

BRICKERVILLE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 30, 2025

8:30 am

WELCOME

*Welcome to Brickerville United Lutheran Church. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign the guest register located in the narthex. The offering plate is located on the table as you enter the sanctuary. Throughout this bulletin, the text in **bold** type is said by the congregation.*

Philip J. Supeck, Vicar
Donna Burkholder, Organist/Pianist

The GATHERING

PRELUDE: . . . ‘God Whose Giving Knows No Ending’ by G Martin

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, ✝ and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The congregation is seated.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS:

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God’s abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,
but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world.
We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,

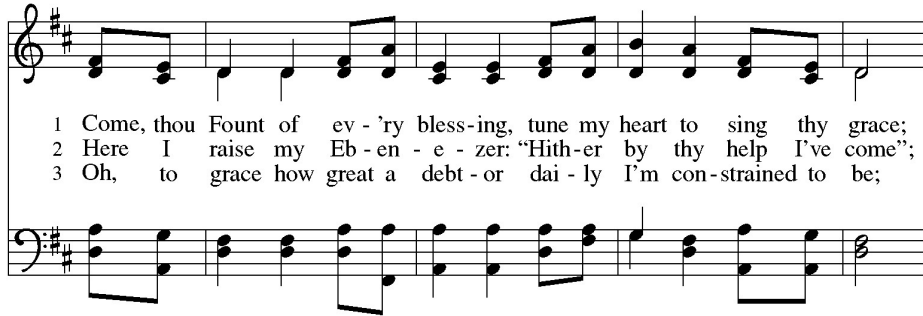
God’s arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home. In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.

You have a place in God’s house forever.

Amen

The congregation stands


Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



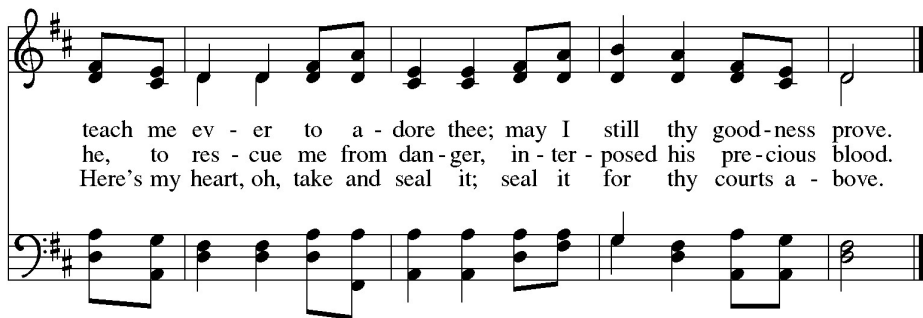
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray....

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation is seated

The WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, readings, preaching and song.....

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PSALM: 32

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers
to you in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

The congregation stands

LENTEN ACCLAMATION:



THE GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11B-32
The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
Glory to you O Lord

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’’ ²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²² But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe, the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you O Christ

The congregation is seated

SERMON: Vicar Philip J. Supeck

Silence is maintained at the conclusion of the sermon for a period of reflection

HYMN OF THE DAY: # 606

Our Father, We Have Wandered

1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,

in fool-ish-ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.
com-pas-sion-ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,

But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.

as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.
in glad-ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

APOSTLES' CREED:

With the whole church, let us confess our faith by saying...

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The congregation kneels at the altar or is seated

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world,
and all those in need.

A brief silence.

God of faithful promise, make your church a new creation in Christ.
As you reconcile us to yourself, guide us also in your way of
reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and
reparations, your church may bear witness to your love.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of new beginnings, restore balance to the earth. Send rain to
places of drought and sunshine to places of flooding, that the produce
of the land may again support life.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of prodigal grace, unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego, to cease squandering lives and time, and to work for the well-being of all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of boundless love, receive with open arms any who are in need of your healing or our compassion, especially Carl Ober, Nancy Weachter, Millie Seace, Theresa Weik, Letitia Young, Linda Miller, Shirley Rettew, Pauline Strohm, Shirley McGarvey, Ronnie Denlinger, Sheila, Michele Barrett Ross, all those on our prayer list, and whom we name in the silence of hearts or out loud before you now.

