# **HOLY COMMUNION Fifth Sunday in Lent**

March 18, 2018 10:30 AM

For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. (John 18:37)

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today we will see how the Roman governor Pilate questioned Jesus about his kingdom. Jesus answered that his kingdom is not of this world and that he came to bear witness to the truth. Pilate asked, "What is truth?" He did not know that the Truth stood before him in the flesh.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** Ah, Holy Jesus

Osman

Bell Choir

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

#### Stand

**HYMN:** In the Cross of Christ I Glory

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## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the 

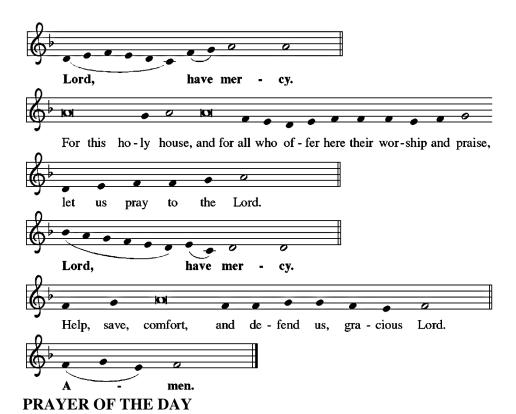
  → Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- P So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,
- **C** And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."
- P They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

- **G** Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin.
- P The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever.
- So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
- Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness for the sake of Jesus our Savior.
- **Q** Almighty God, we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We turn away from your Word and will and follow our own sinful desires and the temptations of this world. Forgive us and strengthen us to follow our Savior.
- P God sent his Son to redeem us. Jesus suffered and died on the cross and on the third day rose from the dead. Through faith in his name we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- **C** Jesus the Son has set us free!

## **GREETING**

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

#### KYRIE



Let us pray. Lord Jesus, you are the Way, the Truth and the Life. You overcame sin, death and the devil to bring us into your kingdom. Through you alone we have forgiveness for our sins and the hope and promise of eternal life in your presence. Help us to stand firm in faith in a world that does not want to hear the Truth of your Word. Lead us by your Spirit to be faithful witnesses to the Truth, the good news of salvation through faith in your name. Help us to live in love so that

all people know that we are your disciples.

## C Amen.

Sit

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

## FIRST READING

Psalm 43:1-5

**A** reading from Psalms.

Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against an ungodly people, from the deceitful and unjust man deliver me! For you are the God in whom I take refuge; why have you rejected me? Why do I go about mourning because of the oppression of the enemy? Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy, and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-13** (The congregation sings the verses in bold face type.)

- <sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your | lovingkindness; in your great compassion blot out | my offenses.
- <sup>2</sup>Wash me through and through | from my wickedness, and cleanse me | from my sin.
- <sup>3</sup>For I know | my transgressions, and my sin is ev- | er before me.
- <sup>4</sup>Against you only | have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight.
- <sup>5</sup>And so you are justified | when you speak and upright | in your judgment.
- <sup>6</sup>Indeed, I have been wicked | from my birth, a sinner from my | mother's womb.
- <sup>7</sup>For behold, you look for truth | deep within me, and will make me understand | wisdom secretly.

<sup>8</sup>Purge me from my sin, and I | shall be pure; wash me, and I shall be | clean indeed.

<sup>9</sup>Make me hear of | joy and gladness, that the body you have broken | may rejoice.

<sup>10</sup>Hide your face | from my sins, and blot out all | my iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>Create in me a clean | heart, O God, and renew a right spir- | it within me.

<sup>12</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence, and take not your Holy | Spirit from me.

<sup>13</sup>Give me the joy of your saving | help again and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit.

#### SECOND READING

1 Timothy 6:11-16

**A** reading from First Timothy.

But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **☑** Thanks be to God.

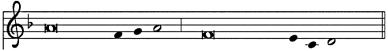
#### Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



## The choir sings the Verse.



Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,

it remains a | single grain;\*

but if it dies, it | bears much fruit.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.

GOSPEL John 18:33-38

P The holy gospel according to John.

## **ఆ** Glory to you, O Lord.

So Pilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world." Then Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice." Pilate said to him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went back outside to the Jews and told them, "I find no guilt in him."

