### HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday in Lent

### March 23, 2025

10:30 am

### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The warnings are plentiful and blunt on the third Sunday in Lent. Cut it out or get cut down! The warnings are accompanied by God's invitation to attentiveness: "Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live." The landowner's ultimatum is forestalled by the gardener's readiness to till the ground one more year. That is good news for all of us. Thanks be to God!

### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

### **GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

**HYMN:** In the Cross of Christ I Glory Printed on the next page.



### HOLY BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION

In baptism our gracious heavenly Father frees us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are born children of a fallen humanity; by water and the Holy Spirit we are reborn children of God and made members of the church, the body of Christ. Living with Christ and in the communion of saints, we grow in faith, love, and obedience to the will of God.

### Sponsors for the candidate present the candidate:

I present Frank Harrison Martin V for baptism.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

 Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ?

### Response:

I do.

### The presiding minister continues:

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that your child may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life? *Response:* 

I do.

### The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this person in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

### Response:

I do.

### The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

P People of God, do you promise to support Frank Harrison and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C** We do.

### **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

The presiding minister addresses the candidate for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children.

- I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response:

- I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? *Response:*
- I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response:

I renounce them.

### The presiding minister addresses the candidate and the assembly.

- **P** Do you believe in God the Father?
- **G** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- 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.

- **D** you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- 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.

### THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

Water may be poured into the font before or during the thanksgiving. At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And also with you.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

### BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes the candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says: P Frank Harrison, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

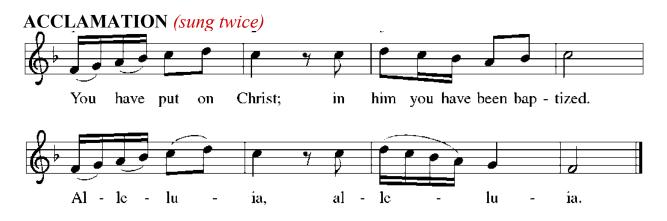
The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

and of the Son,

The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a third time:

and of the Holy Spirit.

### **G** Amen.



**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays for him:

Sustain Frank Harrison with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**G** Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

- **P** Frank Harrison, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.
- **G** Amen.

### WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

• Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

- **A** Let us welcome the newly baptized.
- **G** We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.

The service continues with the prayers of intercession, or, if baptism has taken place in the gathering rite, with the greeting.

#### *Stand* 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; 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* CHILDREN'S SERMON

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-9

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love. Those who return to God will enjoy new life and forgiveness, because God's ways are not our ways.

A A reading from Isaiah. <sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you,

because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

<sup>6</sup> Seek the LORD while he may be found,

call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,

and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 63:1-6** (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eager- <sup>|</sup> ly I seek you;

my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there  $^{|}$  is no water.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place, that I might behold your power | and your glory.

<sup>3</sup> For your lovingkindness is better than | life itself; my lips shall | give you praise.

<sup>4</sup> So will I bless you as long | as I live

and lift up my hands in your name.

<sup>5</sup> My soul is content, as with mar-<sup>1</sup> row and fatness, and my mouth praises you with <sup>1</sup> joyful lips,

- <sup>6</sup> when I remember you up-<sup>1</sup> on my bed,
  - and meditate on you in | the night watches.

<sup>7</sup> For you have <sup>|</sup> been my helper,

and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup> My soul <sup>|</sup> clings to you; your right hand <sup>|</sup> holds me fast.

### SECOND READING

of God's faithfulness.

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus *Christ: He is our rock, our water, our food, and our drink. Christ is the living sign* 

A reading from First Corinthians. A

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup> And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. <sup>11</sup> These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. <sup>12</sup> So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. <sup>13</sup> No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

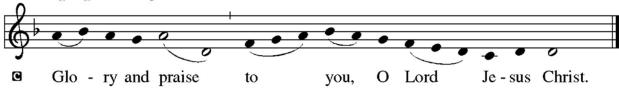
- The word of the Lord.
- С Thanks be to God.

### Stand **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** The congregation sings the Acclamation. Glo - ry and praise Lord Je-sus Christ. С to you, 0 The choir sings the Verse. . 0

Jesus began | to proclaim,

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven | has come near.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



### GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

Asked about current tragic events, Jesus turns a lesson about whether suffering is deserved into a hard call to obedience. He then tells a parable that holds out hope that the timeline for ultimate judgment will be tempered by patience.

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

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> [Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?<sup>3</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup> Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup> No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup> Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup> So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' <sup>8</sup> He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup> If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

### **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

*Sit* SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer Printed on the next page.

## Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer



Third Sunday in Lent

### 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.

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.

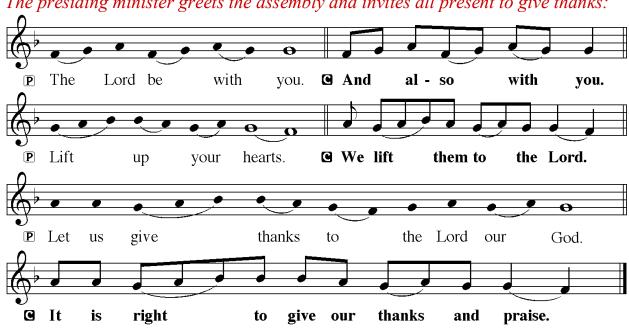
Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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



### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

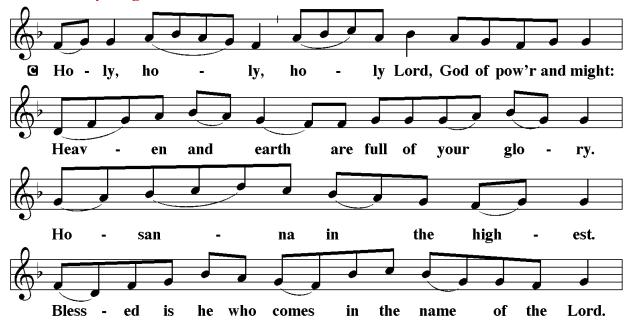


The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with P the preface for the day, concluding: ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:





The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED, OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS; BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING: TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY + BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS, AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING: THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD, SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN. DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.



