HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? (Romans 8:35)

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus was rejected, betrayed, deserted by his friends and arrested. He was unjustly tried and condemned to death, yet he willingly endured it all to save us. As we stand at the cross together, we pray that we will be bold witnesses for our Savior so that others will come to know and worship him as Lord.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Adagio (from Trio Sonata)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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 Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.
- ▶ Jesus said to them, "If anyone would come after me,
- **G** Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.
- ▶ For whoever would save his life will lose it,
- **G** But whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it."
- ▶ Let us confess our sins to God and ask his forgiveness.
- ☑ Almighty God, we are called to follow Jesus, but instead we turn away to follow our own selfish desires. We listen to the temptations of this world instead of listening to your Word. We sin against you each day

8:00 am

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Bach

in our thoughts, words and actions. Have mercy and forgive us. Restore us and help us by your Spirit to follow Jesus.

- God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead to win for us forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- **G** Help us, almighty God, to follow daily in the footsteps of our Savior.

Stand

GREETING

- ▶ 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.
- **G** 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.
- **G** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- **G** Amen

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, for us you were betrayed and arrested. For us you faced the lies and false accusations of your enemies, an unjust trial and the sentence of death. For us you carried our sins in your own body to the cross to give us forgiveness and life. If we should face anger or ridicule because we follow you, help us to stand firm in faith and bold in witness. Comfort and protect your saints in every nation where they are persecuted for the sake of your holy name. Help each of them to bear the cross and follow you.

C Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sit FIRST READING

A reading from the Second Psalm.

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

A reading from Romans.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As

Romans 8:31-39

Psalm 2:1-6

it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

G Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

GOSPEL

Matthew 26:59-68

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the chief priests and the whole council were seeking false testimony against Jesus that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said, "This man said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to rebuild it in three days." And the high priest stood up and said, "Have you no answer to make? What is it that these men testify against you?" But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, "I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven." Then the high priest tore his robes and said, "He has uttered blasphemy. What further witnesses do we need? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your judgment?" They answered, "He deserves death." Then they spit in his face and struck him. And some slapped him, saying, "Prophesy to us, you Christ! Who is it that struck you?"

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

"Thus Christ was not killed in a rebellion, nor in a riot, nor by people who had no legal power; no, he was killed by those who held full, legal power." (Martin Luther, from his second sermon for Holy Week, 1534)

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. APOSTLES' CREED

- ▶ With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- ▲ Lord Jesus, you overcame persecution, suffering and death for the sake of our salvation. You triumphed over all of your enemies to win for us forgiveness, life and peace with God. Jesus, conquering King,
- **G** Nothing can separate us from your love.
- ▲ Lord Jesus, so many of your saints around the world suffer because of their love for you. We pray that you would strengthen their faith and comfort them with the hope of eternal life. Cause all leaders worldwide to rule in justice and wisdom. Jesus, conquering King,

G Nothing can separate us from your love.

- ▲ Lord Jesus, when we face ridicule or shame for our faith, strengthen us in your love. Help us to remain firm in hope, loving even our enemies. Your victory over sin, death and the devil is our victory, and in you we are more than conquerors. Jesus, conquering King,
- **G** Nothing can separate us from your love.
- ▶ 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.
- **C** 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.

G 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.

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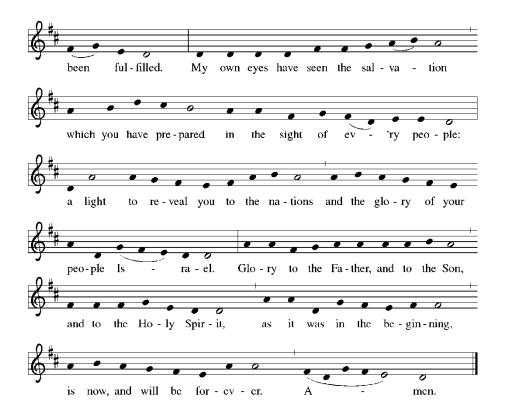
COMMUNION

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 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 (NUNC DIMITTIS)



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: Jesus, Priceless Treasure

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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.

During Lent, a Hymn of Praise is not appropriate because of the preparatory and penitential nature of this time.

The liturgical color purple, symbolic of our penitence and Jesus' royalty, is used in Lent.

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Assisting in the Service:

Acolyte: Piper Bouchard Crucifer: Riley Smith
Lectors: 8:00 am: Mildred Stuffle

10:30 am: Jeannie Funk and Jennifer Wentworth

Greeters: Pat and Dale O'Hara
Ushers: 8:00 am: The Usher Team

10:30 am: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Gary Halteman, and Dave Halteman

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: Janice Reiff and Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Sally Sweeney

30 am: Joe and Donna Cooney

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Brian O'Hara, and Frank DePaul

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Donald DeWane in loving memory of deceased family members.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Ms. Allison Smith in loving memory of family members.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Jane Whitman in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Cemetery Committee</u> will be having a <u>Spring cleanup</u> in the next few weeks in preparation for Easter. Please collect any Christmas Holiday items that you wish to keep.

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

<u>Our Final Hymn</u> at 10:30 ("This Is My Song") was chosen by Mike Taylor. Thank you, Mike for your gifts to the music ministry at Augustus! If you would like to select a hymn for a Sunday service, a \$340 donation to the music program will do it! You may make a check payable to Augustus Lutheran Church, and mark it to Bob Rodenberger's attention for the music department. Thank you!

<u>Final Soup Sale of the Season!</u> Next Sunday, March 18, will be the last soup sale of the winter! Please consider lunch/dinner DONE and purchase some of these amazing homemade soups to support our Youth Group!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

We will dedicate the new meeting space and Elevator on April 15, 2018. Details to come, but mark your calendar now to make sure you join us!

