

I shall live



Text for today: "I shall not die, but *I shall live*, and recount the deeds of the LORD. The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death" (Psalm 118:17-18, NRSV). **Bible readings for today:** Isaiah 25:6-9; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (17); 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Mark 16:1-8.

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West Green Tree
Church of the Brethren

April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

GATHERING & WELCOMING EACH OTHER

Please be seated for announcements.

PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

People: **Christ is risen!**

Leader: *Christ is risen!*

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: *The Angel said, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. The Lord has risen!"*

People: **Jesus Christ is risen indeed!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

"Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

No. 367

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

CALL TO GIVING

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Leader: Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

May the ushers receive our offerings.

OFFERTORY

"O Come to the Altar"

Combined Choirs

READING

Philippians 2:5-11

GIFT OF SONG

"Jesus Died on Calvary's Mountain"

WGT Choir

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Because He Lives"

No. 358

READING

Luke 23:44-49

GIFT OF SONG

"Mercy Tree"

WGT Choir
June Kolp, Alto Soloist

READING

Hebrews 12:1-3

MESSAGE

"The Joy of Knowing You"

Pastor Mick Allen

PRAYER

READING

Revelation 21:1-4

EASTER ANTHEM

"The Holy City"

WGT Choir

***PROCLAMATION**

Leader: *Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

People: **Thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Leader: *The Lord is risen!*

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Alleluia! Alleluia!"

No. 365

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

*Those able are invited to stand.

APRIL FIRST WEDNESDAY

The youth fundraiser, Dinner & a Movie Night, is Wednesday, April 4th, at 6 pm. The menu is salad, lasagna, fruit salad, garlic bread & dessert. The movie for adults is "Heaven's to Betsy" and the kids will enjoy "The Lion of Judah". The evening is by donation with funds benefitting the youth fund.

DISCOVER WEST GREEN TREE

If you are interested in WGT, want more information about the church, wish to become a member, or are just wanting to know why we do what we do, plan to attend the next Discover West Green Tree class beginning Sunday, April 8th at 9:15 am. Sign up at the information center to attend.

CHURCH CLEAN-UP DAY

Saturday, April 14th, is clean-up day here at WGT. Folks will be needed to clean up the church both inside & outside! If interested, please see Jerry Huber or just plan to be at the church April 14th at 9 am ready to work.

CELEBRATION OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

Due to some unforeseen circumstances, the Celebration of God's Faithfulness set for April 15th, has been cancelled.

SUB SALE

Tiny Timbers is selling subs. Pick-up is Thursday, April 26th, from 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Sub order sheets are in your church mailbox. Support Tiny Timbers Preschool AND enjoy an easy dinner!

PRAYER & WORSHIP RALLY

On May 2nd, WGT will host a Prayer & Worship Rally beginning at 7 pm, here at the church, that is open to the community as a kick-off to the National Day of Prayer on May 3rd. For more information about the National Day of Prayer, visit www.lancasterndp.com.

TRACTOR SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for Tractor Sunday May 6th. This will be a fun-filled day for all ages beginning at 10 am. Marlin Heagy will share what God has placed on his heart and there will be a community meal following the service and of course there will be a field full of tractors to enjoy!

MEXICAN FIESTA

Senoras & Senoritas are invited to a Mexican Fiesta (taco bar & activities) Thursday, May 10th, at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Cost for adults is \$5 (16+) and \$3 for those under 16. A free will offering will be taken during the Fiesta with all donations going to Ranchos Los Amigos in Juarez, Mexico. Please sign up at the Information Center by Sunday, April 29th.

ROLLER SKATE NIGHT

The youth-sponsored Roller Skate Night at Mt. Gretna Roller Rink has been rescheduled for Wednesday, May 23rd, from 5 pm - 8 pm.

DEACON CALL

Doug & Darlene Breneman and Jim & Polly Shumate have accepted the call to be Deacons. A formal installation service is being planned.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all for your prayers, support and words of encouragement. God is good...all the time. He has blessed me in so many ways, one of which has been the blessing of such a loving church family. Your prayers and support have been a source of strength for me. I would also like to say a special thank you for the gift cards I have found in my mailbox lately. Words alone can not express how much I appreciate all of you. I would like to ask for your continued prayers as I have some more tests coming up.

God Bless, Ralph Daniels

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family,
We would like to thank our Church family for the support given to us during the passing & funeral of our dear father, Harold Hollinger. Thanks to the Kitchen Committee, and all those who helped and served the meal for the funeral. To Jim and June Kolp for all their hard work. To Pastor Mick for working in the sound room. To Dave Becker for allowing cars to be parked at his farm, but most of all thanks for the prayers, that is what carries you through the difficult times. God is good.