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to you, O Christ.

## Sit

#### **SERMON**

Pastor Weleck

"Do you want to know what sort of a King I am and what sort of a kingdom I have? I will tell you. My kingdom is called and is a kingdom of truth ... an eternal, enduring kingdom in which are found lasting, genuine, eternal blessings."

(Martin Luther, a third sermon for Holy Week, 1534)

#### Stand

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

## APOSTLES CREED

- P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **G** 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 into hell.

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.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A Lord Jesus, in a world that so often seems to prefer lies to the truth, we praise you for the Truth of your holy Word and the Truth of salvation that is ours through faith in your name. Jesus, our King,
- **Q** You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- A Lord Jesus, your kingdom is a kingdom of love and service. Work through us to bring hope and comfort to those who are suffering and in need. Help us to share with them the blessings of life in your kingdom. Jesus, our King,

- **Q** You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- A Lord Jesus, as you confessed before Pontius Pilate, your kingdom is not of this world, yet you have called us to spread the good news of your kingdom to all nations. Help us to be bold witnesses to your saving love so that others will come to worship you as Lord and King. Jesus, our King,
- **Q** You are the Way, the Truth and the Life.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

#### **PEACE**

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **G** And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say Peace be with you or similar words.

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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**OFFERING** 

ANTHEM: And No Bird Sang Wagner

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**OFFERTORY** 

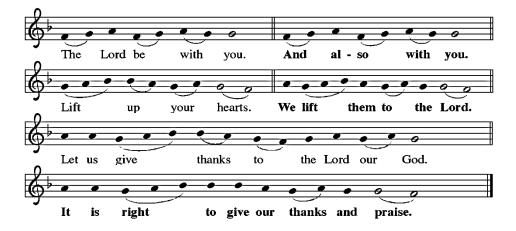


## **OFFERING PRAYER**

- A Let us pray...Merciful Father,
- **Q** we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

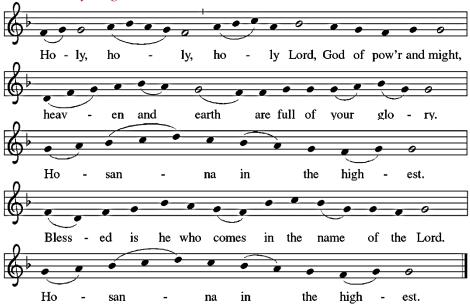
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



## The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding: ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The minister continues with the WORDS OF INSTITUTION, usually included in a Eucharistic Prayer.

P 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 ris - en. Christ will come a-gain

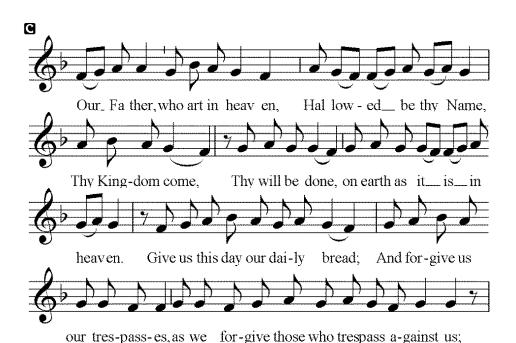
P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

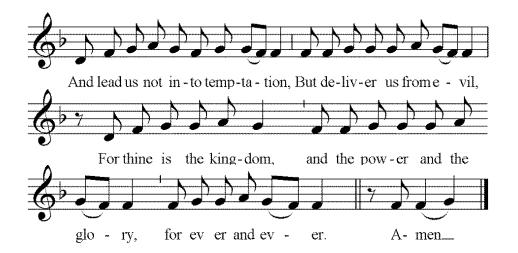
and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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



#### LORD'S PRAYER





#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

## Sit

#### **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.

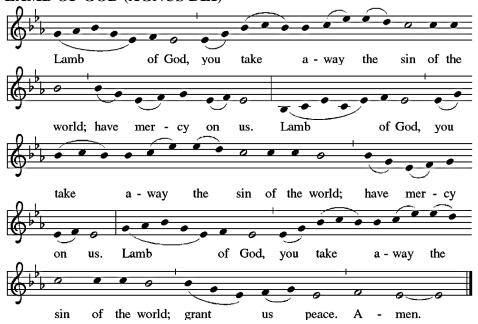
and each person may respond

M Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to kneel at the altar rail for a blessing. The Body of Christ is received in the palm of the hand. The Blood of Christ is poured into a small glass which should be picked up on the way to the altar rail.

