

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Jubilate*



APRIL 30, 2023

LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

Lebanon Church, VA

## WELCOME TO LEBANON LUTHERAN CHURCH

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today. If you are a visitor and seeking a church home, Pastor Porter or one of our members will be happy to assist you. Please feel free to take a Newsletter and one or more of the *A Short Explanation of...* books located in the vestibule.

If you are unfamiliar with liturgical worship, this bulletin includes the entire Order of Service for this Sunday. At the time of the Distribution of Holy Communion, the congregation may sing additional hymns from the *Lutheran Book of Worship* (LBW, the big green book). The hymn numbers are listed near the heading "Communion Hymns." We are ready to assist you with any questions you may have, and Pastor Porter regularly offers instruction in the liturgy for the sake of greater understanding and participation.

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*If you intend to commune this day, please review the Communion statement,*

located under the SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT heading in this bulletin. It is our hope and prayer that all communicants will embrace our Confession of Faith as baptized Christians who desire to receive the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament.

Please see the Parish Announcements at the end of this bulletin for congregational events, educational, and outreach opportunities.

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We welcome families with children and understand that children wiggle and make noise. We encourage their presence in the Service and their own "joyful noises."

Families may make use of the room at the front entrance to the church (the overflow) or the nursery near the fellowship hall as a retreat if it is desired.

May our gracious God bless and edify you as we worship Him this day!

*Soli Deo Gloria*

The congregation assembles and offers silent prayer upon entering the pews.

## Announcement of the Day

The ministers gather for the procession. After the bell is tolled, the congregation stands for the Entrance Hymn.

## Entrance Hymn

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*



1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To His feet your  
2 Praise Him for His grace and fa - vor To His peo - ple  
3 Fa - ther - like He tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore Him; You be - hold Him



trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,  
in dis - tress; Praise Him still the same as ev - er,  
frame He knows; In His hand He gent - ly bears us,  
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore Him,



Ev - er - more His prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia,  
Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia,  
All who dwell in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in His faith - ful - ness.  
al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet His mer - cy flows.  
al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

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## SERVICE OF PREPARATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden, 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 Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **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 meditation on the Word of God.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## SERVICE OF THE WORD

*The Presiding Minister chants the Introit. The congregation may chant the "Glory be..."*

### Introit

*Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2*



Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Come and see what | God has done:\*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;\*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living\*

and has not let our | feet slip.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.\*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

## 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

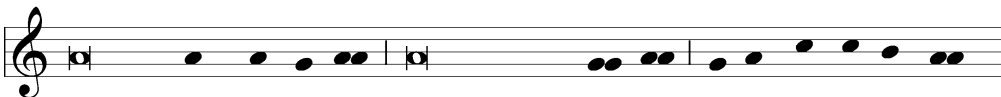
*Mark 10:47*



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



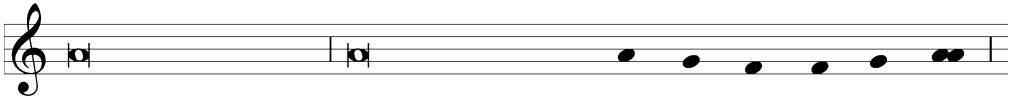
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



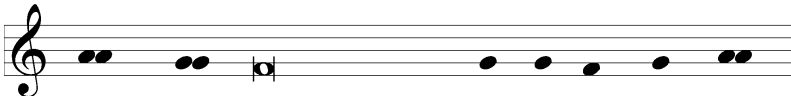
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



**C** A - men.

### This Is the Feast



**A** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.





### Salutation and Collect of the Day



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth ...



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 40:25–31*

To whom then will you compare me,  
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.  
Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
who created these?  
He who brings out their host by number,  
calling them all by name,  
by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power  
not one is missing.  
Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God”?  
Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.  
He gives power to the faint,  
and to him who has no might he increases strength.  
Even youths shall faint and be weary,  
and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;  
they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*The Assistant Minister chants the Antiphon, introducing the Psalm. The Congregational response is in bold type.*



*Antiphon:* Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

**Praise the LORD!**

**For it is good to sing praises | to our God;\*  
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.**

The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem,\*  
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.

**He heals the broken- | hearted\*  
and binds | up their wounds.**

He determines the number | of the stars,\*  
he gives to all of | them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.**

The LORD lifts up the | humble,\*  
he casts the wicked | to the ground.

**Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;\*  
make melody to our God | on the lyre!**

He covers the heavens with clouds;  
he prepares rain | for the earth,\*  
he makes grass grow | on the hills.

**He gives to the | beasts their food,\*  
and to the young ravens | that cry.**

His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,\*  
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,

**but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,\*  
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

*Antiphon:* Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;\*  
his understanding is beyond | measure.

