HOLY COMMUNION Second Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2017 8:00 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Thine Is the Glory # 376

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.
- C 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.
- C 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.
- P 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.

KYRIE

- **A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

- **A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.
- **ఆ** Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,

and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing and honor and glory and might

be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's

resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit came to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

A A reading from Acts.

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne.

- ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades,
 - nor did his flesh experience corruption.'
- ³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even in the midst of difficult circumstances and surroundings.

A reading from First Peter.

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sit

SERMON

Stand

The Nicene Creed or the Apostles' Creed may be spoken. 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 Lord, Jesus Christ,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

- (A) With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A Risen and reigning Lord, breathe on us the gift of the Holy Spirit, that we may proclaim with boldness the Gospel that redemption is won, absolving the penitent, and calling the impenitent to repentance. Lord in your mercy,
- **G** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for the church, for its pastors and bishops, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples. Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Me pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- 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.
- **C** 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

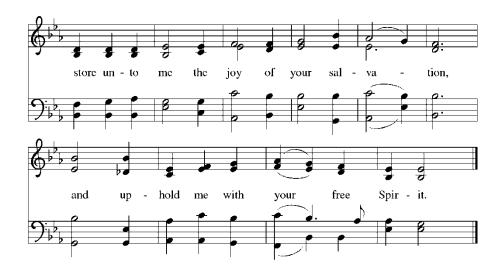
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OFFERING

Stand

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:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **And also with you.**
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **9** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 continues with the SANCTUS:

 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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

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.

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

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.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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

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.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

■ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

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

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are 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.

Stand

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



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.

C Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- C Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE:

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.

The Paschal Candle, symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

The liturgical color white, symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ.

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Assisting in the Service 8:00 am:

Ushers: Olivia Olsen and Ashley Smith

Worship Leader: Brian Funk

Readers: Thomas Wessner, Ashley Smith and Ben Dogonniuck

Sermon: Skylar Althouse, Ben Dogonniuck, Riley Schmidt, Brian Funk,

and Ashley Smith

Communion Assistant: Nicholas Lari

Altar Guild: Sally Sweeney

Assisting in the Service 10:30 am:

Greeters: Andrew Meeley and Ethan DePaul

Ushers: Liz Meeley, Allison Griggs, Anna Schweitzer, and Alex

Schmidt

Worship Leader: Brian Funk

Cantors: Jonathan Mueller and Skylar Althouse

Children's Sermon: Thomas Wessner

Readers: Olivia Brull, Sean McClain, Allison Griggs, Kevin Dubeck Sermon: Skylar Althouse, Ben Dogonniuck, Ashley Smith, Riley

Schmidt, and Brian Funk

Communion Assistants: Sean McClain, Thomas Wessner, and Janice

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Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Sherry Jesse

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Janice Reiff

<u>The Altar Flowers in the Upper Nave</u> are given to the glory of God in memory of Wilbur and Linda Smith by the Dale Smith and Kent Smith Families.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs Robert Fowble, in memory of the Fowble family.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by John and Dot Moorehead in honor of family members.

Altar Guild Needs Your Assistance!! No experience necessary. We fill the candles with oil, the pitchers with wine, and put flowers in the vases. We work in partners and serve two or three times in a year. Please call Donna Beishl at 610-350-0238 to have any questions about this function answered.

<u>Bulletin Sponsors Sought:</u> Donors are needed to sponsor our weekly bulletins. This is a great way to remember or honor someone special or to commemorate a life milestone! Contact Dot Opperman for more information at 610-489-4514.

<u>Prayer Chain:</u> Did you know we have a Prayer Chain at Augustus? Well, we do! If you would like our Prayer Chain ladies to pray for you or a family member, please call Carol Oelschlager to have their name added to the list. Carol can be reached at 610-489-3109.

Youth Group Easter Sweet Treat Fundraiser: A big shout out to all who came out to dip, weigh, package and label for our Youth Group Easter Sweet Treat Fundraiser. We made about 50 pounds of peanut butter eggs and 30 pounds of coconut crème eggs. We also sold 700 thin mint cookies. Wow. We want to thank the congregation for continuing to support our youth group. We raised about \$1,000 dollars which will go to our mission trip this summer. Thank you again.

Parents of children aged three through sixth grade: Please feel free to relax in the Fellowship Hall with coffee and other parents while your children are in Sunday school. Or, join the adult Bible study class that meets during the Sunday school hour. Take-home activity pages are available at the registration desk so that you can reinforce the story with your children at home, and the Spark Bible, with all our Sunday school stories, is available for purchase at https://www.augsburgfortress.org/store/product/8122/Spark-Story-Bible-Sunday-School-Edition.

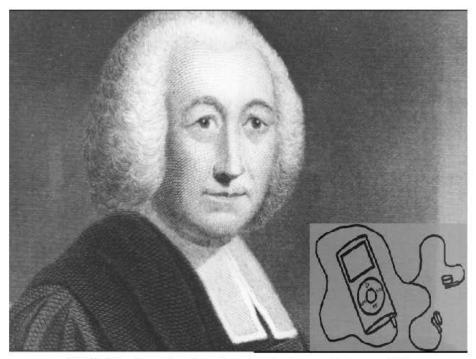
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	4/23	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:00 am	Sunday School Parent Fellowship
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
Monday	4/24		
Tuesday	4/25	9:00 am	MOPS Steering Meeting
		7:00 pm	Committee Night
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Wednesday	4/26		
Thursday	4/27	7:00 pm	Adult Choir
Friday	4/28		
Saturday	4/29		Turkey Dinner/Craft Show
Sunday	4/30	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:00 am	Sunday School Parent Fellowship
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave

Concert by the Providence Chamber Orchestra w/ 60 member, St. John's and Friends Choir: 'Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forrest Sunday May 7 at 7:00pm St. John's Lutheran Church, 335 St. Johns Circle, Phoenixville PA. Pastor K. and Jim Lien from Augustus will be performing in this concert!

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO HELP WITH THE TURKEY DINNER:

Augustus' Women/ELCA is currently organizing a silent auction of "Themed Gift Baskets" and is currently requesting families and committees within the church to donate a gift basket to be auctioned. Some of the themes to consider would be a children's basket, a boy's beach basket, a girl's beach basket, a snack basket, a handyman basket, an auto supply basket, a baker's delight basket, etc. If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. If you would like to participate through donating to the silent auction or through volunteering to assist in the organization of the silent auction, please contact Mildred Stuffle at 610-489-7461 or jandmstuffle@verizon.net. The Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair would not be a continuous success without the entire loving support of our congregation, and we would like to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your help again for this year.



If Muhlenberg had an ipod, what would be on it?

Muhlenberg's Ipod Playlist Concert and Sing-In

Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main St., Trappe

Sunday, May 21, 2017 4:00 PM

A free-will offering will be received







Sunday Services: 8:00 AM Communion * 9:00 AM Sunday School * 10:30 AM Worship

