

SHELLS MESSENGER

Shells Evangelical Lutheran Church

May 2022

Vibrant Worship + Active Service

Accessible Education + Enriching Fellowship

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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.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

“O death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished. Christ is risen and the demons are cast down. Christ is risen and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen and life is freed. Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord.”

from the Easter Homily of St. John Chrysostom

Indeed, we have entered into the joy of our Lord through the glorious celebration of his passion, death, and resurrection. I again thank everyone who made our Holy Week and Easter liturgies so reverent and sacred. From the beautifully adorned church to the sounds of music and prayer, the Easter promise still rings in my ears. I pray that you too felt the presence of God in our midst during our Lenten and Holy Week journey.

In the weeks to come, we will continue to resound “alleluia” for the full fifty days of Easter. We will gather to commemorate our Lord’s Ascension on May 26 at 7pm. The Paschal/Easter candle will burn brightly until Pentecost Sunday to show us the presence of the risen Christ in our midst as we look forward to the resurrection we too will receive through baptism. In the spirit of new life in Christ, on May 29 we will welcome Lincoln Leese into God’s family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Please pray for the Lease family as they make preparations for Lincoln’s baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ,
Father Barnes

SHELLS MUSIC MINISTRY

*“At the Lamb’s high feast we sing,
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide,
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!*

*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!*

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A special note of thanks to our Senior Choir, our Sunday School Children and youth, our S.S. teachers, and our Hand Chime choir for sharing in our music ministry during our Lenten journey, Palm Sunday, Holy Week and the glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord! Thank you all for sharing your gifts, enhancing our liturgy with your musical offerings!

The **Senior Choir** will continue to lead worship during the Sundays of Easter. The choir rehearses **Thursday evening 7:00 – 8:15pm**. An invitation to join choir and share in our music ministry is extended to senior high youth through adults!

Our **Children In Worship** Sunday School music program continues for our children in preschool through sixth grade. Shells Bells, our children’s bell choir, play and learn music as part of the Sunday school opening each week, in Miss Connie’s classroom, beginning at 9am. It is truly a joy to work with the children, as they share in our music ministry. We are proud of all their contributions as they enhance and lead worship each month! The children will take part in worship on Sunday, **May 1**.

Our Children & Youth **Handchime Choir** rehearsals continue for grades 2nd through 8th grade, the **first and third Sunday** of each month. We rehearse in the choir room immediately following worship, 10:30-11:00am. Our ringers are working on music for the Easter season. Please join us to discover handchimes!

Please don't hesitate to call, text or send me an email if you have any questions -- cell phone, 717-991-8862; home phone 771-469-0127; or email at scdbjd@aol.com.

With joyful songs and praise,
Barbara Dupler
Director of Music

May 14 at St. John Hoernerstown @7pm
Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
St. Matthais, Apostle

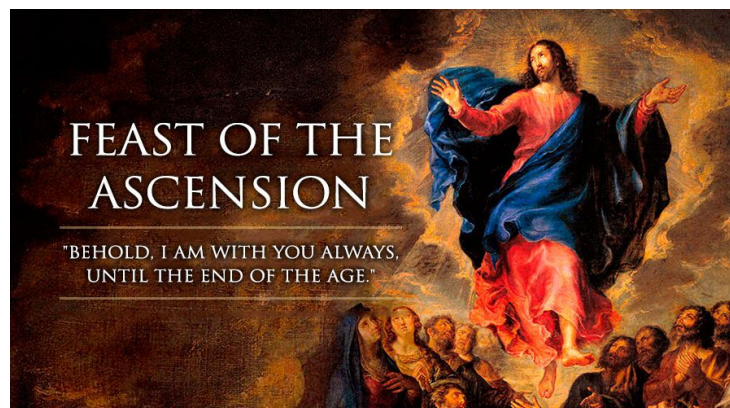


St. Matthias was, according to the Acts of the Apostles, chosen by the apostles to replace Judas Iscariot following the latter's betrayal of Jesus and his subsequent death. His calling as an apostle is unique, in that his appointment was not made personally by Jesus, who had already ascended into heaven, and it was also made before the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the early Church.

May 26 at St. John Hoernerstown @10am
Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
The Ascension of the Lord

May 26 at Shells @7pm
Liturgy of Holy Eucharist
The Ascension of the Lord

Forty Days after the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Acts of the Apostles records Jesus' ascension into heaven. The ascension is an important Christian feast attesting and celebrating the reality of the God-Man Jesus Christ's returning to the Father, to return again in the future parousia. The Ascension is the final component of the paschal mystery, which consists also of Jesus' Passion, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Descent Among the Dead, and Resurrection. Along with the resurrection, the ascension functioned as a proof of Jesus' claim that he was the Messiah. The Ascension is also the event whereby humanity was taken into heaven.



Get Ready...



For a Howlin' Good Time!

Shells VBS – July 10 – July 14, 2022

Meal 5:15 – 6:00 pm/ Program 6:00 – 8:15 pm

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES – MAY

*Erica Strang
Jeremy Longreen
Nora Holler
Holly Roush
Tami Crow*

*Lore Lilley
Cory O'Brien
Zane Stayton
Erica Strang
David Terry*

God will never forget that you are his child.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

May 6	Christian Stremmel	May 21	Carrie Leese
May 8	Ava Espenshade		Joshua Murphy
	Linda Longreen	May 24	Gracelyn Hilbert
May 11	Colin Blair	May 26	Keith Espenshade
	Benjamin Rodemaker	May 27	Lore Lilley
May 14	Schenley Layton	May 28	Catherine Germann
May 16	Diane Suhr		Crist Espenshade IV
May 17	Chris O'Brien	May 31	Matthew Terry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need volunteers to turn on the Sound System and start/end the live stream each time we gather for Worship. Please see Mike Hilbert or Father Barnes if you are willing to serve.