### **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.
- С Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

### Sit

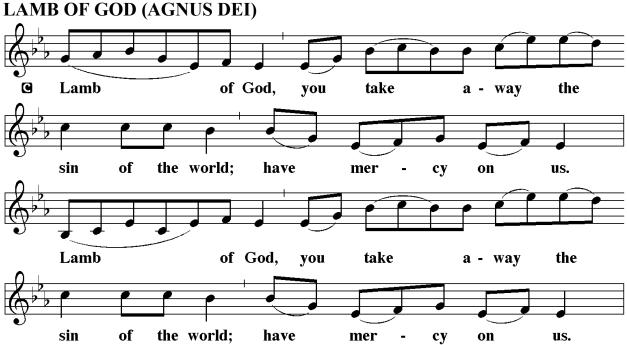
### **COMMUNION**

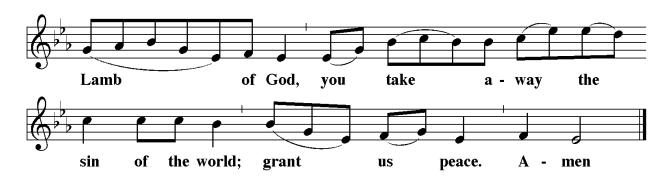
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. and each person may respond

R Amen.

Music during Communion:

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.





### ANTHEM

### Stand

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

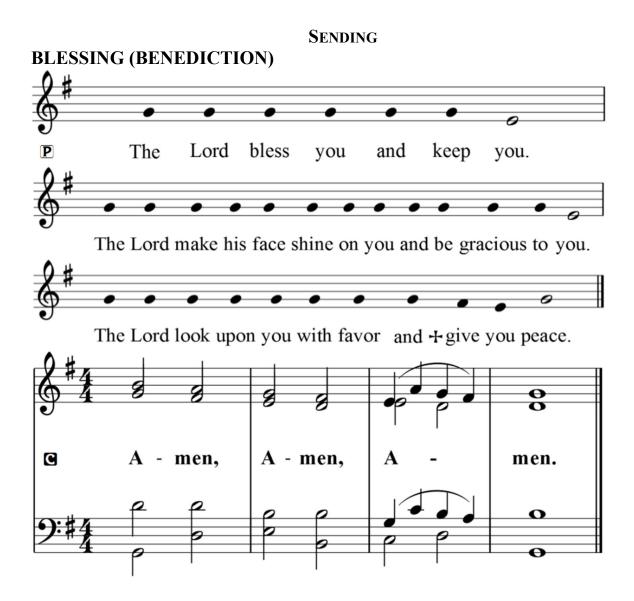
P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**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.

### **C** Amen.



### DISMISSAL

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

**HYMN:** Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross Printed on the next page.

## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



### OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

### 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.

**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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<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by James and Sally Lorah in loving memory of son, J. Scott Lorah.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Dave and Jeanne Halteman in honor of children, Taylor and Zachary's birthdays.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God in thanks for blessings received, by the Bubecks.

<u>Holy Baptism</u> will be administered to Frank Martin V during the 10:30 am service today. May God bless Frank and his family as he begins his journey of faith.



2025 Easter Flowers Flowers can now be ordered for Easter!

### Please include payment with your order. Make checks payable to: Augustus Flower Fund Orders can be left in the church office or mailed to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Road, Schwenksville, PA 19473

Phone: 610-715-4850 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

### ORDER DEADLINE: April 6, 2025

Name:		Phone:	
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Lily	@ \$15.50 =	Check One:	
Daffodil	@ \$11.00 =	I will take my flowers AFTER the Easter Service	
Tulip	a \$5.50 =		
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I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read: (PLEASE PRINT)



# Augustus Lutheran Senior Youth Group Easter Fundraiser

Homemade Peanut Butter Eggs, Coconut Crème Eggs and Thin Mints Orders due by Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Order Pick up on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>



Name:

Peanut Butter Eggs \$5.00/half pound \$10.00/pound Coconut Crème Eggs \$5.00/half pound \$10.00/pound

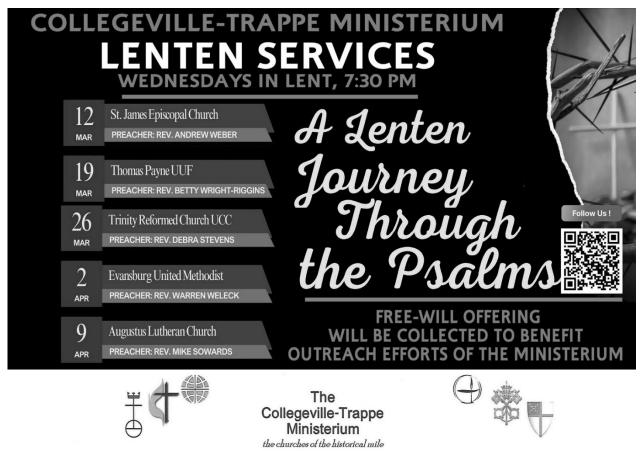
Thin Mints \$5.00/dozen

Total: \$

□ I will pick up after the 8:00 service

□ I will pick up after the 10:30 service

Thank you for supporting the Senior Youth Group!



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