A brief silence.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace all who are far from home or estranged from loved ones, and all who live with regret. Embolden your people to offer and to seek forgiveness. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of radical inclusion, widen human circles to welcome all who are excluded. Encourage us to extend the welcome of Jesus to all. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of resurrection life, welcome home all who have died. We thank you for their lives and entrust them into your keeping, where true reconciliation and eternal peace are found. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear now, O God, the prayers of our hearts that we raise to you for any reason.

A brief silence. Vicar Philip concludes...

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.
Amen.

The congregation stands

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

The congregation is seated

MUSICAL ANTHEM: 'Dearest Jesus, We are Here' by J.S. Bach

The congregation stands

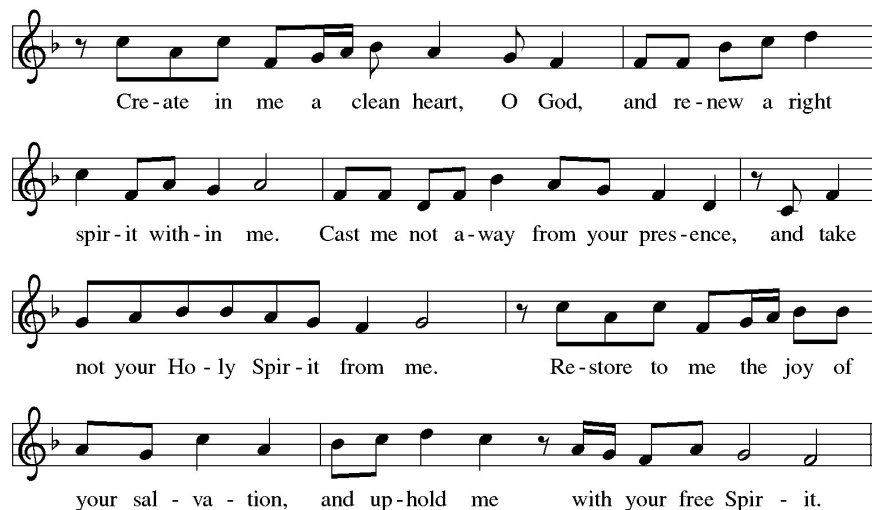


The MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY SONG:

Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Let us pray....

Gracious Provider,

you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

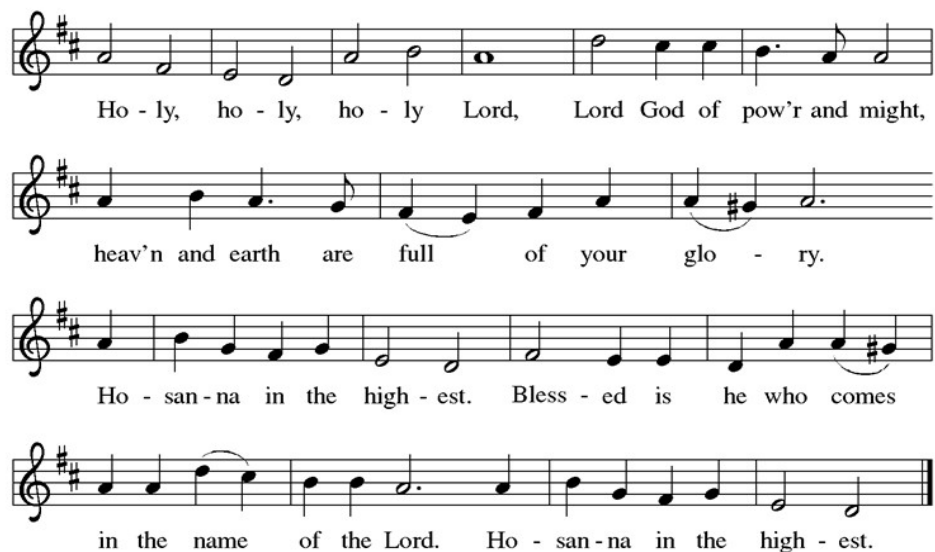
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE:

