HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

8:00 & 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In this service in our series *In View of God's Mercy*, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we will come to understand that within the communities God has placed us, we are given the grace to treat one another as Christ has cared for us in his love and mercy.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Meditation on Ukrainian Song "Moonlight Night" arr. Pinkevicius

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus, Refuge of the Weary Printed on the next page.

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary Je - sus, ref - uge of the wea-ry, blest re-deem-er, whom we love, 1 Do we pass that cross un-heed-ing, breath-ing no re - pen - tant vow, 2 3 Je - sus, may our hearts be burn - ing with more fer - vent love for you; foun - tain in life's des - ert drea - ry, Sav - ior from the world a - bove: though we see you wound-ed, bleed-ing, see your thorn-en - cir - cled brow? may our eyes be ev - er turn - ing to be - hold your cross a - new; of - ten have your eyes, of - fend - ed, the gazed up - on sin - ner's fall; Yet your sin - less death has brought us life e - ter - nal, peace, and rest; till in glo-ry, part - ed nev - er from the bless-ed Sav - ior's side. yet up - on the cross ex - tend - ed, you have borne the pain of all. on - ly what your grace has taught us calms the sin - ner's deep dis - tress. dwell the cross, the Cru - ci - fied. grav-en in our hearts for - ev - er,

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)

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

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open,

all desires known,

and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Kneel/Stand

P Most merciful God,

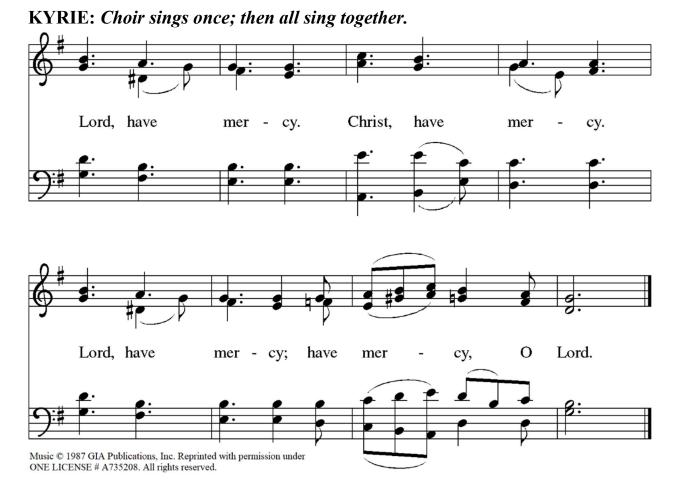
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

 In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand GREETING

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



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have not loved one another as you command, you continue to show your mercy to us. In view of your mercy, transform us so that we view others as precious and love them as you have loved us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live graciously toward our neighbors. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Genesis.

Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. He cried, "Make everyone go out from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept aloud, so that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. And Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.' And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

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

Later service only:
PSALM 32 (<i>The congregation's verses are in bold face type.</i>)
¹ Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!
² Happy are they to whom the Lord im- ¹ putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- ¹ ered away,
because of my groaning all day long.
⁴ For your hand was heavy upon me ¹ day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not con- ceal my guilt.
⁶ I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
⁷ Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in ¹ time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they $ $ shall not reach them.
⁸ You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
⁹ "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.
¹⁰ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no $^{ }$ understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
¹¹ Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
¹² Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice ¹ in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

SECOND READING

A reading from Ephesians.

Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another. Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

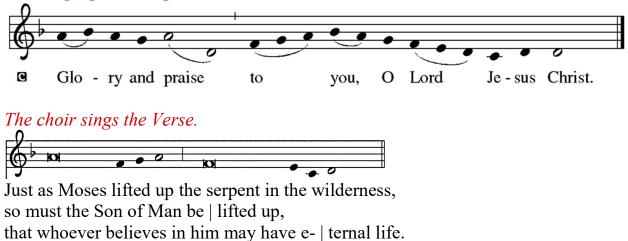
Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

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

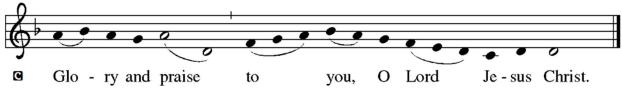
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 13:34-35

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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

Sit

SERMON: Mercy in Relationships

- I. The Corruption of Relationships
- II. The Construction of Relationships

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Son of God, Eternal Savior Printed on the next page.