Blessings, John & Laurie Hollinger and family

West Green Tree Choir:

Leslie Allen, Mick Allen, Clint Arndt, Julie Arndt, Justin Arndt, Phyllis Becker, Larry Brosey, Jay Farry, Dennis Gerdel, Henry Harry, David Hawthorne, Jean Hinshaw, Don Hollinger, Donna Hollinger, Allison Huber, June Kolp, Sheila Miller, Cindy Seitz, Tammy Sieber, Liane Sucharski, Linda Tripp, Regena Tripp, Glenn Weaver, Sylvia Weaver

Choir Director: *Ryan M. Arndt*

Choir Accompanist: *Mary Jane Smith*

Children's Choir Directors: *Allison Huber & Liane Sucharski*

Combined Choir Accompanist: *Leslie Allen*

Guitar: *Pastor Mick Allen*

Bass: *Dane Youtz*

Drums: *Brendan Haverkamp*

Thank you to the members of the WGT Choir, the Children's Choir, the accompanists, and the instrumentalists who commit to sharing God's love through song!

I am struck by the lyric in the anthem, 'Mercy Tree' that reads, "His Sacrifice, Our Victory." This is the story gospel! God sacrificed his only son to die on the cross and suffer a painful death so in the end all that call on Jesus name will be saved. Through Christ's sacrificial love for us, we can claim the victory. Hallelujah! Christ arose!! - Ryan Arndt

Today's Servants

10:30 a. m. Greeters	Bill & Regena Tripp
10:30 a. m. Welcome Center	Regena Tripp
10:30 a. m. Nursery/Toddler	Polly Shumate
10:30 a. m. Sound Room	Jerry Huber & Greg Seitz
Special Music	WGT Combined Choirs
Pianist/Organist	Ryan Arndt & MJ Smith
Chorister	Regena Tripp
Ushers	Youth
Prayer Coordinator	Sylvia Weaver (653-1626)
Worship Leader	Pastor Mick
Deacons/Anointing	Jeff & Dori Schwanger
Messenger	Pastor Mick Allen

April 8th Servants

8:00 a. m. Greeters	Greg & Julie Ramsey
8:00 a. m. Welcome Center	Julie Ramsey
8:00 a. m. Nursery/Toddler	Linda Spickler & Hailey Tippet
8:00 a. m. Sound Room	Jerry Huber & Nick Sieber
10:30 a. m. Greeters	Helen Weber & Katherine Gebhard
10:30 a. m. Welcome Center	Linda Tripp
10:30 a. m. Nursery/Toddler	Jason & Holly Leonard
10:30 a. m. Sound Room	Shane Schwanger & Jason Leonard
Pianist/Organist	Ryan Arndt & Brenda Geib
Chorister	Regena Tripp
Ushers	New Horizons SS Class
Prayer Coordinator	Sylvia Weaver (653-1626)
Worship Leader	Linda Tripp
Deacons/Anointing	Clint & Julie Arndt
Messenger	Pastor Mick Allen

West Green Tree Deacons

Jeff & Dori Schwanger	Marlin & Rose Hibshman
June Kolp	Clint & Julie Arndt
Phil & Donna Hollinger	Doug & Darlene Breneman
Jim & Polly Shumate	

Attendance from March 25th

Sunday School: 127
Total Worship: 188 (100 early, 82 late)

This Week at West Green Tree

TODAY	6:30 a. m.	Easter Sunday Sunrise Service
	7:30 a. m.	Breakfast
	9:15 a. m.	Sunday School
	10:30 a. m.	Combined Service
Monday, April 2	7:00 p. m.	WWB Bible Study
Tuesday, April 3	7:00 p. m.	Executive Committee Mtg.
Wednesday, April 4	10:00 a. m.	Autumn Saints
	6:00 p. m.	First Wednesday
Thursday, April 5	7:00 p. m.	Men's Bible Study/Choir

Future West Green Tree Events

April 8	9:15 a. m.	Discover West Green Tree
April 13	9:30 a. m.	Prayer Shawl Gathering
April 14	9:00 a. m.	Church Clean-up Day
April 26	4:30 p. m.	TT Sub Pick Up
April 27/28		Youth LaserDome Lock-in
April 29	9:15 a. m.	Breakfast (No Sunday School)
May 1	7:00 p. m.	Commission Meetings
	8:00 p. m.	Board Meeting
May 2	7:00 p. m.	Prayer & Worship Rally
May 6	10:00 a. m.	Tractor Sunday
May 8	7:00 p. m.	Congregational Business Mtg.
May 10	7:00 p. m.	Ladies Mexican Fiesta
May 11	6:30 p. m.	Tiny Timbers Celebration
May 23	5:00 p. m.	Roller Skate Night
June 16 & 17		Family Camp Out at WGT

Prayer Concerns

*Denotes new prayer concern

Pray for Healing
Ken Stoppard
Charlotte Riggelman
Melinda Rolls
Helen McCombs
Sue Brooks
Dennis Gerdel
Shirley Houseal

Sarah Sucharski
Emma Sucharski
Jon Hawryluk (son-in-law of Duane & Kathy Martin)
Warren Bender
Patsy Risser
Jean Sprenkle
Christopher Carlson

Margaret Stumpf
Ralph Daniels
Ella Louise Kile

Sympathy
The Harold Hollinger Family

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Service Times

Sunday School 9:15 am
Contemporary Worship 8 am Traditional Worship 10:30 am
Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 am - 3 pm

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Shawn O'Brien, Licensed Minister
Cody Schwanger, Licensed Minister
Paula Jones, Administrative Assistant