

**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. John's Episcopal Church, Hamlin, PA and the Lay Formation

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

St. Mark Dwani Parish, Kajo Keji and The Church of Bangladesh

***St. Stephen's Church  
Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem***

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**WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S  
The Fifth Sunday Of Easter  
April 28, 2024**

Processional Hymn Hymnal 48  
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:**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson **Acts 8:26-40**  
Psalm **22:24-30** see Insert  
Epistle Lesson **1 John 4:7-21**  
Hymn Hymnal 657

Gospel	see Insert	1 John 15:1-8
Homily		
Nicene Creed		Prayer Book 358
Prayers of the People	Form IV	Prayer Book 388
The Peace / Announcements		
Birthday and Anniversary Blessings		
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 304, verses 1-4

**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 by Steve and Libby DeVore in honor of their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary!

Chicken Parm update. Thank you for everyone who purchased, donated or helped with the dinner. This was a huge success. We sold 57 dinners and 22 soups. Our best one yet. Thank you!

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!!

Attendance for last Sunday 4/21 - 20 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!***