Son of God, Eternal Savior



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

NICENE CREED

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
 - 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. was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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 INTERCESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today with broken relationships.

C Lord, have mercy.

A When we have alienated ourselves from others due to corrupting talk, put words in our mouths that foster reconciliation.

C Lord, have mercy.

- A When we have alienated ourselves from others due to falsehood, help us to speak the truth in love with our neighbor.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A When we have alienated ourselves from others due to bitterness and anger, renew a right spirit within us to work toward peace.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A When we have alienated ourselves from others due to a refusal to forgive, soften our hearts so that we may forgive as you have forgiven us.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A We praise you that while we were yet sinners, you still loved us and sent Christ to die for us, reconciling us to you.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will build one another up by extending your grace to others.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
- **C** Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.
- P All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who reconciled us to you.
- **G** Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.



GREAT THANKSGIVING

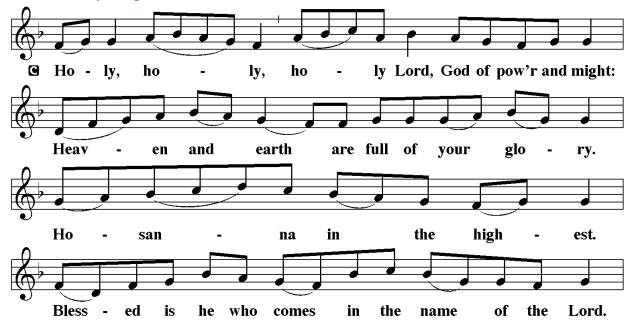


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



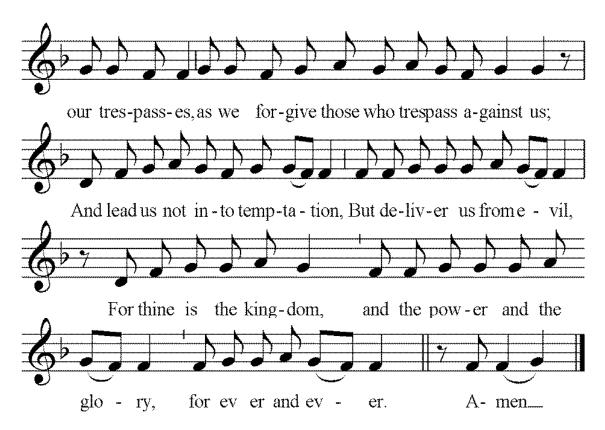


The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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.





INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- 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.

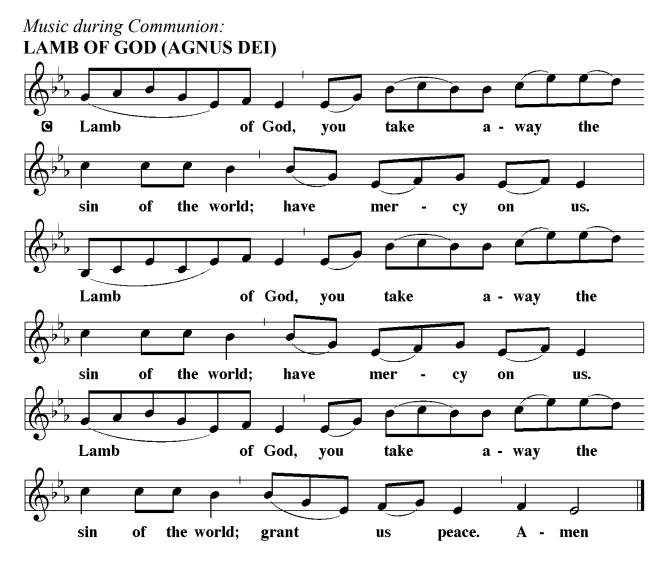
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COMMUNION

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers sayThe body of Christ, given for you.and each person may respond

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 come forward for a blessing.



ANTHEM: A New Commandment

Anonymous

A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another as I have loved you. By this shall people know you are my disciples, if you have love one for another.

Text: John 13:34-35; Music: Anonymous.

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 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.