## **Epistle**

*1 Peter 2:11–20*

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.


**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**Holy Gospel**

*John 16:16–22*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

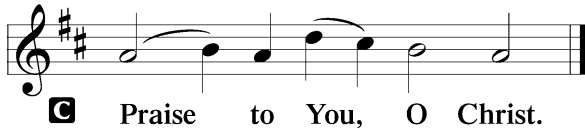


**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When

a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Sit*

**Sermon**

*Stand*

# Hymn of the Day

*Church of God, Elect and Glorious*



1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, Ho - ly  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness In - to  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, Strang - ers  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, Be the



na - tion, cho - sen race; Called as God's own  
 His most mar - v'lous light; Brought His truth to  
 to God's heart of love; But He brought you  
 peo - ple He in - tends; Strong in faith and



spe - cial peo - ple, Roy - al priests and heirs of  
 life with - in you, Turned your blind - ness in - to  
 home in mer - cy, Cit - i - zens of heav'n a -  
 swift to an - swer Each com - mand your Mas - ter



grace: Know the pur - pose of your call - ing,  
 sight. Let your light so shine a - round you  
 bove. Let His love flow out to oth - ers,  
 sends: Roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing



Show to all His might - y deeds; Tell of love that  
 That God's name is glo - ri - fied; And all find fresh  
 Let them feel a Fa - ther's care; That they too may  
 Through your sac - ri - fice and prayer; Give your lives in



knows no lim - its, Grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 hope and pur - pose In Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 know His wel - come And His count - less bless - ings share.  
 joy - ful ser - vice— Sing His praise, His love de - clare.

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## Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

*Sit*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Baptized and repentant sinners who accept our doctrine, are not under church discipline, and who confess with us that the body and blood of the Lord are distributed and received with the bread and wine of the Sacrament are welcome to commune at this altar. Those who are not yet Baptized or who unsure of their confession of faith may come forward for a blessing; approach the steps with arms crossed over chest to receive a blessing.

## Offering

*When the Offering has been received and the altar made ready, we stand for the Offertory.*

## Offertory

*Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19*



**C** What shall I ren - der to the Lord for all His ben - e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac - ri - fice of thanks - giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-



va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

### Offertory Prayer

**A** Merciful Father,

**C** We offer with joy and thanksgiving, what You have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions – signs of Your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of Him Who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

### Preface



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

## Proper Preface

### Sanctus

**C** 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



### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### The Words of Our Lord

### Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

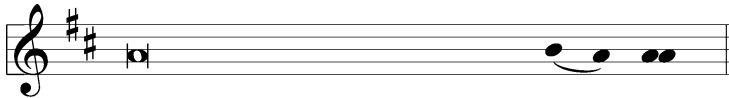
**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

*John 20:19*



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

# Agnus Dei

John 1:29

□ 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.

## Distribution

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who have been admitted to the Lord's Table.*

## Communion Hymn

*O God, Our Help, Ages Past*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is Thine arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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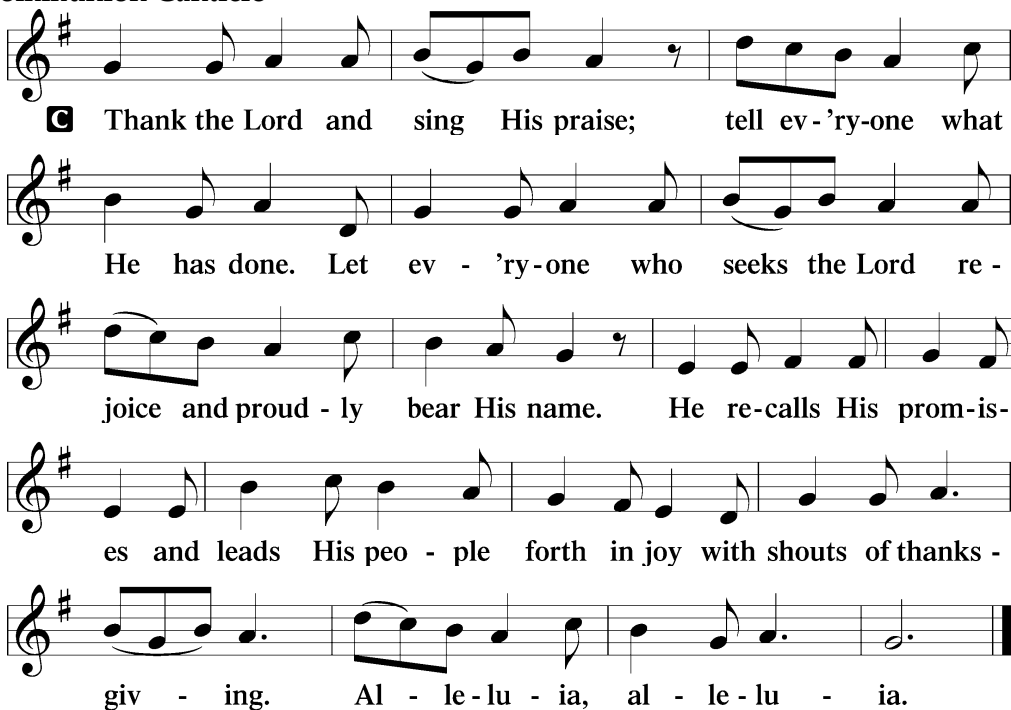
## Additional Hymns