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
 Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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

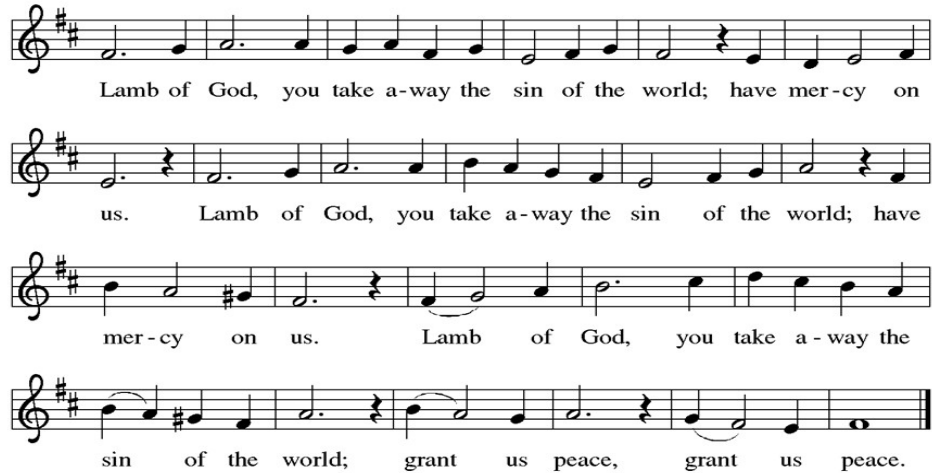
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

FRACTION:

All who are hungry come. The feast of grace is spread.

Blessed are all invited to his feast.

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, grant us peace.

Please be seated

COMMUNION:

*All are welcome to receive communion. Proceed to communion by the center aisle. We commune by pouring chalice. **Please take an empty cup before going to the rail. The pre-filled cups contain grape juice.** When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say... *The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen***
*The blood of Christ, shed for you. **Amen****

COMMUNION MUSIC: 'O Blessed Jesu' by J Brahms

The congregation stands

POST COMMUNION BLESSING:

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

Amen

POST COMMUNION PRAYER:

Let us pray.....

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING:

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, ✚ bless you now and forever.

Amen

SENDING HYMN: # 675
see next page

DISMISSAL:

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God!

The congregation is seated

POSTLUDE: . ‘Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing’ by M Burkhardt

SERVICE ASSISTANTS & PARTICIPANTS

March 30

Clergy	Vicar Philip Supeck
Organist	Donna Burkholder
Greeter	<i>needed</i>
Lay Reader	Jackie Fetter
Usher & Acolyte	Dean Kissinger
Comm Asst	Jackie Fetter
Counter	Terry Ober
Counter	John Hostetter

April 6

Clergy	Vicar Philip Supeck
Organist	JP Welliver
Greeter	<i>needed</i>
Lay Reader	<i>needed</i>
Usher & Acolyte	<i>needed</i>
Comm Asst	Freda Fasnacht

Thank You March Sponsors!

Bulletin: Deb Young

Newsletter: Eileen Lieberman



O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



1 O Christ, our light, O Ra - diance true, shine forth on
 2 Fill with the ra - diance of your grace the wan - d'ers
 3 Lord, o - pen all re - luc - tant ears and take a -
 4 Lord, let your mer - cy's gen - tle ray shine down on
 5 Make theirs with ours a sin - gle voice up - lift - ed,



those es - tranged from you, and bring them to your home a -
 lost in er - ror's maze. Set free all those whose hearts and
 way the need - less fears of those who trem - ble to ex -
 oth - ers strayed a - way. To those in con - science wound - ed
 ev - er to re - joice with wond - ring grat - i - tude and



gain, where their de - light shall nev - er end.
 minds some deep de - lu - sion haunts and binds.
 press the faith their in - most hearts con - fess.
 sore show heav - en's wait - ing, o - pen door.
 praise to you, O Lord, for bound - less grace.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS:

LENTEN LEARNING LESSONS

Wednesday, April 2 @ 6:00 pm at JELC
Wednesday, April 9 @ 12:00 pm at BULC
Wednesday, April 16 @ 6:00 pm at JELC

See sign up sheet on narthex counter to bring a portion of the meal..