G Amen.



DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Blest Be the Ties That Bind

Blest Be the Tie That Binds Blest be the tie that binds our hearts Chris - tian love; in 1 Be - fore Fa ther's throne we pour ar - dent prayers; 2 our our We share bur - dens bear, 3 our mu - tual woes, our mu tual 4 From sor row. toil. and pain, and sin we shall be free: the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove. our fears, our hopes, our aims com-forts and our cares. are one, our sym - pa - thiz - ing tear. for each oth - er flows the and of - ten and per - fect love and friend-ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

OFFERING *The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.*

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in C Minor*

Bach

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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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Worship Assistants

Ushers: Mike Taylor, Mike Beattie, Scott Halteman, and Shane Elison Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Sally Sweeney Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller.

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by James and Sally Lorah in loving memory of son, J. Scott Lorah.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Deborah Harley in loving memory of husband, Jerry Harley.

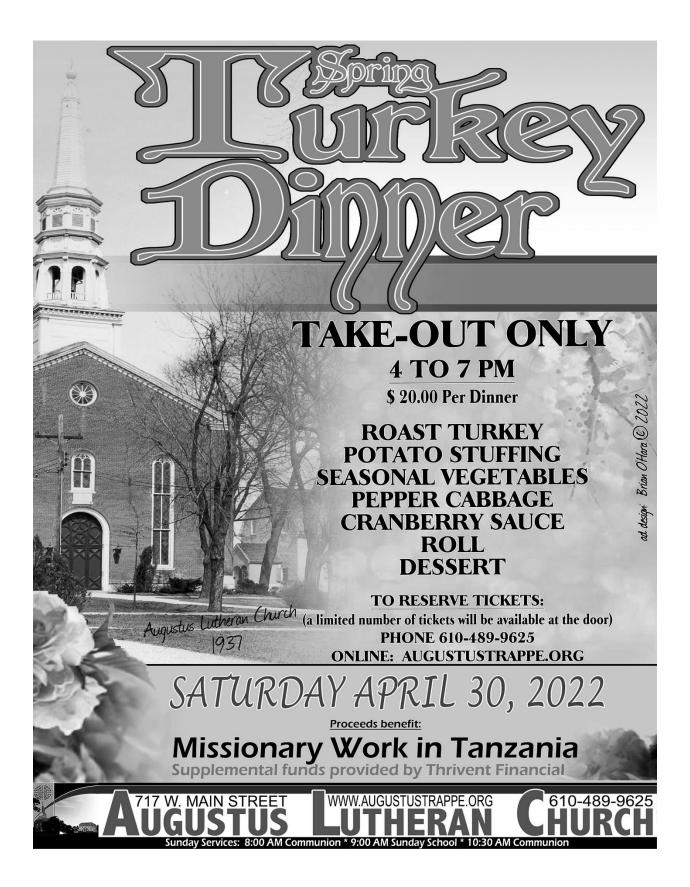
<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Curt Reiser and family in loving memory of Joseph Pepe.

<u>*Flower Sponsors NEEDED*</u>: Each Sunday, a member or family from the congregation donates flowers for the altar at our worship services. There is an **immediate need for altar flower sponsors for the following Sundays during this season of Lent: April 4 and April 10.** Please call or e-mail the church office to take part in this important part of our weekly worship!

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience

<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. If you are interested in participating, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-310-5008.

<u>Music for Piano, Organ, and Percussion:</u> Sunday, March 27, 4pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lansdale. Join St. John's Andrew Paulson with percussionist Dr. John Pennington for an afternoon like no other. Hear jazz, classical, and modern compositions in the combination of keyboard and percussion. Featuring works by Makoto Ozone, Maurice Ravel, Chick Corea, Carol Barnett and more! All are welcome to this free event. Contact Andrew Paulson at <u>andrew@st-johns-ucc.org</u> for more information.



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Homemade peanut butter and coconut creme eggs. We also have thin mints cookies.



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Tournament Information Friday, June 3, 2022 12:00 registration 1:00 Shot Gun Start 4-Person Scramble Format

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REGISTRATION FORM

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\$90 per golfer Register by May 22, 2022

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Linda Friday at missiontrips@firstucc.net or call 215-538-0328

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