# HOLY COMMUNION

Fourth Sunday of Easter: Resurrection Realities about Relationships April 22, 2018 8:00 am

# INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Thank you for joining us for this service as we continue our worship series for the Sundays after Easter called "Resurrection Realities." Each service in the series focuses on a portion of the book of 1 Peter and looks at the new approaches St. Peter says we all should have toward realities we still face in this life. Today's service looks at the reality of relationships and how our interactions with one another change in light of the resurrection of Christ.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Pastorale Clokey

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

# GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

**HYMN:** Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us # 789

# **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** The Lord is my shepherd;
- **I** shall not be in want.
- P He makes me lie down in green pastures;
- **\textsquare** He leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul.
- P He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- **©** Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
- **P** I will fear no evil;

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- **G** For you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- P You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
- **Q** You anoint my head with oil;
- **P** My cup overflows.
- **G** Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.
- For to this we have been called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, so that we might follow in his steps" (1 Peter 2:21).
- **™** When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly" (1 Peter 2:23).
- **P** But Father, when we are reviled, often we revile in return.
- **G** When we suffer, frequently we threaten those who brought the suffering upon us.
- **P** When we hurt, our response is to hurt others.
- **When we are put down, we usually return the offense. Gracious God, we are lost without your mercy and love.**
- P Dear friends, hear what Peter says about Christ our Lord; "He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed." (1 Peter 2:24) Because of Christ's sacrifice on the cross and his mighty resurrection on the third day I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** "We were straying like sheep,
- **B** But have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls" (1 Peter 2:24-25).

### 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.
- **■** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **■** 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.
- **ఆ** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **⚠** 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.
- **W** 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, even though our sins separated us from you and from one another, you sent your Son to be our Savior. By his death on the cross, with his own body, Jesus broke down the wall that separated us from you. Help us by your Spirit to walk in love as Christ walked and so break down the walls of pride and judgment that separate us from our brothers and sisters in Christ. Hear our prayer and accept our praise in Jesus' name.

C Amen.

# LITURGY OF THE WORD

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# 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 is able to proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

# **A** reading from Acts.

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let 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. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There 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.

# SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

**A** A reading from First Peter.

For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds, you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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

#### Stand

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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.

# **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I 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. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No 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.
- **©** Praise to you, O Christ.

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**SERMON** 

Pastor Weleck

#### 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 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 and Savior, when we were still sinners, when our sins had separated us from you and from one another, you died on the cross to break down those dividing walls and restore us to a right relationship with our heavenly Father and with our brothers and sisters in faith. Mighty Savior,
- **G** Break down the walls of sin in our lives.
- Lord and Savior, when we are tempted to build up walls of hurt and mistrust, forgive us and empower us by your Spirit to build others up with words of kindness, support and encouragement. Mighty Savior,

- **B** Break down the walls of sin in our lives.
- ⚠ Lord and Savior, teach us to forgive as we have been forgiven, and to love one another as you love us. Let our lives be a witness to your love, so that others will see in our words and actions that we are your disciples. Mighty Savior,
- **©** Break down the walls of sin in our lives.
- 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.
- **G** 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,
- 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:

**ఆ** 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.

P 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.

# **©** 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)

**Q** 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.

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# **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.

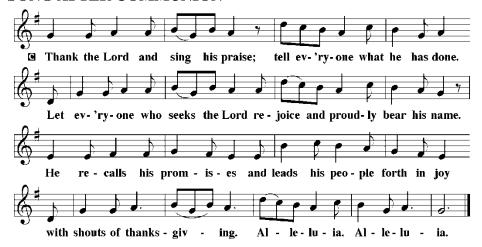
and each person may respond

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

#### Stand

#### SONG AFTER COMMUNION



# 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)**

- 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 
   determined the property of the proper
- C Amen.

# DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: Festival Postlude

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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.

2018 Stewardship Campaign Update				
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount		
Total Possible	272	\$235,000		
Received as of 3/12/18	102	\$152,129		
Amount Outstanding	170	\$82,871		

If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018, please return the completed card as soon as possible. A copy of the 2018 Commitment Card can be downloaded from the parish web site, <a href="www.augustustrappe.org">www.augustustrappe.org</a>, under "About Us".

# **Assisting in the Service:**

Acolyte: Dylan Funk Crucifer: Gavin Shafer

Torch Bearers: Piper Bouchard and Elizabeth Wentworth

Lectors: 8:00 am: Earl Catagnus

10:30 am: Jim Lorah and Chris Dogonniuck Greeters: Anita Halteman and Nancee Clelland

Ushers: 8:00 am: The Usher Team

10:30 am: Ed Funk, Frank DePaul, Pat O'Hara, and Dick Allebach

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Jennifer Wentworth and Bob Rodenberger

Altar Guild: Jeannie Funk

Offering Tabulation: Janet Stokes, Sherry Jessee, and Gary Wessner

<u>The Altar Flowers</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. Donald Trauger in honor of their 53td Wedding Anniversary.

