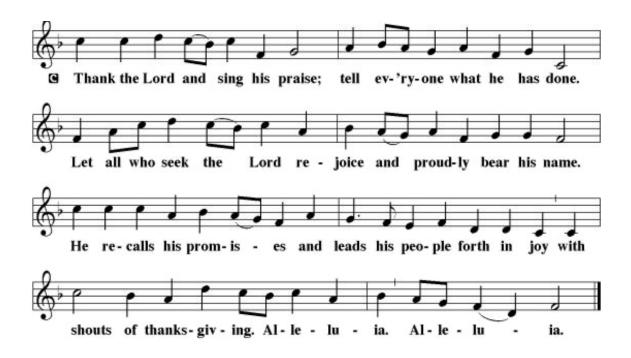
"Jesus Love Me!"

Hymn #781

Hymn #708

Please stand as you are able at the direction of the Celebrant.

### \*POST-COMMUNION HYMN



## \*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

C: Let us pray. Lord, may this celebration of our redemption bless us in this life and lead us to eternal happiness. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen.

## **SENDING**

## \*BLESSING

C: The Lord be with you.

R: And also with you.

We make the sign of the cross as God blesses us this day.

C: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

R: Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Hymn #836

\*DISMISSAL

C: The Worship is ended, go in peace.

R: Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE

## THOSE SERVING THIS WEEK

Celebrant/Homilist The Rev. W. L. Barnes, III, STS

Assistant Karen Gussler

Lector Jordan Frye

Acolytes Jacob Mende, Mary Shellenberger, & Gabe Gonzales

Communion Assistant Louise Murphy
Greeters/Ushers Rick & Linda Blair
Organist Barbara Dupler

Altar Guild Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel

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Altar Guild Steve, Kathy & Bethany Espenshade

# STEWARDSHIP/GIVING (March 31, 2024)

# 2024 Approved Budget \$277,995

Income: \$75,828.37 Love of Family Contributions: \$0 Expenses: \$66,727.32 Local Food Pantry Contributions: \$1,231.14

Capital Improvement Contributions: \$10,320

Abiding Memorial Fund: \$380

Adult Forum: \$186.50 Sub Sale: \$765.50

### THE SEASON OF EASTER

May 5 @ 9am - Sixth Sunday of Easter (Children in Worship with Crowning of Mary Statue)

May 9 @ 7pm - The Ascension of the Lord

May 12 @ 9am - Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 19 @ 9am - The Day of Pentecost (Rite of Confirmation for Jacob Mende, Mary

Shellenberger, Emily Dupler, and Gabe Gonzales)

We love and welcome children in the Liturgy! There are worship bags for children available from the Greeters/Ushers. For parents who wish to make use of it, there is an unstaffed Nursery in the Education Building (down the Narthex staircase and through the Social Hall/Kitchen).

This month's special offering will go to benefit the Love of Family. This fund is designed to assist those in the congregation and the community finically envelope in the narthex.

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom & Sandy Mader in honor of their granddaughter, Lilah's, first birthday.

With thanksgiving, we remember the lives of those who have gone before us in the faith. This month we remember *Scedella Mader*, *Patsy Plouse*, *Sylvia Plouse*, *Richard Sattazahn*, *Doris Shaull*, *and Herb Shaull*.

**Race Track Project:** The Adult Sunday School class will be collecting shave cream & razors for the months of March and April. Thank you all for your kind support of this cause.

Join us in the Social Hall after Worship on May 12 for a presentation by Emily Lingle on the work of Friends In Action International. Mission: "Here at Friends in Action, Intl., we believe in the power behind our mission. With over 30 years of experience, we understand the importance of utilizing construction projects and practical service to accelerate spreading the Good News of the Gospel. With impact studies and project management, we ensure that our efforts create a lasting impact." We will be collecting a free will offering to support Emily's ministry with Friends In Action International.

In celebration of Pentecost, on May 19th, we'd like to request donations of red flowers to adorn the sanctuary. The flowers will then be planted outside in the flower beds. Flowers such as red geraniums, petunia's, salvia, celosia or other sun loving annuals are appreciated. Any questions can be directed to Raelene.

**Shells Fun Task Force has met!! We have planned an entire year of fun-filled opportunities for everyone!** Our event for July will be a Harrisburg Senators game on Sunday July 21 at 1 pm. We need to know who wants to join this FUN time. Tickets are \$13 in Ollie's Cheap seats. Please let Theresa know if you are interested in attending by May 15. (If financial help is needed, please let Father Barnes know)

There will be a Special Congregation Meeting after Worship on May 19 followed by a potluck to celebrate our new members and confirmands. Please sign up in the Narthex to bring a dish to share.

## **2024 Shells Fun Task Force Save the Dates**

June 8 @ 5:30pm - East Hanover Park Evening

Bring your own meal. Meet at the back pavilion

July 21 @ 1pm- Harrisburg Senators Baseball Game

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August 9 @ 6:30pm - Mini golf and ice cream at Challenge Golf in Hummelstown

**September 14** - Knoebels Grove *12-2pm hotdogs + provided by church* 

October 27 - Trunk or Treat

November 23 - Yuengling Brewery tour

**December** – Christmas Caroling

## This week at Shells:

## May 5 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Children in Worship with the Crowning of an Image of the Blessed Virgin Mary
10:30am Fellowship and Food in the Social Hall
10:30am Hand Chime Choir
10:45am Adult Forum
11:45am Lunch at Manada Hill Diner
6pm Boy Scouts

May 6 at 6:30pm - Bible Study @ Shells

May 8 at 6pm - Girl Scouts May 9 at 6pm - Cub Scouts

May 9 at 7pm - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

May 12 at 9am - Liturgy of Holy Eucharist

Seventh Sunday of Easter

10:30am Fellowship and Food in the Social Hall 10:30am Hand Chime Choir 10:45am Emily Lingle Presentation 11:45am Lunch at Manada Hill Diner 6pm Boy Scouts

## SHELLS EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

"We are a community of the Triune God, nourished by Word and Sacrament, sent forth by the Holy Spirit into the Grantville community and beyond to share the life-changing news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed." 287 Shells Church Rd.

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