

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
Sunday, April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Lent
The Rev. Ryan Tobin Presides and Preaches



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

- To seek and serve Christ through service to others.
- To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.
- To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.
- To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.
- To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

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We will hold Sunday services in person and through Zoom. Service recorded by Zoom are posted to YouTube by Tuesday of each week.
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCf3IULzaURGSSOhEeRl7s8A/featured>

To Connect to services/events via Zoom

Join Sunday morning. Service begins at 9:30am and you can join by 9:00am.

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85722557280>

Meeting ID: 857 2255 7280 PW: joseph87 or
Call In: +1 929 205 6099

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Wednesday Morning Devotions and coffee/tea, 9am

Join in for short devotions and conversation.

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Organ Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn

“I sing the almighty power of God”

Hymnal 398

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: His mercy endures forever.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day insert

First Reading:
Isaiah 43:16 – 21 insert

Psalm 126 insert

Second Reading:
Philippians 3:4b – 14 insert

The Holy Gospel:
John 12:1 – 8 insert

Sermon The Rev. Ryan Tobin

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins to God.
Silence may be kept.

Celebrant and People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through your Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace BCP 360
(Stand and greet each other.)

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376

Offertory Hymn
“In the Cross of Christ I glory” Hymnal 441

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: *We lift them to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Proper Preface

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

S129

Consecration

Celebrant: Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People: Christ has died.
Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

Celebrant: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

People and Celebrant: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, And the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body, for we all share in one bread.

Lamb of God S160

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Prayer for Spiritual Communion

***Celebrant and People:** My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come.*
Amen.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Bread and Cup are given with these words:

Celebrant: The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life.
Amen.

After Communion, the Celebrant says:
Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People:** Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Blessing

Recessional Hymn

“When I survey the wondrous cross”

Hymnal 474

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

***People:** Thanks be to God.*

Postlude

Announcements

We welcome The Rev. Ryan Tobin as our new Rector.

Today we take an additional offering for Caring for Nativity’s Neighbors Heating and Health. Donations are sent to Join Hands, so people in our community have support for their needs.

Please include the following in your daily prayers. Wendy, Sue, Bob, Sue, Phil, Jim, Marie, Alice, Darwin, Linda, Patti, Lynne, Emily, Bill, Lorraine, Donna, Barb, Vivian, Jay, Barbara, Dick, Wendy, Pat, Kate, Gary, Paul, Lesley, Mary Jeanne, Tammy, Ray, Nedra, Jake and the family and friends of Paul Schnitzer.

Collections for Neighbor Helping Neighbor Food Bank

April items are: Juice, Jelly, Coffee, Tea, Tub and Tile and Floor Cleaners.

Holy Week and Easter Services 2025

Sunday, April 13, 9:30am, Palm Sunday
Eucharist

Holy Tuesday, April 15, 7pm, St. Stephen’s,
Thompsons town

Maundy Thursday, April 17, Agape Supper –
5:30pm; Service - 7pm

Service with foot washing, communion, and
stripping of the altar.

Good Friday, April 18, 12:30pm, Nativity
Easter Sunday, April 20, 9:30am, Nativity

We are starting our prayer list over again.

If you have a name you'd like for the list, let Michele know at 717-567-6514 or chnatss@pa.net.

Vestry Meeting, Tuesday, April 22, 6pm, Zoom

Weekly Conversation and Devotions

Wednesday, April 9, 9am, Zoom

Week of April 13- No fellowship

Wednesday, April 23, noon, new restaurant in New Bloomfield (Newport Family Diner if it's not open)

Wednesday, April 30, 9am, Zoom

Flowers for Easter, April 20.

Donations for Easter flowers will be taken through April 13. If you have an envelope, you can use for the donation, including marking if they are "in honor of" or "in memory of" someone. There are also envelopes at the back of the church.

Back to School with Join Hands

Join Hands is collecting gently use children's clothing and NEW socks and underwear to distribute on August 2 at the Family Life Center. We will be collecting packs of new socks and underwear, boys and girls, sizes 4T to adult XL. A basket will be in the church through July 31 – let's fill it! Any questions, see Darlene.

Help fill our community food pantry!

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, and macaroni and cheese. Vegetables don't seem to get taken. Also, please don't use this as an opportunity to clear out your pantry if at all possible.

Rejoice@Incarnation

Each month Incarnation UCC, 45 N. 4th Street, Newport, will host a musical guest. Concerts are Sundays and start at 2pm and last 60 – 90 minutes.

April 13 – Manor Winds

Electronics Recycling Collection Day, Saturday, April 19, 10am – 1pm, Newport Fairgrounds

Open to Perry County residents only. \$1 per item plus fee for specialty items. First come, first serve until trucks are full. For a complete list of accepted items, visit <https://perryco.org/recycling-electronics-april-19-2025-10-am-1-pm-newport-fairgrounds/>

The Good News Singers Present 'Songs the Church Loves to Sing', Christian Favorites from the 70's, 80's and 90's.

All concerts are Sundays at 3pm.

April 6 – Messiah Lutheran Church, Ellittsburg

April 13 – St. Paul's Lutheran, Loysville

Perry County Literacy Council 29th Annual Race for Reading, Saturday, May 3, 5:30pm, Little Buffalo State Park Recreation Center.

Dinner, drinks, appetizers, and silent/live auctions. A pre-race Mint Julep Party will take place at 4:30pm, The Warner home, 7004 Creek Road, Newport. Reserve your tickets in advance. See the Perry County Literacy Council FB page for more info.

Perry Human Services Mini Golf "Take a Swing at Drug Abuse" Fundraiser, Saturday, May 3, Paradise Stream Family Campground, 693 Paradise Stream Rd., Loysville

Form a team of 2 – 5 players who raise \$25 each.

Start times are every ½ hour from 9:30am – 1pm.

Register online at www.perryhumanservices.org or call 717-582-8703.

Wine a Little, Laugh a Lot, Bid More Join Hands Ministry Fundraising Event, Saturday, May 17, 2 – 5pm, The Winery at Hunters Valley, 3 Orchard Road, Liverpool

Complimentary wine tasting, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, and comedian Seth Knorr. \$45 per person includes souvenir glass. Tickets are available at [BIT.LY/3X4NO2L](https://bit.ly/3X4NO2L)

Help People in Need when you buy your Groceries!

Purchase cards in various amounts to use at Giant, Weis, or Karn's Stores. 5% of the cost of each card stays with the church and is used for outreach and mission projects.

S 160**Fraction Anthem: Lamb of God***Agnus Dei***The Holy Eucharist II**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Setting: Anaphora chant; Mass 18; adapt. Mason Martens (b. 1933)

Service Participants

Greeter: Susan Rice

Lector: Terry Stanton

Prayers: Rick Rasmussen

Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister: Bill Day

Organist: Sue Beamer

Tech Assistant: Aiden Shiffer

Altar Guild: Darlene Amsler and Sue Beamer

Coffee Hour: Gail Shull

Counters: Wendy Day and Sue Beamer



Vestry

Jill Hoover, Sr. Warden

Darlene Amsler

Sue Beamer

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer