# **HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Easter**

May 8, 2022 8:00 & 10:30 AM

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world." At creation, God called light into existence, separating it from the darkness. The light of Jesus banishes the darkness.

## SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Beautiful Savior Ore

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

**HYMN:** Beautiful Savior

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## **Beautiful Savior**



## **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.

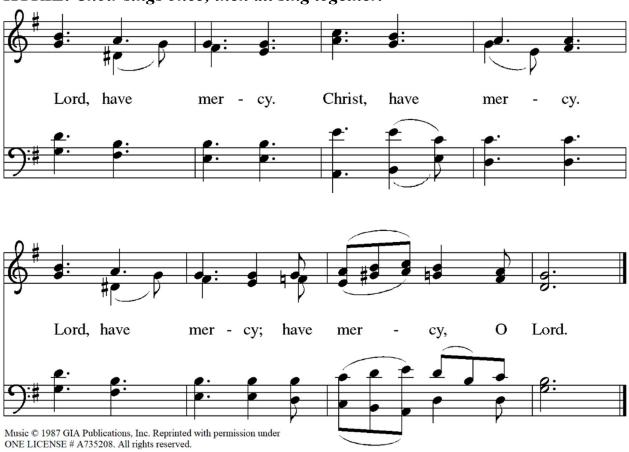
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of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

## KYRIE: Choir sings once; then all sing together.





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, help us by the power of the Spirit to walk in the light of your love and forgiveness. Guide our steps according to the light that shines from your holy Word. Shield us from the darkness of sin and temptation and from the evil that surrounds us. Help us to live as shining lights in the world so that others will come to know and worship you as Lord and Savior.

**G** Amen.

Sit

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-3

**A** A reading from Isaiah.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising.

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

Later service only.

**PSALM 23** (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

<sup>1</sup>The Lord | is my shepherd;\*

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down | in green pastures\* and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul\*

and guides me along right pathways | for his name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;\*

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me;\* you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,\* and I will dwell in the house of the | Lord forever.

A reading from First Thessalonians.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness.

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

## Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



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.



I am the light | of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the | light of life.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 8:12-16

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." So the Pharisees said to him, "You are bearing witness about yourself; your testimony is not true." Jesus answered, "Even if I do bear witness about myself, my testimony is true, for I know where I came from and where I am going, but you do not know where I come from or where I am going. You judge according to the flesh; I judge no one. Yet even if I do judge, my judgment is true, for it is not I alone who judge, but I and the Father who sent me."

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Later Service Only:

Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True Printed on the next page.

## O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True



## 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.
- 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

- Lord Jesus, you came as the Light into this world made dark by sin. Even as the darkness tried to overcome you, you, by your death and resurrection, overcame the darkness of sin, death, and the devil. Your victory is our victory, and we walk now in your light.

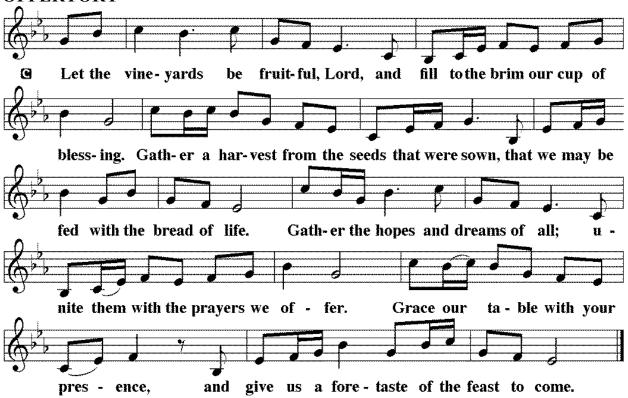
  Jesus, Light of the world,
- **Shine in and through us each day.**
- Lord Jesus, help us to shine as lights for others, especially those who are suffering from illness, grief, and loss. Teach us to speak your words of light and hope to those who are threatened by the darkness around them. Jesus, Light of the world,
- **Shine in and through us each day.**
- Lord Jesus, help us to live as children of the light and children of the day as we look forward to that great day when you will return. The darkness could not overcome you and it cannot overcome us.

