

SERVING YOU TODAY

Preacher	The Rev. J. William Lentz, Jr.
Liturgist	The Rev. Nancy M. Ludwig
Organist	Mr. Charlie de Mets
Lectors	Priscilla Hollerbach, 8:15; Adrian Meyer, 11:00
Acolytes	Allison LaRocco, 8:15; Laura Kirsch, 11:00
Greeters	Dottie Montgomery, 8:15; Carol Bixby, 9:30; Judy Magee, 11:00
Acting Head Usher	Al Zollers
Ushers	Lyn Matthew, Dick Rapson, Charlie Rumbel, 8:15 Dick Schroeder, Mike Kearns, Bill Felix, Dick Millham, 11:00
Sound	Brad Beck, 8:15; Brad Beck & Ed Travis, 9:30; Rudy Cieri, 11:00

PASTORS AND STAFF

J. William Lentz, Jr., Senior Pastor
 Nancy M. Ludwig, Associate Pastor
 Lilian L. Cotto, Pastor of Latino Ministries

Ruth Kuchinsky-Smith – Director of Music	Karen Douglass – Parish Nurse
Charlie de Mets – Organist, Keyboardist	Diane Lendzinski – Church Secretary
Susan Tinney – Handbells & Children’s Choir Conductor	Lisa Lang – Administrative Asst.
Deborah Gwynn – Business Manager	Brad Beck – Interim Youth Coord.
Brad Beck – Sexton, Technical Director	Nancy Collier – Media Consultant

LEHMAN CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL STAFF

Phyllis Morocco – Director and Teacher	Kathie Beck – Assistant Director and Teacher
Joanne Tompkins – Teacher	Julie Brown – Teacher

Teacher Assistants:
 Julie Brown, Jamie Enge,
 Kate Kirsch, Heather Zadroga

MISSIONARIES

Mark and Deirdre Zimmerman



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8:15 a.m

Fifth Sunday of Easter, April 29, 2018

11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fugue in D
 Charlie de Mets, Organist

Bohumil Cernohorsky

APOSTOLIC BLESSING AND WELCOME

Pastor Bill Lentz

Welcome to our service of worship. Your presence is a great joy to us. Our hope is that you'll feel welcome and that the Spirit of God will touch your soul in worship. Please sign the *Covenant of Fellowship*, sharing as much information with which you are comfortable, and then pass it down the pew for others to sign.

▲ denotes, please stand if comfortable.

▲ CHIMES

▲ CALL TO CELEBRATION

Pastor Nancy Ludwig

Pastor: Darkness and death are banished forever
People: God's bright love shines in glory forever.
 Pastor: Christ has been raised from death to life.
People: Christ is alive forever and forever more.
 Pastor: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
People: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia! Amen!

▲ HYMN

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (1,3,4)

No. 559

OPENING PRAYER

O God most holy, you make our minds, spirits, and hearts to respond in faith to the gift of your divine will for our lives. Help us to desire completely all that you ask us to do. Help us to love completely all that you promise for us. As the fortunes of the world change from day to day, grant us the grace to set ourselves firmly where true joy may be found. For you are the vine and we are the branches, rooted and fixed in Christ our Lord, the Risen Savior. Alleluia. Amen.

INTERLUDE *The Gift of Love* Hymn Tune

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Priscilla Hollerbach, 8:15; Adrian Meyer, 11:00

FIRST READING Acts 7: 55-60 Pew Bible (NT), p. 126

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Revelation 21:1-5a Pew Bible (NT), p. 259

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Remember Me* Schultz
David Bernard, Soloist

PSALTER (with Response) Psalm 145:8-21 No. 857

▲ GLORIA *Glory Be to the Father* No. 71

▲ GOSPEL READING John 15:1-14 Pew Bible (NT), p. 109

Pastor: The Gospel of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

▲ ALLELUIAS *Alleluia, Alleluia* (Refrain) No. 162

SERMON *A Living Friendship* Pastor Bill Lentz

▲ HYMN *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* No. 175

▲ CREED *Apostles'* (Ecumenical) No. 882

OFFERINGS OF GRATITUDE *Choral in A* Flor Peeters

▲ PROCESSION OF GRATITUDE *Doxology* No. 94

▲ PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

Gracious God, you are the vine grower and we belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us, especially in difficult times. You provide what we need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to abide in him, the true vine, in perfect love. May the offering we give and the lives we lead produce abundant fruit and bring glory to your holy name. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

▲ HYMN *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord* No. 438

▲ BLESSING THE PEOPLE

POSTLUDE *March* Flor Peeters