HOLY COMMUNION Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 24, 2016

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of holy baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Christ Is Alive

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

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.
- **C** Amen.
- 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.
- \mathbf{P} Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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Kneel/Stand

■ 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.

C Amen.

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GREETING

- ▶ 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.

KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

- A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- **G** 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.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C Amen

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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

 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.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; 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 11:1-18

In defense of his earlier baptism of pagan believers, Peter demonstrates to the members of the Jerusalem church that God's intention to love Gentiles as well as Jews is revealed in Jesus' own testimony. In this way the mission to the Gentiles is officially authorized.

A reading from Acts.

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵"I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. 6As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saving to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' ⁸But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' ¹⁷If then God gave them the

same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

John's vision shows us that in the resurrection the new age has dawned; God dwells with us already. Yet we wait for the time when the tears that cloud our vision will be wiped away. Then we will see the new heaven, new earth, and new Jerusalem.

A reading from Revelation.

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Revelation 21:1-6

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

After washing the disciples' feet, predicting his betrayal, and then revealing his betrayer, Jesus speaks of his glorification on the cross. This deep complicated love of Jesus, even to death on the cross, will be the distinctive mark of Jesus' community.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

<mark>Sit</mark> SERMON

Pastor Kochenderfer

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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.
- **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.
- ▲ Lord Jesus Christ, whose glory it was to give yourself in love for our sins, and whose commandment it was that we love one another as

you have loved us, help us each day to learn to love as we have been loved, selflessly and forgivingly, so that all may know we are your disciples. Lord, in your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

A We 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,

G hear our prayer.

▲ 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,

G hear our prayer.

▲ 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,

G 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

- \mathbf{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

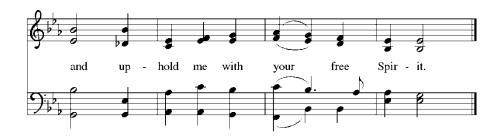
say Peace be with you or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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

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 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.

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

 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

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

 G 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.

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)

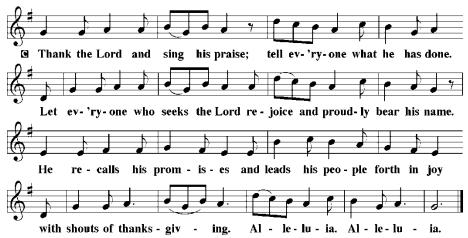
- **C** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
 - Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit COMMUNION

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



BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- 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)

- 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.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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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.

Assisting in the Service

Acolyte: Evan Griggs Crucifer: Andrew Meeley Torch Bearers: Rachel Schaffer and Kate Vossen Ushers: Ed Funk, Karl Stefan, Chris Dogonniuck, and Dick Allebach Lectors: 8:00 am: Jeff Stuffle

10:30 am: Chris Dogonniuck and Barbara Burch Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Janice Reiff and Barbara Burch Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Janice Reiff

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

<u>The Flowers on 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. Schuber.

<u>The Altar Guild is seeking members!</u> This important group prepares the altar for each service at Augustus. This is a great job for individuals or couples. All new volunteers will be paired with an experienced guild member for training. Contact Donna Beishl at 610-650-0238.

<u>Spring Cleaning?</u> Please save clothes in good condition for the next Clothing Drive to be held at Augustus on May 15 through May 29. Thank you, Social Ministry Committee P.S. We are seeking new members. Please email <u>scholld@aol.com</u> for more information.

<u>Augustus Book Club:</u> Love to read? Wish you had some friends to talk about reading with? Well, join us at book club! The next meeting will be April 25th at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. The selection for April is <u>Accidental Saints</u> by Nadia Bolz Weber. Refreshments always served! Questions? Contact Karen at office@augustustrappe.org.

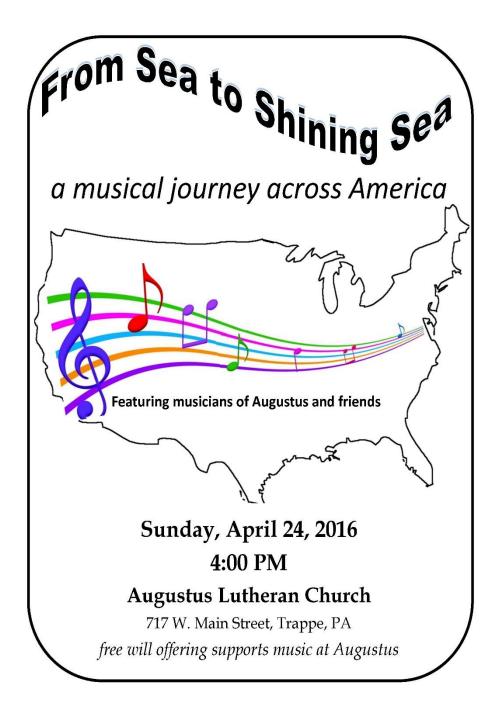
CALENDAR OF EVENTS				
Sunday	4/24	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Upper Nave	
Monday	4/25	7:00 pm	Cub Scouts	
Tuesday	4/26	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
Wednesday	4/27	6:00 pm	3-in-1 Confirmation Classes	
		7:30 pm	Cub Scouts	
Thursday	4/28	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	4/29		Turkey Dinner Set Up	
Saturday	4/30	4:00 pm	Turkey Dinner	
Sunday	5/1	8:00 am	Holy Communion in the Chapel	
		9:00 am	Sunday School	
		10:30 am	Holy Communion in the Nave	

The Spring Turkey Dinner and Craft and Vendor Fair is NEXT WEEK!

The Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair would not be a continuous success without the entire <u>loving support of our congregation</u>, and we would like to thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration of your help again for this year.

<u>Revelations Sale:</u> A" BIG" thank you to all who donated their time, baked, came out and shopped and volunteered for our Revelation Sale with Saint James Church on April 15th and 16th. We did well and are looking forward to partnering with Saint James again next year on this Youth Group Fundraiser. It was nice to see so many of our youth come out Friday and Saturday to carry, sort, hang, and organize hundreds and hundreds and hundreds of items. We would like you continue to save tween/teen clothing, bags, jewelry, electronics throughout the year. We will make an announcement in January of 2017 of when and where you can drop these items off. Thank you again for making Augustus great.





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 15, 2016. 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 1, 2016

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer Dartmoor Road Schwenksville, PA 19473 *Phone:* 610–287–2827 *E-Mail:* <u>kal412@comcast.net</u>

GERANIUM ORDER FORM

Name:___

<u>Quantity</u>

Red Geraniums Only <u>\$5.00 each</u>

<u>Total:</u>

Fifth Sunday of Easter

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



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Fifth Sunday of Easter

2016 MISSION TEAM GOLF OUTING

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016 12:00 PM Registration 1:00 PM SHOT GUN START

Butter Valley Golf Port Barto, PA

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Contact Gayle Neborak youth@augustustrappe.org or the Church Office office@augustustrappe.org for more info!

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