HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday of Easter

April 23, 2023

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus, overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment. They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel! Yet the risen Christ walks with them and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread. Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured. The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Toccata in F Major

Buxtehude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: At the Lamb's High Feast Printed on the next page.



- Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light; Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened paradise, And in thee thy saints shall rise.
- Sin alone can this destroy; From sin's power do thou set free Souls new-born, O Lord, in thee. Hymns of glory, songs of praise, Father, unto thee we raise: Risen Lord, all praise to thee With the Spirit ever be. Amen.

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.

G 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.
- **G** And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

С Amen.

Sit Later service only: **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

A reading from Acts. A

¹⁴aPeter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ³⁶"Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

³⁷Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

Later service only.

PSALM 116:1-4, 12-19 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

¹I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my | supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I | called upon him. ²The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took | hold of me; I came to | grief and sorrow. ³Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: "O LORD, I pray you, | save my life." ¹⁰How shall I re- | pay the LORD for all the good things he has | done for me? ¹¹I will lift up the cup | of salvation and call upon the name | of the LORD. ¹²I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of | all his people. ¹³Precious in the sight | of the LORD is the death | of his servants. ¹⁴**O** LORD, I | am your servant; I am your servant and the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds. ¹⁵I will offer you the sacrifice [|] of thanksgiving and call upon the name | of the LORD. ¹⁶I will fulfill my vows | to the LORD in the presence of | all his people, ¹⁷in the courts of | the LORD's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

A reading from First Peter.

¹⁷If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰He was destined before the foundation

of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

²²Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** The congregation sings the Acclamation. Al le lu ia. al le lu ia. Al le le lu ia. al lu ia. -

The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



Our hearts | burn within us while he opens to | us the scriptures.





GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

The amazing story of Jesus' appearance to two disciples on the road to Emmaus answers the question of how Jesus is to be recognized among us. Here, he is revealed through the scriptures and in the breaking of bread.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now on that same day [when Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene,] two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²²Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." ²⁵Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have

declared! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: With High Delight Let Us Unite Printed on the next page. With High Delight Let Us Unite 368 With let 1 high de - light us u - nite in 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You all pure in heart, in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His now en - e - my Christ our Lord by ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. То bear your part, sing death has been death's un - do - ing. "And van-quished see; his word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So 0 set free for ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to us yours shall be like o'er death and grave," says vic - to - ry shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and na - tion. all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry life re - new - ing. he. who gave his life for us, con - so - la - tion. death set free, all joy and full

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NICENE CREED

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

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

- 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 We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We 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.

A We 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,

C hear our prayer.

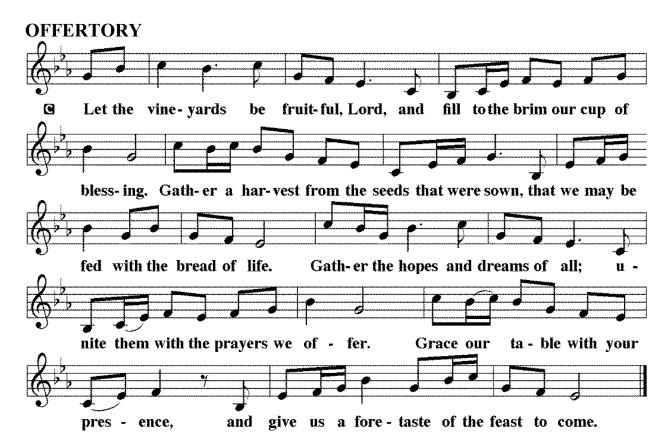
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **G** Amen.

PEACE

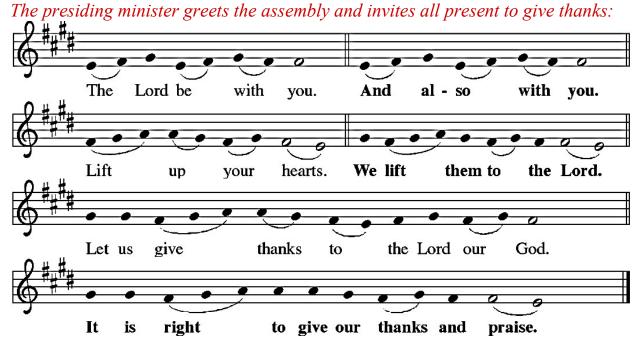
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR *The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.*

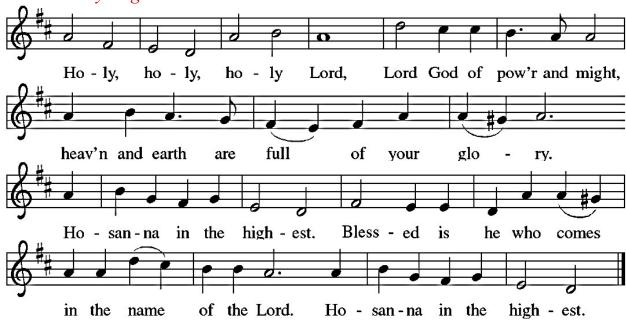


GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 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.

