

WE PRAY FOR HEALING: in our fellowship for: Kelly Glazer, Monica & Donald Boehrer, Charlotte Harbst, Bruce Kelly, Joan Borman and Connie Graber
in our extended fellowship: Katie, Evelyn, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Kristin Conway, Diane Paulas, Donald Vaughn, Dorothy Marakovits, Delores Laubach and Letiticia Sydoriak.
In our food pantry community:
Andrew and Kerry McNeal Jost

In our diocese, We pray for:

St. Margaret's Episcopal Church, Emmaus PA and St. Matthew's Society

**In the greater Anglican communion,
We pray for:**

Lubule, Koiba Parish, Kajo Keji and
The Anglican Church of Australia

**St. Stephen's Church
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**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S
The Fourth Sunday Of Easter
April 21, 2024**

Processional Hymn

Hymnal 180

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pascha Nostrum *(sung to the tune 287 in the hymnal)*
God's Paschal Lamb | is sacrificed for us; | Therefore with
joy | we keep the Easter feast; | Forsaking sin | we share the
bread of truth. | Alleluia. Alleluia.
Now Christ is raised | and will not die again; | Death has no
more | dominion over him; | Through him we die | to sin
and live to God. | Alleluia. Alleluia.
In Christ we see | the first fruits of the dead; | Though
Adam's sin had | doomed all flesh to die, | In Christ's new
life | shall all be made alive. | Alleluia. Alleluia.

Collect of the day:

O God, whose Son Jesus 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.*

First Lesson

Acts 4: 5-12

Psalm **23**

see Insert

Epistle Lesson

1 John 3:16-24

Hymn

Hymnal 645

Gospel	see Insert	John 10:11-18
Homily		
Nicene Creed		Prayer Book 358
Prayers of the People	<i>Form IV</i>	Prayer Book 388
The Peace / Announcements		
Offertory & Doxology		
Sanctus		Hymnal S-130
	<i>It is desirable that you continue standing, if able, during the Great 50 Days of Easter</i>	
Eucharistic Prayer A		Prayer Book 361
Lord's Prayer		
Fraction Hymn		Hymnal S-155
Prayer of Humble Access:		
We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.		
Communion		
<i>(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion)</i>		
Post-Communion Prayer		Prayer Book 366
Recessional Hymn		Hymnal 391, verses 1,3,4 &5

Easter Blessing: May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united with Christ for ever. Amen

Dismissal

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

7-Day Reservation candle is given to the glory of God in honor of all church parishioners and their families.

Chicken Parm and spaghetti takeout dinner is next Sat, 4/27 from 4-6pm. Dinner includes salad, garlic bread and dessert for \$14.00 Italian wedding or creamy potato soup available in quarts to go for \$10. Please support the parish if you are able!! We will need kitchen help Sat morning and afternoon if you can volunteer some time to help.

Community Yard Sale Sat, 6/1/24 from 8-2pm. Rain date the following Sat. Please donate items to the church that you do not want. Spots available to rent; 20'x20' space for \$20, additional \$10 for church to supply an 8' table. Tell your family and friends!!

Gather24 is scheduled for Sat, 5/4, near Scranton, PA if you are interested in attending. Registration cost is \$25.00.
<https://diobeth.org/gather24>

Vestry Meeting Thurs, 4/25 at 7pm in the conference room.

Attendance for last Sunday 4/14 - 23 in person, at least 4 online

A hearty welcome to any who are visiting with us today! We are so pleased that you are with us! Please join us for coffee and refreshments in the parish hall immediately following our service!