## Music during Communion:

## LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



## **HYMNS DURING COMMUNION**

**HYMN:** I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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#### Stand

#### BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## C Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **A**men.

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow # 327

**POSTLUDE:** Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow Manz

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The Easter Cycle celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**During Lent,** a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

**The liturgical color purple,** symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

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2018 Stewardship Campaign Update		
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount
Total Possible	272	\$235,000
Received as of 3/12/18	102	\$152,129
<b>Amount Outstanding</b>	170	\$82,871

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, <a href="www.augustustrappe.org">www.augustustrappe.org</a>, under the "About Us" tab.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

We will dedicate the new meeting space and Elevator on April 15, 2018. Details to come, but mark your calendar now to make sure you join us!

## **Assisting in the Service:**

Acolyte: Dylan Funk Crucifer: Gavin Shafer

Lectors: 8:00 am: Nicole Dubeck

10:30 am: Chris Dogonniuck and Alan Shunk

Greeters: Members of the Sr. Youth Group

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Usher Team

10:30 am: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Gary Halteman, and Dave

Halteman

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine 10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney 10:30 am: Joe and Donna Cooney

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul

<u>The Altar Flowers</u> are given to the glory of God by Lewis Christy in memory of parents, Troy and Kathy Christy.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Eric and Maria Schwirian and Family in loving memory of Connie Schwirian.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Karen McClain in honor of the wedding anniversary of Parents, David and Sandra Waugh.

<u>The Cemetery Committee</u> will be having a <u>Spring cleanup</u> in the next few weeks in preparation for Easter. Please collect any Christmas Holiday items that you wish to keep.

Adult Bible Study is held at 9:15 am in the Church Library each Sunday. ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact Janice Reiff at janicetreiff@gmail.com.

<u>Final Soup Sale of the Season!</u> TODAY, March 18, is the last soup sale of the winter! Please consider lunch/dinner DONE and purchase some of these amazing homemade soups to support our Youth Group!

Next week is Palm Sunday. At the 10:30 service, the choir will be singing a wonderful Lenten Cantata, Song of the Shadows, by Joseph Martin. This will be a very moving way to start your Holy Week. "Come and remember the life of the Lord."

<u>Crafters and Vendors needed for Turkey Dinner:</u> Please contact Deb Scholl (610 409-1950 or <u>schollde@aol.com</u>) if you are interested in participating in our Craft/Vendor Show on April 28.

# "God's Will for Me" Community Lenten Service Series Wednesday at 7:30 pm

Date	Place	Theme
March 21 7:30 pm	Lower Providence Baptist	God's Will and My Response

Egg Appeal (Benefits Artman Home): For many years it has been a tradition for Augustus Women/ELCA to support Liberty Lutheran Services, a human services organization, (esp. Artman Home) thru our annual "Egg Appeal". For this "Egg Appeal", Augustus Women/ELCA will collect money at both church services on Palm Sunday, March 25, for Artman Home. Artman Home is a non-profit, faith-based senior living facility located in Ambler, Pa, offering personal care, short-term rehabilitation, skilled nursing and hospice care for over 100 years. Artman was first established in 1916 as a home for poor and deserving Lutherans of all ages and of both sexes. Artman today is known for its endless hospitality and care for its residents, even long after a resident's money runs out. Your donation helps to make this benevolence possible. We are a wonderful church community that works together to achieve a common goal of helping those people in need. All proceeds collected will go directly to Artman Home for their use benefitting its residents.

<u>Augustus Book Club:</u> The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be TOMORROW, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We'll be discussing <u>A is for Alibi</u> by Sue Grafton. Contact Karen at office@augustustrappe.org or 610-489-9625 with questions.

Notice from your Cemetery Committee: Effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces is \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members."

