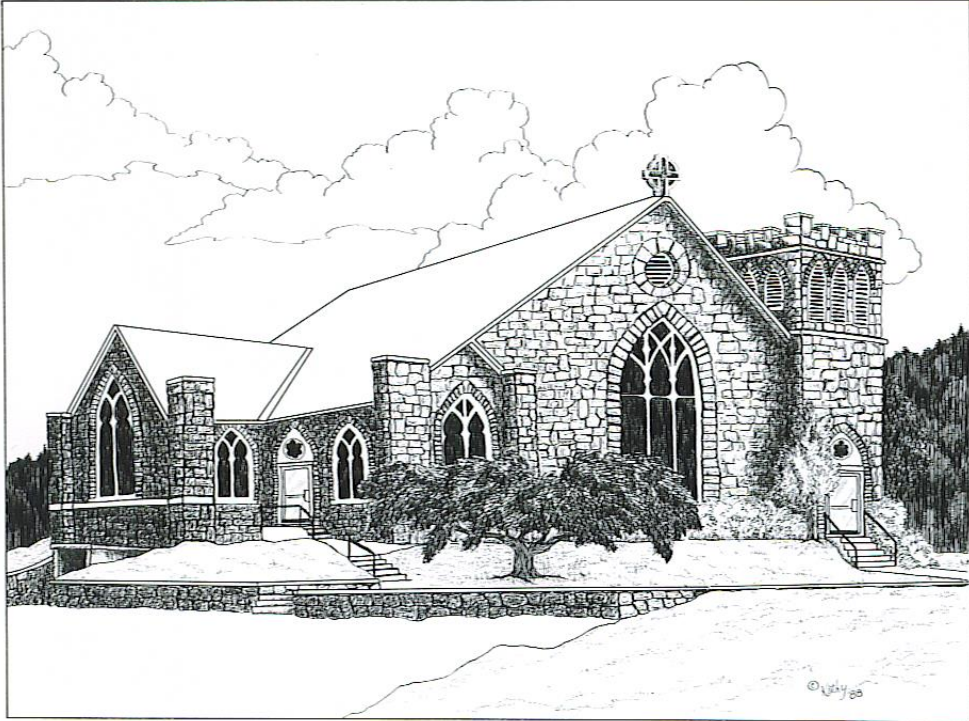


2nd Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

175th Anniversary Celebration



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God's work. Our hands.

*To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you **welcome!***

PRELUDE: *"How Can I Keep from Singing"* (R. Lowry, artist Audrey Assad) -
percussionists Tristan Balliet, Allison Everett and Colleen Rudelitsch on guitar
(Congregation, please sing Refrain after verses 2 & 3)

REFRAIN: *"No storm can shake my in-most calm while to the Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing!"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *Gather Us In* (ELW 532) (*Instrumentalists Gabriel Ebbert –
tenor sax, Nicholas Gaumer – trombone, CJ Strohl – trumpet, Elijah Pagotto – clarinet
and Jackson Zacharias – baritone sax*)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. | Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God, you have promised through your Son to be with your church forever. We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers and for the signs of your presence in our congregation. Increase in us the spirit of faith and love, and make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations. We pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTATIONS

WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 8:22-30

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Kings.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.

Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'

Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive."

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

**2 My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

3 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King
and my God.

**4 Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise. Selah**

5 Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**6 As they go through the valley of Baca they make it a place of springs;
the early rain also covers it with pools.**

7 They go from strength to strength;
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

**8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear,
O God of Jacob! Selah**

9 Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.

**10 For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in
the tents of wickedness.**

11 For the LORD God is a sun and shield; he bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does the LORD withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**12 O LORD of hosts,
happy is everyone who trusts in you.**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:1-9

The reading may be announced:

A reading from 1 Peter.

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation -- if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly."

Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: *The Rev. Carl Shankweiler*

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)

(Instrumentalists Ebbert, Gaumer, Strohl, Pagotto and Zacharias)

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION OF CHRISTIAN VOCATION

Sisters and brothers in Christ, both your work and your rest are in God. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and at evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

I will, and I asked God to help me.

Almighty God, by the power of the Spirit you have knit these your servants into the one body of your son, Jesus Christ. Look with favor upon them in their commitment to serve in Christ's name. Give them courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Giver of joy, we give thanks to you for the members and the ministry of this congregation: for those who had the vision to begin this congregation, those who sustain its present ministry, and those who will carry its mission forward into the future. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MUSICAL SELECTION: *"Touch that Soothes and Heals - See My Hands and Feet" (Bringle/Demey) - Jammin' for Jesus Joint Choir featuring members from Dinkey Memorial and St John's, Mahoning.*

MEAL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Give Thanks

The musical score for 'Give Thanks' is presented on three staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The first staff contains the first line of lyrics, the second staff contains the second line, and the third staff contains the third line. The music concludes with a final note and a fermata.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,

give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And

now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

Text: Henry Smith

Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...
 ...praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
 You are most holy,
 and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Almighty God,

we give you thanks that you have fed us with this heavenly food.

In your grace and by your Spirit, help us to be what we celebrate,
the body of Christ in the world.

Send us out, renewed by this sacramental meal,
to do the work you have given us to do: to witness for Christ,
to love you with singleness of heart, and to serve you with clarity of purpose;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,

✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* (ELW 619)

(Instrumentalists: Ebbert, Gaumer, Strohl, Pagotto and Zacharias)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 12, 2026

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Pastor Tony, Erica, Elijah and Claudia Pagotto in honor of the 175th anniversary of Dinkey.

