HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The image of the good shepherd shows us how the risen Christ brings us to life. It is the relationship between the shepherd and the sheep, one of mutual knowledge and love, that gives the shepherd authority. The shepherd's willingness to lay down his life for the sheep shows his love. First John illustrates what it means to lay down our lives for one another by the example of sharing our wealth with any sibling in need.

SILENT PRAYER

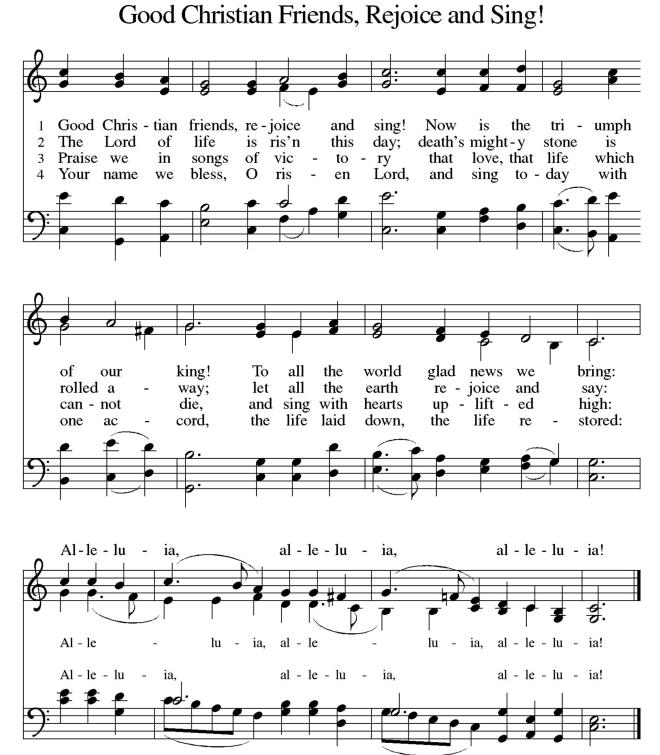
| PRELUDE: | 8:00 am: Sheep May Safely Graze | Bach |
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| | 10:30 am: Sheep May Safely Graze Ali Backlund and Jeannie Funk, flute | Bach |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing Printed on the next page.



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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.
- **C** And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit Later service only: CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

A reading from Acts.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the highpriestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;

it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

- 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.)

¹The LORD | is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

²He makes me lie down ¹ in green pastures and leads me be-¹ side still waters.

³He re-¹ vives my soul

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

⁴Though 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.

⁵You 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.

⁶Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ¹ of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:16-24 Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

A reading from First John. A

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

- A The word of the Lord.
- С 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 good shepherd,

I know my own and my | own know me.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

P The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us Printed on the next page.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



Stand 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.
- **C** 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

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.
- **C** Amen.

PEACE

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

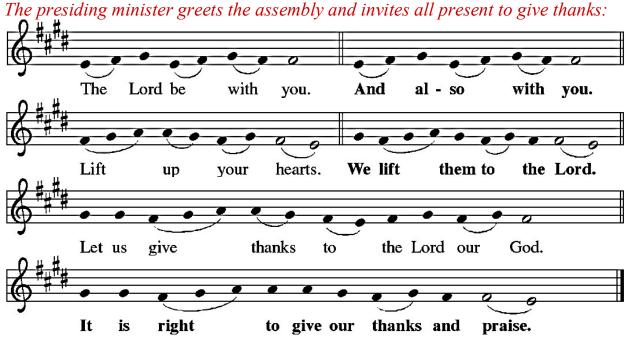
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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

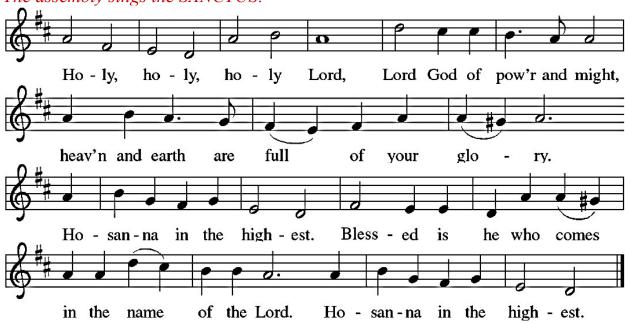


GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

P

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 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.

Later service only: ANTHEM: The Lord Is My Shepherd

The Lord is my shepherd, I will never want.

I lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters,

He restores my soul, he guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I may walk through the valley of death, I will not be afraid,

For you, Lord, are with me, you comfort me.

