

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAYREADER for this week is Linda Schaller.

GREETER for today is Sharon Laverdure.

CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS this week are Luke Falzone and Troy Wasylyk.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Karl and Cindy Schrick.

THE FLOWERS this week are sponsored by Linda Schaller in honor of granddaughter, Sydney’s, birthday.

DEACON for the month of May is Linda Schaller.

Church Elders

Sharon Laverdure Rick Sanker Ellie Buff
Sandra Rydell Judy Schreck Jim Hall
Phil Lawrence Debbie Prince Lisa Swanson

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel	Pastor
Jen Carmella	Secretary
Linda Schaller	Music Director
Bob Lee	Sexton
Keith Karkut	Technology

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today	~ Adult Education class, 9:00 a.m. in the Lounge
	~ Choir Rehearsal, 9:15 a.m.
	~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
	~ Fellowship Hour after worship in Lounge
	~ Bell Choir rehearsal, following worship, in the Youth Room

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East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)		

May 1, 2022
Service for the Lord’s Day
Communion Sunday
3rd Sunday in Easter

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE	“Come Share the Lord”	ARR. MARK HAYES
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GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We are called into the body of believers to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,
P: to be God’s servants in the service of all,
L: to share in Christ’s baptism and eat at his table,
P: to join Christ in his passion and victory.
L: “Beloved let us love one another, for love comes from God.”
P: All who love are born of God and know God.
All: Let us worship God Emmanuel whose love and presence goes with us always!

*HYMN NO. 213	“In the Cross of Christ I Glory”
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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of grace, abundance, and joy, who pours out Your love on us every day. When we had no hope You came as a light in our dark time. When we were weak, You came in power to lift us up. When we were lost, You showed us the way. When we were confused, You told us the truth when others lied to us. When we were alone, You came to give us life, and life abundantly. Thank you! Because of Your faithfulness in our yesterdays, we place our tomorrows in Your good hand. Amen

CHILDREN’S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Dear Lord, we are so grateful that we have found our home in Your church. We have been forever changed by the new identity You give us as forgiven and beloved children, and we are refreshed again and again as we dive deeper into Christian fellowship, Your Word, and prayer. But Father, we confess that we are not so good about sharing this safe and loving home with others. You want for us to be overflowing with hope and peace, but we are too often consumed by the cares and distractions of this world. Forgive us, Lord. Give us clean hearts, a clear conscience, and a willingness to speak boldly about the forgiveness and love that You so freely give. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

~Moment for Silent Reflection~

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end, amen. Amen.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!
P: And also with you!

HYMN NO. 508

“Come to the Table”

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

Deuteronomy 8:1-20 (Pg. 165)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:31-34 (Pg. 6)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:9-13 (Pg. 167)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Stepping Into Our Future”

Pastor Nicki

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.
P: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.
P: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise,...we raise our voices to proclaim your glory, forever praising you and saying:
P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORDS PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(you will be invited to prepare your elements **or** raise your hand and an usher will bring the elements to you)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 614

“Great Are You, Lord”

POSTLUDE

“Everlasting God”

ARR. CAROL TORNQUIST