The Bulletins are not sponsored today.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2026** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl. It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you**

very much for your cooperation.

The Week Ahead:

Today	10:00AM	2 nd Sunday of Easter Worship 175 th Anniversary Celebration
Monday	10:00AM	Palmer House Hymn Sing
Tuesday	3:30PM	Community Food Pantry
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
	6:30PM	Council Meeting
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	3:00PM	Donut pick up
Sunday	9:00AM	3 rd Sunday of Easter Worship

Pastor Tony will be on vacation from April 18, 2026 through April 21, 2026. Please contact Pastor Randy Lentz (570)386-3870 for pastoral needs during Pastor's vacation.

Office Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM
(610)377-4242

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! April 12 to April 18

04/14 Jace Graver

04/15 Donna Johnson

Giant Gift Cards: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Linda Bierman. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Streak free cloths; \$5 each. Please contact Jan in the office if interested.

Fundraising: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125.

Cookbooks: The Dinkey cookbooks have arrived and are ready for purchase, \$15 per cookbook. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Basket Raffle and Bake Sale: Dinkey's Basket Raffle and Bake Sale will be held on May 15, 2026 from 4 to 7 PM and May 16, 2026 from 9 AM to 2 PM. Donations of gift baskets or gift cards are greatly appreciated. Please see Karen Schleicher.

Scholarships: Scholarship applications for anyone attending college or trade school in Fall are needed by May 31, 2026. The scholarship recipients will be announced by end of first week of June and the award certificates will be presented in mid-June. Scholarship applications are on the Dinkey website or in the office for anyone interested .

Krispy Kreme: Pick up of Krispy Kreme donuts is April 16, 2026 from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

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Tess Hinger	Debra Strohl
Linda Markell	

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Faith Beck	Dick German	Robert Miller
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Rick D	Stephen Hoffman	Patty Schleicher
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Candy Everett	Sandy Keller	Georgine Shupp
Louise Everett	Joe Kluk	Cailee Starr
Frank Fisher	Deb Lilly	Kathy Steigerwalt
Ann German	Armell McFarland	Patti Walck

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

<u>Ministers:</u>	The Congregation
<u>Pastor:</u>	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
<u>Guest Preacher:</u>	Reverend Carl Shankweiler
<u>Assisting Minister:</u>	Reverend Gerald Arndt
<u>Musician:</u>	Colleen Rudelitsch
<u>Greeters:</u>	Bierman
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Jaxson Markell
	Bryn Schleicher
	Colby Solt
<u>Lectors:</u>	Kirsten Frankhouser
	Erica Pagotto
	Brian Schell
<u>Communion Assistants:</u>	Jan Schwartz
	Carol Steber

Worship Participants for April 19, 2026:

<u>Greeters:</u>	Everett
<u>Acolytes:</u>	Derek Spitzer
<u>Lector:</u>	Lori German

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen

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The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,

she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,

with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song,
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

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I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to

5 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 6 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 7 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 8 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my

9 once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 10 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 11 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 12 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives:
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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175 Years of Dinkey Memorial Church

1851

April 12 – Pennsville Church is established to serve the local community lacking nearby worship options.

Mid 1800's

Church is built on the present site; land and cemetery donated by Charles Dinkey.

Late 1800s – Early 1900s

Congregation thrives, serving both Lutheran and Reformed (now UCC) members.

1914

New stone church constructed through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schwab in memory of the Dinkey family. Church renamed Dinkey Memorial Church and reincorporated.

1915

September 12 – Dedication of the new sanctuary.

1941

Transition from gas lighting to electricity as service reaches the area.

1952

The basement addition completed for Sunday School and fellowship activities.

1958

Pipe organ installed; continued improvements to worship space.

1977

Lutheran and United Church of Christ congregations formally share one pastor, strengthening their unified ministry.

Late 1900s – 2000s

Ongoing improvements, including updated entrances and preservation of stained glass windows.

2026 (175th Anniversary)

Celebrating 175 years in faith, unity, and service to the Ashfield community.

Pastors of Dinkey Memorial Church

Lutheran:

Rev. Ernst A. Bauer 1851-1872
Rev. Daniel K. Kepner 1872-1875
Rev. Gustavus A. Bruegel 1875-1887
Rev. George W. Sandt 1887-1890
Rev. Astor C. Wuchter 1890-1893
Rev. Alfred J. L. Breinig 1893-1906
Rev. Harvey L. Straub 1906-1916
Rev. Solomon M. Wenrich 1917-1923
Rev. Hobart W. Tyson 1923-1927
Rev. Richard A. Beck 1929-1950
Rev. Reuben W. Rhody 1950-1959
Rev. Daniel A. Shook 1959-1963
Rev. Arthur Hahn, Sr 1966-1969
Rev. James Patterson III 1971-1975
Rev. Michael J. Bodnyk 1978-1995
Rev. Ellen M. Anderson 1995-2001
Rev. Keith D. Yoder 2002-2005
Rev. Anthony P. Pagotto 2008-Present

Reformed:

Rev. George C. Eichenberg 1851-1871
Rev. Abraham Bartholomew 1871-1895
Rev. Thomas N. Reber 1895-1911
Rev. George B. Hamm 1914-1917
Rev. Joseph E. Freeman 1918-1929
Rev. Thomas H. Bachman 1930-1957
Rev. Daniel G. Davis 1958-1950
Rev. Edwin Werner 1964-1968
Rev. John Esbenshade, Jr 1971-1972
Rev. Michael J. Bodnyk 1978-1988