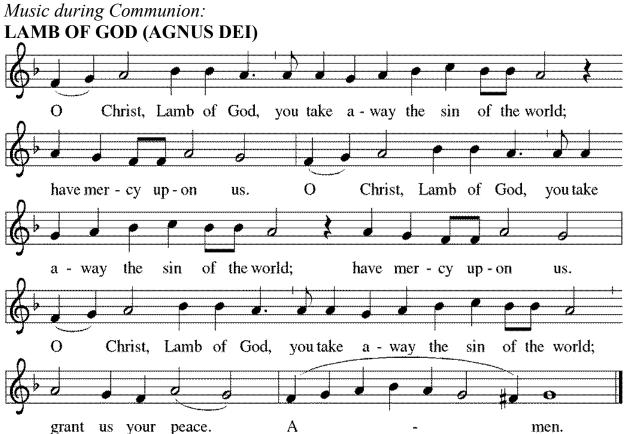
You prepare a place for me, you anoint my head with oil,

My cup overflows, overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd.



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Stand

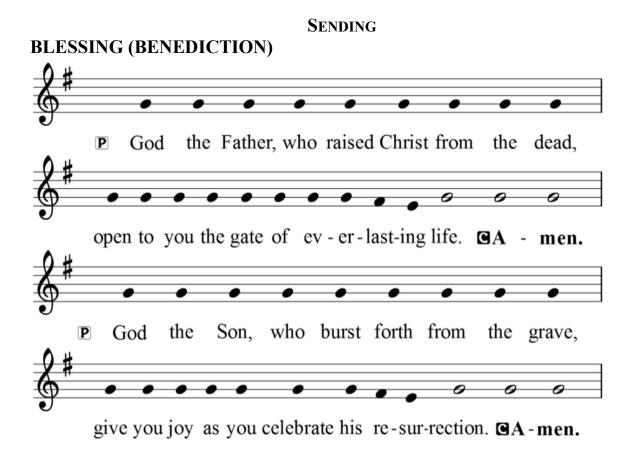
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- 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: Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia Printed on the next page.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Powell

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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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Acolyte: Colin Smith Crucifer: Graham Anderson

Altar Guild: Jim Lien and Mike VanBlaricum

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Alison Fishell, and Shane Elison

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</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 Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God in loving memory of son, Samuel Carlos Augustine.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Deborah Harley in honor of mother Dot Moorehead.



BASKET RAFFLE

Augustus' Women/ELCA is asking the families of the congregation (or each committee of the congregation) if they would be interested in donating a "theme" basket (or items for a basket) to be raffled at our Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. 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. The actual baskets can be innovative as well. Perhaps the tools are in a five gallon work bucket, gardening supplies in a terra-cotta pot, or dog supplies in a dog dish. Get creative; the possibilities are endless! If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. Can you imagine how much support we could reciprocate to Tanzanian mission work if each family (or committee) donated a basket? Please consider and contact Debbie Frisco at 610-761-6672 or dlf0607@gmail.com if interested in participating. Thank You.

Geranium Sunday



You are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church in celebration of Pentecost, May 19, 2024. The Women of ELCA will plant them on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND. Last day to order is May 12, 2024

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-287-2827 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

Name:_____Phone/E-mail:_____

Quantity: X \$5.00 each ______ Total:

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024, 9a-12p ages 3 through 6th grade

This year's VBS is based on games and will be lots of fun! Scan this code to register.

Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards, DCE.





2024 Spring Convention

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA

"Love One Another with the Promise of God's Justice"

Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."

Saturday, June 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Registration

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| I am a Voting Member | (please complete the Voting Member/Alternate Voting Member form by May 15) |
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| _l am a SWO Officer | _ I am a SWO Board Member |
| I am a Non-Voting Member with Voice | _ I am attending for the first time |
| I am a guest | I am a student (ONLY \$25!!!!) |
| Registration, including lunch, is \$30.0 | 0 before May 15, and \$35.00 after May 15. Students are \$25.00. |

Dietary restrictions:

Please enclose a check made payable to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.

Speaker: A representative from Feast of Justice, 'Addressing Hunger, Meeting Needs, and Inspiring Hope as they work for Abundant Justice in Northeast Philadelphia and beyond.'

Churchwide Representative: To be announced.

Day's Schedule: Worship, Election of Board Officers & Members, Speakers, Lunch, Displays, and In-kind Gifts.

In-kind Gifts for Feast of Justice: Food and personal care items.

Please return this completed form, and your \$30 (\$25 for students) registration/lunch fee before May 15, 2024 to: Dale O'Hara 5049 Cold Springs Drive Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-0417 oharadvd@aol.com