  Jesus, Light of the world,
- **Shine in and through us each day.**
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

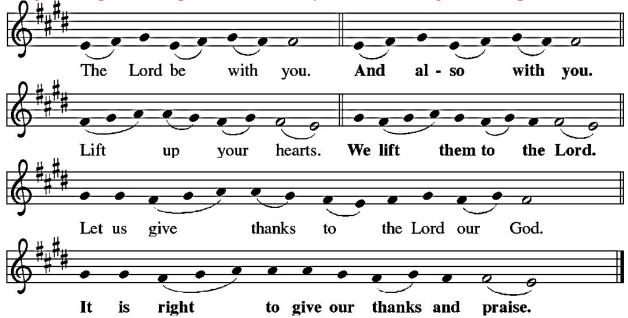
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## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

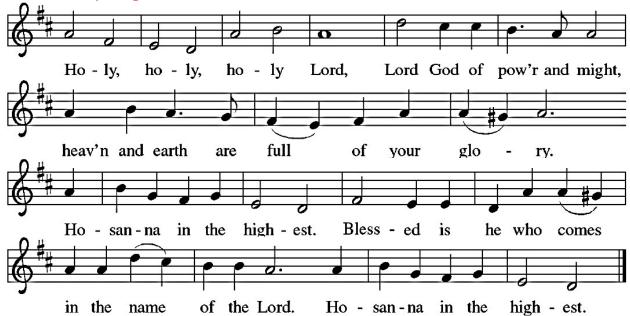




## The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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.

## 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.
- 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**

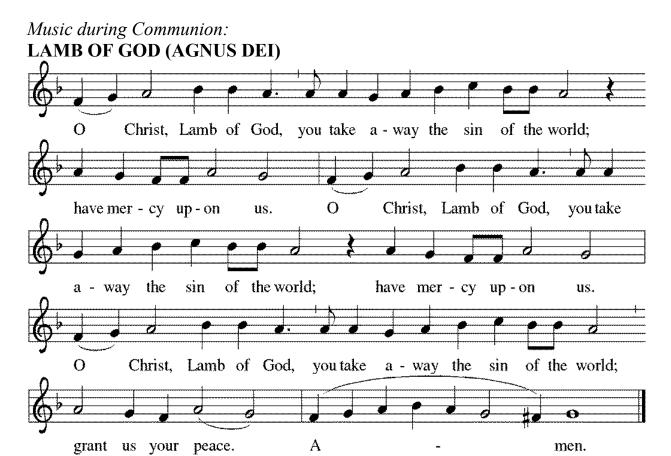
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

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.



ANTHEM: Angels Visit When We Sing

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Angels visit when we sing, and the morning stars rejoice. We can hear them echoing in each faithful heart and voice. Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing as they did at Jesus' birth, and the music that they bring links the heavens and the earth. Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing, and remind us with their praise, sin and death have lost their sting, for the crucified is raised! Alleluia! For the crucified is raised – Alleluia!

Angels visit when we sing and our hearts are touched by fire as our hymns and anthems ring with the song of heaven's choir: Alleuia!

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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

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)**





## **DISMISSAL**

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** God, Whose Almighty Word

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# God, Whose Almighty Word



## **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: God, Whose Almighty Word

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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.

**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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## Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Mike Taylor, Scott Halteman, and Frank DePaul

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Becky Quirk and Sally Sweeney

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul

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 Jennifer, John, Sheri, and Michael in honor of our mother, and John V in honor of his Grammy, Charlotte Wentworth.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Mr. Chilly Lyaro.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Sally Sweeney and family in loving memory of mother, Virginia Weicheld, and grandmothers Ann Leidich and Susanna Stark Weicheld.

