

**Lewes Presbyterian Church**  
**Believing, growing and sharing the love of Christ**  
**Stewardship Sunday**  
**11:00 AM Worship Service**  
**November 16, 2025**

**For the Lord knoweth the  
way of the righteous:  
but the way of the  
ungodly shall perish.**

**Psalms 1:6 KJV**



**SCRIPTURE: Psalm 1**  
**SERMON: Delighting in the Law of the Lord**  
**Rev. Greg Wiest**

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PRELUDE

Sarah Rose

GREETING AND WELCOME  
THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

Rev. Greg Wiest

HYMN: "Come Ye Thankful People, Come" Hymnal pg. 715

The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Matthew 13:39

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;  
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;  
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin.  
there forever purified, in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

ANTHEM

Thanks Be to God

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## **We Believe (Apostle's Creed)**

### **CHORUS**

We believe in one true God, Father, Spirit, Son;  
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all  
His Kingdom come.

1. We believe in God the Father, Almighty Lord of life;  
Creator of the Heavens, the earth, the sea, the sky.  
And we believe in Jesus, the only Son of God  
Born of the virgin Mary who lived as one of us.

### **CHORUS**

2. We believe that Jesus suffered, was beaten, crucified;  
He died and He was buried, entombed in darkest night.  
The third day rose victorious, ascended into Heaven,  
will one day come to judge us, the living and the dead.

### **CHORUS**

3. We believe in God the Spirit, one Church empowered by Him;  
Communion of God's people, forgiveness of our sin.  
Our bodies resurrected to everlasting life;  
to worship, love and wonder before the throne of Christ.

### **CHORUS**

## **CONFESSION**

INVITATION TO SILENT CONFESSION

Sue Ellen Radhe

DECLARATION OF PARDON

1 John 1:9

### **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.

# CELEBRATION

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 85**

Sue Ellen Radhe

You showed favor to your land, O Lord;

**you restored the fortunes of Jacob.**

You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.

**You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.**

Restore us again, O God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.

**Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?**

Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?

**Show us your unfailing love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation.**

I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints – but let them not return to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.

**Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERING

Sue Ellen Radhe

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Greg Wiest

### PREPARATION

HYMN: "Revive Thy Work, O Lord"

Hymnal pg 370

*I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord, renew them in our day, in our time make them known. Hab. 3:2*

1. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
thy mighty arm make bare;  
speak with the voice that wakes the dead,  
and make thy people hear.
3. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
create soul-thirst for thee;  
and hungering for the Bread of Life,  
O may our spirits be.
4. Revive thy work, O Lord,  
exalt thy precious name;  
and by the Holy Ghost, our love  
for thee and thine inflame.

### PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 1  
New International Version (NIV)

Bible pg 769

SERMON: Delighting in the Law of the Lord

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## HYMN: "He Lives"

*If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. 1 Cor. 13:3*

1. I serve risen Savior, He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need Him, He's always near.

## CHORUS

He lives, He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart!

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care;  
and though my heart grows weary, I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast;  
the day of His appearing will come at last.

## CHORUS

4. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,  
none other is so loving, so good and kind.

## CHORUS

## BENEDICTION

Rev. Greg Wiest

Flowers are provided by **Ed and Kathy Ross** *in memory of their parents.*

**Welcome our new LPC members:**

Bob and Judy Bryan  
Barbara Cassidy  
Rich & Kathy Dreasen  
Ellen Incontrera

Mack and Alice Morrison  
Scott and Cindy Reeder  
Nancy Reger

**WELCOME . . . .**

**To Lewes Presbyterian Church where you are always welcome. Whether you are attending for the first time in years, or the first time as a new resident, or an LPC member, you will always find LPC as *a place for you.***

***LPC is a place to worship*** on Sundays which offers three distinct types of worship services; 8AM, 9AM and 11AM.

***LPC is a place to bring your children.*** Your children are welcomed by caring leaders. LPC has a nursery available during the 9AM worship services. Children's Church is offered before the 9AM sermon for ages 3-7. Adult and Children's Sunday School meet at 10AM during the school year.

***LPC is a place to explore Christianity during our Sunday a.m. and weekly Bible studies. Welcome to LPC . . . . a place for you.***

We are glad you are here to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us. We look to God's Word as the foundation for our church and our personal lives, and we joyfully praise God as we welcome you to our church family.

If you are visiting for the first time, we invite you to complete a connection card found in the pew and put it into the offering plate as you leave worship today. We encourage you to return often and make LPC a spiritual home for you, your family and friends.

**Experience LPC—we have a place for you!**

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come 1844

Henry Alford (1810-1871) was born in London and lived his early years with his widowed father, Rev. Henry Alford, who was curate of a local Anglican church. His mother had died in childbirth. Alford dedicated his life to Christ when he was 16 and in 1827, went to Trinity College at Cambridge as a scholar, studying for the ministry. He was ordained in 1833 and began his 18-year tenure in a vicarage in Leicestershire. He was a powerful preacher and brilliant scholar. While in Leicestershire, Alford visited every home, loved every soul, taught the Bible simply and helped the people in their times of need. He began to take pupils under his tutelage and is believed to have had at least 60 pupils under his charge.

In 1836 Alford married his cousin Franny Alford. Alford accepted a pastorate of a large London church in 1853 and in 1857, he was appointed Dean of Canterbury, where he continued the same energetic lifestyle. Alford wrote this hymn with seven stanzas in his *Psalms and Hymns* in 1844. He revised and shortened it for publication in 1865 and made his final changes in 1867 to be published in his *Year of Praise*. This hymn was written to celebrate the thanksgiving of the harvest festival in 1844 while Alford was vicar of his Wymeswold parish in Leicestershire. He published several volumes of his own verse *The School of the Heart*, 1835, *The Abbot of Muchelneyne* in 1841, the *The Four Gospels* in 1849, and his classic *Greek New Testament* which took 18 years to write, along with a number of hymns. Alford held the office of Dean of Canterbury until his death on January 12, 1871, at the age of 60. After Henry's death, Fanny brought out his journals and correspondence which she carefully edited herself.

Alford was mechanically inclined, and it was said that he could construct an organ and then play upon it. He constructed a walking stick for himself and installed in its upper joint spaces where he secreted his surplus money and his drawing materials and in its lower joint were pens, ink, wax and pencils.

*“Dean Alford was a man as variously accomplished as any of his generation; and he would unquestionably have risen to far greater eminence than he ever achieved in poetry, in oratory, in music, in painting, in theology, or in general literature, if he had aimed at excelling in one or two alone of those arts or sciences, instead of endeavouring to shine in all of them alike.”* Charles Kent