Starting to get your summer together? Don't forget to add Vacation Bible School to your summer calendar! This year's VBS is Hero Central! The dates are June 25 through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at Sunday School, in the March Newsletter, on our Facebook Page and on our web site! VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED! Can you give a few hours to help with this important event for our youth? Contact Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org

		CALEND	OAR OF EVENTS	
Sunday	3/18	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
Monday	3/19	7:30 pm	Book Club	
Tuesday	3/20	9:00 am	Moms of Trappe Board Meeting	
		9:30 am	Quilting Group	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
		7:00 pm	Boy Scout Committee Meeting	
		8:00 pm	Moms of Trappe Set Up	
Wednesday	3/21	8:30 am	Moms of Trappe Meeting	
		4:00 pm	Staff Meeting	
		6:00 pm	3-in-1 Stations of the Cross Practice	
Thursday	3/22	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	3/23			
Saturday	3/24	9:00 am	Youth Group Easter Candy Making	
Sunday	3/25	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School – Prayer Pals!	
	_	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	

## **Holy Week Services**

Sunday, March 25 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday 8:00 am: Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave 10:30 am: Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave

Thursday, March 29 – Maundy Thursday Service 7:30 pm: Holy Communion in the Chapel

Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Good Friday

12:00 noon: Good Friday Service

Pastor Martha Kriebel preaching

7:00 pm: Stations of the Cross

Performed by the Confirmation Students

**Bell Choir Performing** 

Sunday, April 1 – Easter Day

8:00 am: Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave 10:30 am: Holy Communion in the Brick Church Nave



# 2018 Easter Flowers

Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer

412 Dartmoor Road

Schwenksville, PA 19473 Phone: 610-715-4850

E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: March 18, 2018

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The Cemetery Committee is a group of volunteers who work to

maintain and improve our cemetery in spite of the limited funds available to accomplish this goal. The committee would like to beautify the cemetery by planting 15 flowering trees along the field side of the driveway as you enter the cemetery in time for the Dedication of the Muhlenberg Center on April 15, 2018.

The Cemetery Committee needs your help to accomplish this project. The Cemetery Committee is asking our members and friends to donate the cost of planting one or more of the trees. The cost per tree is \$449. Donors' names and dedications will be listed in the Augustinian. If you are able to donate this amount, over and above your regular member giving, please fill out and submit the information below along with your payment before March 31, 2018.

CEMETERY TREE DONATION
I would like to donate tree(s) to beautify the cemetery.
I have enclosed payment of \$449 per tree.
Name_
I would like the dedication in the Augustinian to read:
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Raise the Roof: A Party for Preservation

Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Barn on Bridge, 385 Bridge Street, Collegeville, PA 19426

Join The Speaker's House for a special evening honoring Bridgie Daller, recipient of the 2018 Speaker's Choice Award. An inspiring community leader, she has devoted countless hours of service to Trappe-area organizations, particularly the Historical Society of Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley, where she served as board president and museum committee chair for many years. She is also an active member of the Trappe 300 Steering Committee and St. Luke's UCC, where she recently served on its 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee. Established in 2008, the Speaker's Choice Award recognizes individuals who embody the leadership qualities of Frederick Muhlenberg and who have made distinguished contributions to the local community, particularly in arts, culture, or historic preservation.

This gala event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a seated dinner, live music by the Community Music School, and a unique silent auction featuring locally made items. All proceeds benefit the restoration of The Speaker's House.

Visit SpeakersHouse.org/gala for more information and to buy tickets.



## SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP EASTER SWEET TREAT FUNDRAISER



# Homemade

## Peanut Butter Eggs Coconut Cream Eggs Thin Mint Cookies

Delicious!

Order forms in the bulletin, or pick one up in the Atrium. Orders accepted through March 18. **DELIVERY is Sunday, March 25th** 

# Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!

Name:
would like:
<b>Thin Mints:</b> arranged and sold by the dozen.  1 dz. \$4.00  2 dz. \$8.00
Chocolate PB Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound.  1/2 lb. \$5.00  Pound \$10.00
Coconut Cream Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound.  1/2 lb. \$5.00  Pound \$10.00
I will pick up after the 8 o'clock service I will pick up after the 10:30 service
Thank you for supporting SHYG!