2018 Stewardship Campaign Update				
	Commitment Cards	Dollar Amount		
Total Possible	272	\$235,000		
Received as of 3/4/18	100	\$151,979		
Amount Outstanding172		\$83,021		
If you have not yet returned your Commitment Card for 2018 please				

f 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, <u>www.augustustrappe.org</u>, under the "About Us" tab.

"God's Will for Me"

Community Lenten Service Series each Wednesday at 7:30 pm

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Date	Place	Theme
March 14	St. James Episcopal	God's Will and My
		Worldview
March 21	Lower Providence Baptist	God's Will and My Response

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

<u>Augustus Book Club:</u> The next meeting of the Augustus Book Club will be on March 19, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Vestry Lounge. We'll be discussing <u>A is for Alibi</u> by Sue Grafton. This great, fun book is the first in "The Alphabet Murder" series by Sue Grafton. All are welcome! Refreshments always served! If you have questions, contact Karen at office@augustustrappe.org or 610-489-9625. Notice from your Cemetery Committee: In order to keep pace with inflation, anticipate increased maintenance costs, and provide for the future care of our cemetery, please know that effective January 1, 2018, the cost of graves spaces will be \$620 each for members and \$1,550 each for non-members."

		CALENI	DAR OF EVENTS	
Sunday	3/11	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	
		6:45 pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor	
Monday	3/12			
Tuesday	3/13	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	
Wednesday	3/14	6:00 pm	3-in-1 Stations of the Cross Practice	
Thursday	3/15	6:00 pm	Bell Choir Rehearsal	
		7:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	
Friday	3/16			
Saturday	3/17			
Sunday	3/18	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>Starting to get your summer together?</u> If you have little ones, or kids in school, you're already planning for the summer months, right? Don't forget to add Vacation Bible School to your calendar! This year's VBS is Hero Central! The dates are June 25 through the 28th. 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 <u>education@augustustrappe.org</u>



2018 Easter Flowers

Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer 412 Dartmoor Road Schwenksville, PA 19473 Phone: 610-715-4850 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

ORDER DEADLINE: March 18, 2018

Name:

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Lily	@ \$11.50 =	
Daffodil	@ \$9.00 =	
Tulip	@ \$5.00 =	
	Order Total	

Check One:

I will take my flowers AFTER the Easter Service Please distribute my flowers to others

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read: (*PLEASE <u>PRINT</u>*)

For questions about this event or to place your reservations, contact: schollde@aol.com or 610-409-1950



CLYBOURNE P A R K

Clybourne Park is a satire about race in two Acts set fifty years apart which serve as bookends to Lorraine Hansberry's groundbreaking A Raisin in the Sun.

breaking Sun.

Kaleidoscope Performing Arts Center (at Ursinus College) \$8 General Admission \$5 Seniors

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RSVP BY MARCH 13 FOLLY MARCH 23, 2013 ad design: Brian O'Hara © 2018 **The Cemetery Committee** is a group of volunteers who work to maintain and improve our cemetery in spite of the limited funds available to accomplish this goal. The committee would like to beautify the cemetery by planting 15 flowering trees along the field side of the driveway as you enter the cemetery in time for the Dedication of the Muhlenberg Center on April 15, 2018.

The Cemetery Committee needs your help to accomplish this project. The Cemetery Committee is asking our members and friends to donate the cost of planting one or more of the trees. The cost per tree is \$449. Donors' names and dedications will be listed in the Augustinian. If you are able to donate this amount, over and above your regular member giving, please fill out and submit the information below along with your payment before March 31, 2018.

CEMETERY TREE DONATION I would like to donate tree(s) to beautify the cemetery.
I have enclosed payment of \$449 per tree.
Name
I would like the dedication in the Augustinian to read:
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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.



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Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs Coconut Cream Eggs Thin Mint Cookies Delicious!

Order forms in the bulletin, or pick one up in the Atrium. Orders accepted through March 18. DELIVERY is Sunday, March 25th

Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!

Name:______

I would like:

Thin Mints: arranged and sold by the dozen.

1 dz. \$4.00 _____ 2 dz. \$8.00 _____

Chocolate PB Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound.

¹⁄₂ lb. \$5.00 _____ Pound \$10.00 _____

Coconut Cream Eggs: sold by the half-pound and full-pound. ¹/₂ lb. \$5.00 _____ Pound \$10.00

> I will pick up after the 8 o'clock service ______ I will pick up after the 10:30 service _____

> > Thank you for supporting SHYG!









of the UPPER MONTGOMERY CONFERENCE of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod of The Women of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of America

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2018 at St. James Lutheran Church 1101 E. High Street, Pottstown, PA (610) 326-2810



REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:00 A.M. PROGRAM BEGINS AT 9:30 A.M.

PROGRAM:

All Anew: Ready or Not! Highlights and Reflections from Minneapolis

Pat Leberman and Jean John will share highlights from the Tenth Triennial Convention and Gathering of Women of the ELCA, which they attended from July 11 to 13, 2017, at the Minneapolis Convention Center.

WHAT TO BRING:

Each church is asked to bring a baked good, fruit, or similar refreshment item to share, as well as canned goods donations. Coffee, tea & beverages will be served by our hosts at St. James. Your gracious donations of canned goods will go to the Pottstown Cluster of Religious Communities food pantry in Pottstown.

DIRECTIONS:

<u>From Rt. 422 West</u> - exit at Armand Hammer Boulevard. Make a right at the traffic light at the top of the ramp. Continue to the third light and turn left onto High Street. Stay on High Street for 6/10 miles. The church is located on the right. Parking lot is in the rear.