Central PA Food Bank: The first Monday of every month is Shells scheduled time to volunteer at the Central PA Food Bank to help pack boxes of non-perishable items to be shipped to various organizations throughout PA to be distributed to families in need. Our scheduled time is from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The address is 1530-B Bobali Dr, Harrisburg, PA 17104. This is located off 19th Street near the UPS Building. If you have questions or need directions please see Frank Molitoris, Rich Espenshade, Raelene Smith or Louise Murphy. If you can spare 2 hours once a month, we could really use your help. Masks are required right now. Thanks!

PRAYER LIST

Rose Espenshade, Mim Fake, Al & Marianne Germann, Angie Gonzales, Randy Gotshall, Jane Helmers, Alfred Howard, Doug Howard, Jr., Keira Karijomenggolo, Tregan Layton, Sam and Amanda Mende, Kevin O'Brien, the family of Mary Pankake, Lucas Smith, Larry Suhr, Bev Ulsh, Jack Ulsh, Our Shells Family Shut-ins, Our Law Enforcement Officers and Service Women & Men, especially Trey Duncan, Christ Espenshade, Nikolas Jaggan, James Hess and Chris O'Brien, and our Health Ministry.

Those who have died: Mary Pankake

Family & Friends: Chaplain Gene Arnold, Saadia Baker, June Balakonis, Nancy Balmer, Tom Boblitz, Dawn Brink, Donald Brink, Fran Buchanan, Anna Buck, Richard Cromer, Verna Ebersole, Craig Feaster, Mary Feaster, Kathy Fouse, Anne Gordon, The Rev. Tyler Graham, Rob Herman, Martha Kipp, Lydia Joy Konisiewicz, Eileen Longreen, Jeremy Longreen, Christine Matthews, Carl & Christine Moyer, Amanda Peck, Lisa Pesta & Husband, Edgar Plouse, Ken Rebuck, Molly Reinhart, Arlene Risser, Myrtle Rodkey, Donald Romberger, Yvonne Rosenberger, Ryan, Jan Smoyer, Matt Stayton, Steve Tentylo, Kathy Thomas, Bill W., Cookie Watts, Terry Whitehaus, Carol Wilson, and Jennie Womack.

Anyone wishing to place someone on the prayer list may call Theresa at Shells office, at 717-469-2586 or email at shellsadmin@shellschurch.org. Also, please remember to remove the names when it is appropriate.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS SCHEDULE

	Assistant	Lector	Acolyte	Communion Assistant	Greeter /Usher	Altar Care
May 1 Third Sunday of Easter	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	See Below	Carol Gordon and Diana Budd
May 8 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sherry Ulsh	Nadine Espenshade	Riley Gonzales	Louise Murphy	Rich and Nadine Espenshade	Raelene Smith and Janet Klos
May 15 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Gen Whitehaus	Brenda Frye	Anna Holler	Gen Whitehaus	Bret and Karen Gussler	Louise Murphy, Karen Gussler, & Bobbie Boyer
May 22 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Karen Gussler	Steve Espenshade	Jake Sholder	Carol Gordon	Rick and Linda Blair	Diane Suhr & Terry Kamerzel
May 29 Seventh Sunday of Easter	Karlene Jaggan	Erica Strang	Riley Gonzales	Don Whitehaus	Tom and Sandy Mader	Steve, Kathy, & Bethany Espenshade

May 1 - Children in Worship:

Assistant: Karlene Jaggan

Communion Assistant: Don Whitehaus

Crucifer: Jacob Mende

Torch bearers: Gabe Gonzales and Anna Vincenza

Banner Bearer: Riley Gonzales

Book Bearer: Douglass Howard

Greeters/Ushers: Tom and Carol Gordon with Matthew and Lucas Terry

Lector: Jake Sholder

Prayers: Emily Duper, Evelyn Mende, and Mary Shellenberger

May 26 at 7pm - Ascension of the Lord:

Crucifer: Jake Sholder

Torchbearers: Mary Shellenberger and Gabe Gonzales

Lector: Brenda Frye

Assistant: Karlene Jaggan

Banner Bearer: Riley Gonzales

Book Bearer: Douglass Howard

Communion Assistant: Gen Whitehaus

Greeter/Usher: Rick and Linda Blair with Anna Vincenza and Lillian Margret

**If you have a schedule conflict please contact the Church Office or Father Barnes.*

 May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Third Sunday of Easter Children in Worship Adult Forum 10:30am Hand-chime choir	2 6:30pm Bible Study @St. John	3 5-7pm Central PA Food Bank	4 10am Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter	5 Sr. Choir 7-8:15pm	6	7 3pm <i>David at Sight and Sound</i>
8 Fourth Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:30am Adult forum 5-7pm Confirmation	9 6:30pm Bible Study @Shells	10 6:30pm Parish Council Meeting	11 10am Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter	12 Sr. Choir 7-8:15pm	13	14 7pm (St. John) - St. Matthias, Apostle
15 Fifth Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Forum 10:30am Hand-chime choir	16 5pm - Racetrack Meal 6:30pm Bible Study @ St. John	17	18 10am Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Food Pantry	19 Sr. Choir 7-8:15pm Food Pantry	20 Food Pantry	21
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Forum 5-7pm Confirmation	23 6:30pm Bible Study @ Shells	24	25 10am Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter	26 10am (St. John) and 7pm (Shells) - The Ascension of the Lord Sr. Choir	27	28
29 Seventh Sunday of Easter 9am Sunday School 10:30am Adult Forum	30	31				

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