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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

- 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.
- C 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 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. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.

Music during Communion: LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI) Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin 0 of the world: 0 Christ, Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on you take us. a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on us. 0 Christ, Lamb of God, of the world: you take the sin a - wav A grant us your peace. men.

Later service only: ANTHEM: Let Your Alleluias Rise

Lift your voice rejoicing, Mary, Christ has risen from the tomb; on the cross a suffering victim, now as victor he is come. Whom your tears in death were mourning, welcome with your smiles returning. Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Raise your weary eyelids, Mary, see him living evermore; See his countenance, how gracious, see the wounds for you he bore. All the glory of the morning pales before those wounds redeeming. Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Life is yours forever, Mary, for your light is come once more, and the strength of death is broken; now your songs of joy outpour. Ended now the night of sorrow, love has brought the blessed morrow. Let your alleluias rise, let your alleluias rise!

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

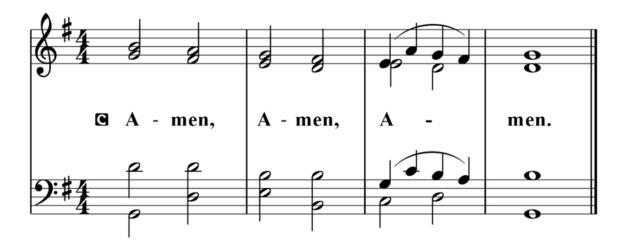
- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

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.

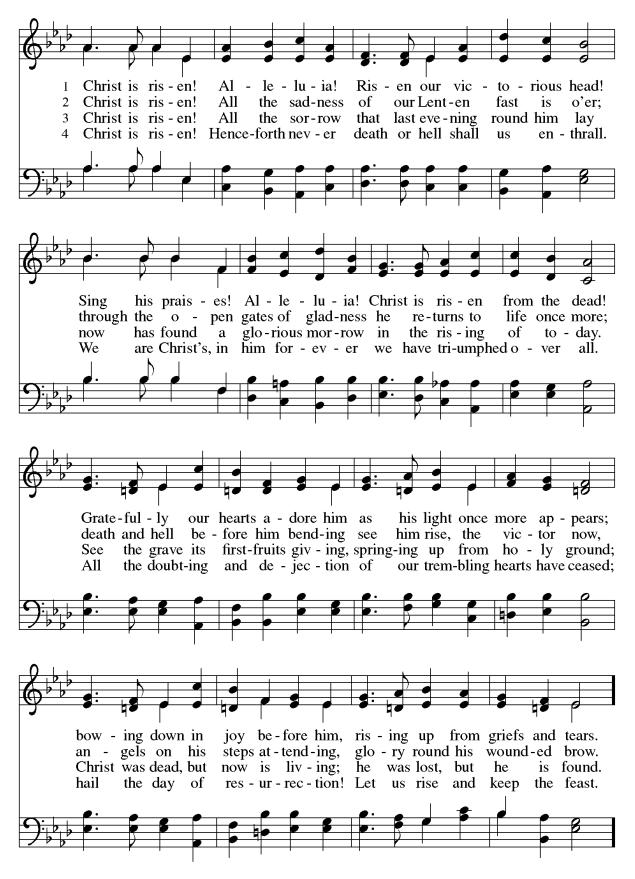


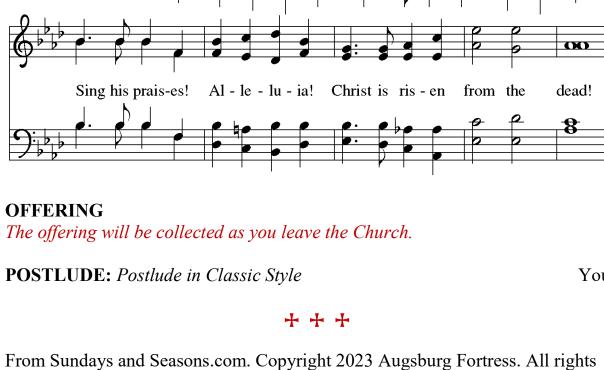


DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.
- **HYMN:** *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia! Printed on the next pages.*

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!