*LBW 200, 214*

*After the congregation has communed and returned to the pews, we stand for the Post-Communion Blessing.*

## Post-Communion Blessing

## Post-Communion Canticle

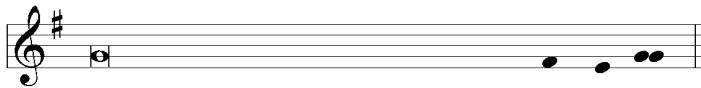


**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done. Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord rejoice and proud-ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-ises and leads His peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

## Post-Communion Collect

- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You...
- C** Amen.

## Benediction



- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Hymn to Depart

*Go, My Children, with My Blessing*



1 Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing, Nev-er a-lone.  
2 Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
3 Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Clos-er to Me;  
4 I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;



Wak-ing, sleep-ing, I am with you; You are My own. In My  
Here you learned how much I love you, What I can cure. Here you  
Grow in love and love by serv-ing, Joy-ful and free. Here My  
I the Lord will smile up-on you And give you peace: I the



love's bap-tis-mal riv-er I have made you Mine for-ev-er.  
heard My dear Son's sto-ry; Here you touched Him, saw His glo-ry.  
Spir-it's pow-er filled you; Here His ten-der com-fort stilled you.  
Lord will be your Fa-ther, Sav-ior, Com-fort-er, and Broth-er.



Go, My chil-dren, with My bless-ing— You are My own.  
Go, My chil-dren, sins for-giv-en, At peace and pure.  
Go, My chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, Joy-ful and free.  
Go, My chil-dren; I will keep you And give you peace.

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## ***Prayer Requests***

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Rev. Bill White, Fran Reidy, Arlene Hamman, the Heird family, Steve Lowe, Adam Porter, Michael Reidy, Stephanie Andre, Kim, the Tim Middleton family, Baby Weimerskirch, Baby Kowaleski, Robert Denley, Wayne and Barbara Himelright, the family of Joseph Carbaugh, Margaret Daley, John Marshall Winkfield, for the Lutheran Church in the Valley, for an increase in parish membership, for a full-time pianist, for John and Helen Baker, for the victims of violence and natural disaster.

## ***From the Anniversary Committee***

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- *Pull out your favorite recipes!* We're building a cookbook in conjunction with the 175th anniversary celebration. Recipes may be submitted to Tammy Leathers. Cookbooks will be available for purchase and proceeds will be used toward the anniversary celebration.

- *A message from Carolyn Frye*

I am still working on the church history and would like to ask two things:

1. If you are a descendent of the early church members, please let me know and tell me who it is and how you are related. I want to put that in the back of the book.
2. If you have any OLD pictures, (50+ years) or any new photos of the church building -- groundbreaking, renovations, etc, please contact me.

Carolyn Frye 540-535-9580 or [carolyndfrye@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyndfrye@yahoo.com)

## ***Congregational Budget Information***

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Needed each week: \$3,173.71

Sunday 4/23: \$1,753

## *This Week*

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Monday – 10am ZOOM Bible Study: Acts 19-20, No Monday Evening Class  
(Adult Catechism has been completed).

Tuesday – 10 and 11am, Greenfield Services.

Wednesday – Matins at 8:15am, Confession at 10am, Midweek Holy Communion  
at 1:30pm, Vespers at 5:30pm.

## *Looking Ahead*

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Mayfest is fast approaching – May 13, 10am at 5:00pm. We will have a booth that needs to be occupied by members of our wonderful congregation. There will be two “shifts” morning and afternoon, *please see Jeff Hamman if you are able to take a shift.*

The Southern District Convocation is June 10 (Warrenton), the National Convocation is August 7-11 (Oklahoma City), the Atlantic Regional Convocation is October 13-14 (York, PA). **Our congregation is entitled to have one lay delegate at each of these events.** We have budgeted for expenses for lay delegates.



## **PARISH INFORMATION**

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