<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 Oelschlager at 610-310-5008.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HELP WANTED

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 27-30 BUT before we can begin registering children, we need firm commitments from at least six volunteer helpers so that we can be properly staffed in the appropriate ratios. We need:

- Teachers
- A VBS "nurse"
- Registration help
- Snack providers
- Adult and teen helpers

If you would like to help out, please contact Sonya Sowards at education@augustustrappe.org or call/text (904) 476-4409. Volunteers over 18 will need clearances but Sonya is standing ready to help you with that process anytime. Please hurry—registration for VBS begins soon!





## **CONTESTS • GREAT SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

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# Tournament Information

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

#### Butter Valley Golf Port Barto, PA

\$90 per golfer Greens fees, cart, food at turn, beverages, soda, water, steak dinner and gift bags

## Dinner Only

\$40 (6:30 PM)
Can't join us for golf?
Then please join us for the
dinner and festivities.

#### Contests

Closest to the Pin Longest Drive (Men) Longest Drive (Women) Straightest Drive 50/50 Pot of Gold Putting Contest Raffles and Auction

(Check website for updates.) www.firstucc.net

## Sponsor Information

#### Gold Sponsor \$725

2 foursomes, 2 Hole Sponsorships, your name & company information listed on a cart.

#### Silver Sponsor \$390

1 foursome and 2 Hole Sponsorships

## Hole Sponsor \$75

Sign at Tee Box Name/Company Name Company Information

#### Cart sponsor \$75

Name/Company Name Company Information in every cart

#### Hole and Cart Sponsor Combo \$125

#### Monetary Donation

We are happy to accept any amount that you can contribute.

#### Raffle/Auction Donation

All items donated will be used for our Raffle/Auctions

\*\*\* All Sponsors will be able to provide promotional materials to be placed in each golfer's gift bag.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Mail this form and check to: First UCC—Mission Group 151 S. 4th Street, Quakertown, PA 18951

\$90 per golfer Register by May 22, 2022

\*Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your spot and be made payable to: First UCC—Mission Group.

#### Contact:

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

Address:	
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#### Additional Dinner Guests:

(Dinner Only - \$40 each) Number of Guests\_

Sponsorship Level \$\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$

# 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, June 5, 2022. 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 29, 2022

<i>Mail to:</i> Karen L	achenmayer, 412 Dar	tmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473	3
<i>Phone:</i> 610-287	7-2827 <i>E-Mail:</i> <u>ka</u>	renlachenmayer@gmail.com	
Name:			
<u>Quantity</u>	\$5.00 each	<u>Total:</u>	
I would like the I	bulletin acknowledger	ment to read:	
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## 2022 Spring Convention Registration Form - Women of the ELCA, Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod



## "Reconnecting with Hope for the Future"

Isaiah  $40:31 \sim$  "but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

Saturday, June 4, 2022 9:00a.m. Registration

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I am attending in person	I am attending via zoom: my email is		
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I am a SWO Officer	I am a SWO Board Member		
I am a Non-Voting Member with Voic	e I am attending for the first time		
I am a guest	I am 18 yrs old or younger~ (ONLY \$15!!!!)		
	is \$20.00 (18 years old & younger \$15.00). Dietary restrictions:enclose a check made payable to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.		
of Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod woman to be elected Bishop in the 4-m	ness meeting: Bishop Patricia Ann Curtis Davenport who is the current Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the first African American illion-member ELCA, and Vice-Chair of the ELCA Conference of Bishops.		
Churchwide Representative: To be a	innounced		
Pastor Violet Little will speak about	The Welcome Church: after lunch		
Day's Schedule: Worship, Election of B	oard Officers & Members, Speakers, pre and post Lunch, Displays, and In-kind Gifts.		
In-kind Gifts: for The Welcome Church	ı: snack bags		
Please return this completed form, and y Dale O'Hara 5049 Cold Springs Drive Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-0417 oharadvd@aol.com	your \$20 (\$15 for 18 & younger) registration/lunch fee before May 14, 2022 to:		