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:

WHEN: Saturday, April 5 at 9:00am
WHERE: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 200 W. Orange St. Lititz
All men welcome! Continental breakfast served.

QUILTING FOR LWR:

WHEN: Monday, April 7 at 9:00am
WHERE: Fellowship Hall

SHARED MINISTRY COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00pm
WHERE: Jerusalem Lutheran, Rothsville

MUSIC & WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 9 at 9:00am
WHERE: Music Room

PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: Thursday, April 10 at 6:30pm
WHERE: Fellowship Hall

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

WHEN: Monday, April 14 at 9:00am
WHERE: Music Room

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Monday, April 14 at 6:00pm
WHERE: Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE:

WHEN: Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm
WHERE: Brickerville United Lutheran Church
Join us for this combined special service with Jerusalem.

GOOD FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE:

WHEN: Friday, April 18 at 7:00pm

WHERE: Jerusalem Lutheran, Rothsville

Join us for this combined special service with Jerusalem.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST:

WHEN: Sunday, April 20 at 7:15am

WHERE: BULC's Fellowship Hall

Please see sign-up sheet for donation of specific items. We welcome family, friends and community.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING:

WHEN: Monday, April 21 at 8:30am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

WOMAN'S STUDY & WELCA:

WHEN: Monday, April 21 at 10:00am

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Join us at 10:00 am as we continue reviewing "The Gift of Years, Growing Older Gracefully". This will be a time for sharing, support & finding our purpose.

EVENING QUILTING FOR LWR:

WHEN: Wednesday, April 23 at 5:30pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

Everyone welcome. Watch for sign up sheet for salad choices.

COUNCIL MEETING:

WHEN: Thursday, April 24 at 6:30pm

WHERE: Fellowship Hall

LUTHERAN WOMAN'S LUNCH EXCHANGE:

WHEN: Saturday, April 26 10:00am—1:00pm

WHERE: BULC'S Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: LuAnn Wise presents "Enjoying This Journey Called Life"

All women and guests invited to hear this inspirational speaker. Lunch will

follow. Bring a non-perishable food item for Lititz Warwick Food Bank

welcome. RSVP by 04/13/25 by calling the office at 717.627.2202.

BARNSTORMERS "GAME NIGHT"

WHEN: Friday, May 2, at 6:30pm

Tickets \$12.00 per seat. Benefits City Gate. See sign up sheet or see Jackie F

or June K if questions. Deadline: April 6

CHURCH FAMILY NEW DIRECTORY:

WHEN: Tuesday, May 6, various times available

WHERE: BULC Narthex

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Join us to celebrate faith and family with our new church family combine album with Jerusalem.

Sign-up starts March 30th through April 13. See sign up sheet in narthex to select a time. See June K if any questions.

SPECIAL OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offerings received in the Ash Wednesday and Maundy Thursday special envelopes will support the 2024-2025 LSS Generosity Appeal to help build a new Lutheran hospital in Mbeya, Tanzania. This hospital is part of LSS commitment to the Konde Diocese and global Lutheran community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY GIVING OPPORTUNITY:

Baby Shower for House of His Creation, Lititz during March and April:
household items: tissues, toilet paper, paper towels, dish and hand soap, laundry detergent, fabric softener
Baby items: bibs, onesies, sleepers, pacifiers, hats, diapers, wipes, diaper bags, towels, washcloths, baby wash, lotion, brush/comb, tubs, swaddlers. All baby items NEW, no furniture, used toys or stuffed animals.

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Sunday Morning Worship 8:30am

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Ministers: Members of BULC
Church Staff

Philip J. Supeck, Dedicated Vicar 717.725.3429
Ministry to BULC: Mondays & Wednesdays 8:00am-4:30pm

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