Al - le - lu - ia!

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Refrain

Christ is ris - en!

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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.

Young

Ris - en our vic - to-rious head!

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. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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10:30 am Lessons: Sonya Sowards

Prayers: Ali Backlund

Communion Assistant: Janice Reiff

Acolyte: Wes Long

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Marie Conover

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

Video Production: Jim Lien

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooney and family in loving memory of Mother and Grandmother Mrs. Susan M. Schubert.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Debra Augustine in memory of the Augustine and Webb families.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Millheim and family in loving memory of Brian A. Kuhns.





Geranium Sunday

Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 28, 2023. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to:* AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

Last day to order is May 14, 2023

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473 *Phone:* 610–287–2827 *E-Mail:* <u>karenlachenmayer@qmail.com</u>

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EXCITING SPRING TURKEY DINNER CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

UPDATE: As the committee continues to work towards bringing back the fullservice sit-down meal, the committee has decided to provide some outdoor selfservice seating, weather permitting. As if you need another reason to patronize the Spring Turkey Dinner, the committee is proud to announce the return of live music as we welcome back the famed Michael and Tina Oelschlager of the Sunset Skyz Music Duo by popular request. As some of you may remember, the Oelschlagers played for us at the 2019 Turkey Dinner and kept many people dancing till 7:00 PM. We look forward to their talents and hope you will come out to support global missions.



The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 8th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with families in need.

Removing nails from roof, replacing with screws







Tournament Information

Friday, June 2, 2023 12:00 registration 1:00 Shot Gun Start 4-Person Scramble Format

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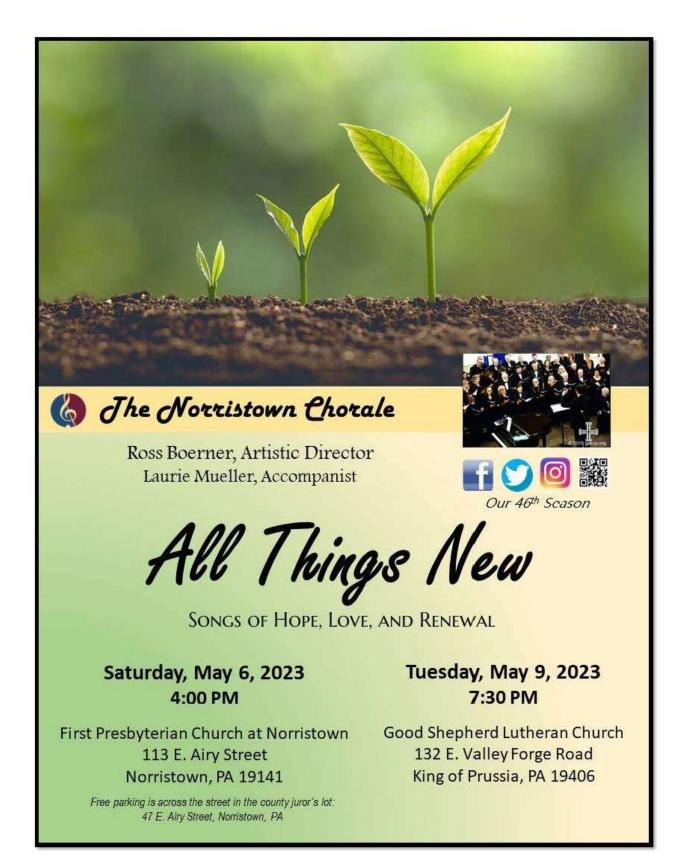
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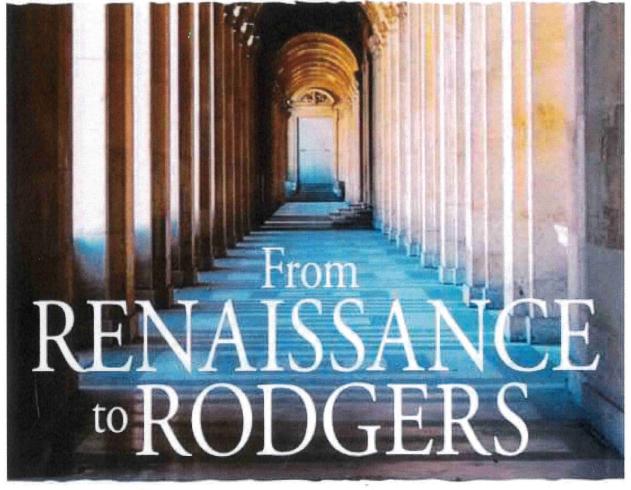
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