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

Adult Bible Study is held at 9:15 am in the Church Library each Sunday. ALL ARE WELCOME! Refreshments will be served! Questions? Contact Janice Reiff at <a href="mailto:janicetreiff@gmail.com">janicetreiff@gmail.com</a>.

<u>Flower Donor Needed:</u> A donor is needed to sponsor the Altar flowers on June 4<sup>th</sup>. This is a great way to honor a loved one or remember someone special. Please contact Sally Lorah at <u>lorahsal@aol.com</u>.

New in the Muhlenberg Center: Baskets have been placed in the back of the Muhlenberg Center to place donations of Cancelled Stamps, Used Eye Glasses, Redner's Tapes, and Box Tops for Education. Thank you to those who donate these items in support of our ministry!

<u>New Aerobic Rhythmics Classes!</u> The next session of Aerobics classes held at Augustus begins on April 23<sup>rd</sup>! Classes run through June 15. All ages and abilities welcome! Free 1 week trial. 20% off for church members. Contact Aerobic Rhythmics at 610-489-3180 or <a href="mailto:info@aerobicrhythmics.com">info@aerobicrhythmics.com</a>.

# **Getting your summer together?**

Don't forget to add Vacation Bible School to your summer calendar! This year's VBS is Hero Central! The dates are June 25 through the 28<sup>th</sup>. Registration forms are available at Sunday School, in the March Newsletter, on our Facebook Page and on our web site! VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED! Can you give a few hours to help with this important event for our youth? Contact Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org

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Sunday	4/22	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave
Monday	4/23		
Tuesday	4/24	9:30 am	MOMS of Trappe Board Meeting
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
		7:00 pm	Committee Night
Wednesday	4/25		
Thursday	4/26	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Friday	4/27	8:00 am	Turkey Dinner Set Up
Saturday	4/28	4:00 pm	TURKEY DINNER & CRAFT SHOW
Sunday	4/29	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel
		9:00 am	Sunday School
		9:15 am	Adult Bible Study
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave

<u>Youth Sunday is NEXT WEEK.</u> Members of our youth groups will conduct most of the service. Plan to attend this inspiring service!

<u>Spring Clothing Drive:</u> As you do your spring cleaning please set aside any unwanted clothing. The Social Ministry Committee will be holding a clothing drive from May 13 to May 27. Thanks!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED for the Tuesday, May 1st SOUTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN OF THE ELCA. **UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE, BIBLE STUDY** that is being held at our church. Please bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share. We will need volunteers to help prepare beverages, hot and cold. We will need volunteers to set up table with the food and beverages. Help will also be needed to clean up at end of meeting. We will be studying "All are welcome." Our invitation can reflect the hospitality of Jesus. Focus verse: "Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:1-2 This lesson is from the MAY 2018 issue of the Gather magazine. Please note that we are studying the current lesson from the Gather magazine on the same month that we are meeting. In June we will study the June lesson. The Study Leader is Pat Leberman. Please bring your Bible and the May issue of your *Gather* magazine. We will need to arrive at about 8:20 a.m. in order to be ready when the ladies arrive. Let us all help to welcome our sisters in faith to our lovely church. Your contribution will be most appreciated. Thank you. Fran Ivarson

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# Geranium Sunday

# Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 20, 2018. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. The Geranium project has always been a huge success. Please include payment with your order.

Make Checks payable to: AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

Last day to order is May 6, 2018

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer

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Dartmoor Road

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Phone:

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# GERANIUM ORDER FORM

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# Augustus Lutheran Church

717 W. Main Street, Trappe presents a

# Children's Concert and Organ Recital

Sunday, May 20, 2018 4:00 p.m.

# Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Walker Organ

selected young people will help demonstrate the organ activities for children/organ recital will follow the children's portion

All Welcome—Free-Will Offering



# Raise the Roof: A Party for Preservation

Sunday, April 29, 2018 from 5 to 9 p.m.

The Barn on Bridge, 385 Bridge Street, Collegeville, PA 19426

Join The Speaker's House for a special evening honoring Bridgie Daller, recipient of the 2018 Speaker's Choice Award. An inspiring community leader, she has devoted countless hours of service to Trappe-area organizations, particularly the Historical Society of Trappe, Collegeville, Perkiomen Valley, where she served as board president and museum committee chair for many years. She is also an active member of the Trappe 300 Steering Committee and St. Luke's UCC, where she recently served on its 275th Anniversary Committee. Established in 2008, the Speaker's Choice Award recognizes individuals who embody the leadership qualities of Frederick Muhlenberg and who have made distinguished contributions to the local community, particularly in arts, culture, or historic preservation.

This gala event includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres followed by a seated dinner, live music by the Community Music School, and a unique silent auction featuring locally made items. All proceeds benefit the restoration of The Speaker's House.

Visit SpeakersHouse.org/gala for more information and to buy tickets.



<u>Crafters and Vendors needed for Turkey Dinner:</u> Please contact Deb Scholl (610 409-1950 or <a href="mailto:schollde@aol.com">schollde@aol.com</a>) if you are interested in participating in our Craft/Vendor Show on April 28.

