# **HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 30, 2023 8:00 am and 10:30 am

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today is sometimes called "Good Shepherd Sunday." Jesus is called the "gate" of the sheep in today's gospel. The risen Christ opens the way to abundant life. He anoints our heads with oil and guides us beside the still waters of our baptism. Each Sunday he spreads a feast before us amid the world's violence and war. We go forth to be signs of the resurrection and extend God's tender care to all creation.

#### SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

10:30 am: Ali Backlund, Flute

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

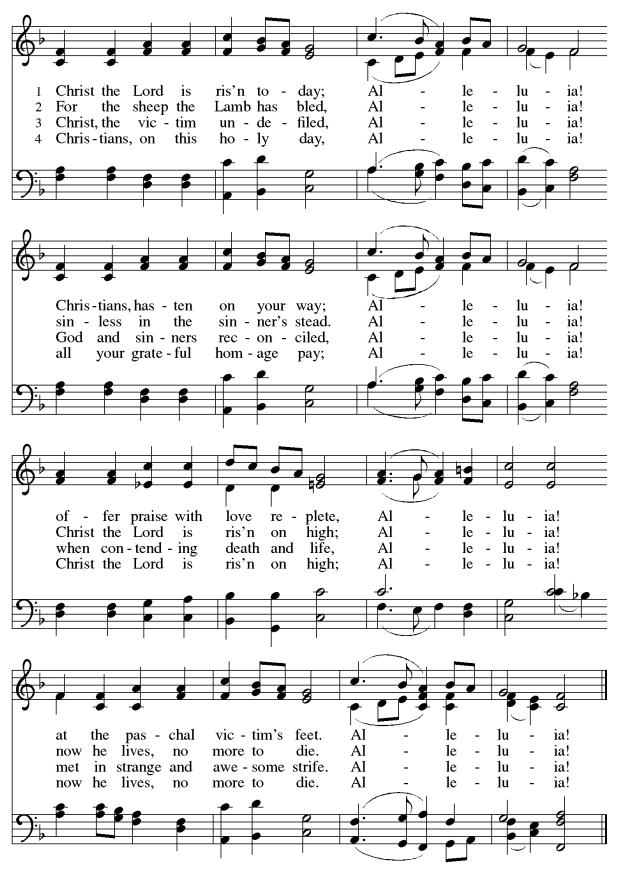
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)** 

Stand

**HYMN:** Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia! Printed on the next page.

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



## **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 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.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

## Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
  We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
  We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
  For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
  Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

- P 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.

## 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.
- **And also with you.**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 2:42-27

Today's reading is a description of life in the community following Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost, when the Spirit was poured out on God's people. The new community is sustained in worship and fellowship, shares what they have, and ensures that everyone has enough.

- A reading from Acts.
- <sup>42</sup>[The baptized] devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.
- <sup>43</sup>Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup>All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup>they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup>Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup>praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## Later service only.

**PSALM 23** (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my shepherd;

I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>He re- | vives my soul

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

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

- <sup>5</sup>You spread a table before me in the presence of those who | trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.
- <sup>6</sup>Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

#### SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:19-25

Doing the right things does not guarantee that one will not experience difficulties, hardships, rejection, or even suffering. Here Christ is presented as the model for our path of endurance and loyalty to God, particularly amid adversity.

- **A** A reading from First Peter.
- <sup>19</sup>It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup>If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup>For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>22</sup>"He committed no sin,

and no deceit was found in his mouth."

<sup>23</sup>When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup>He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup>For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

#### Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



I am | the good shepherd,

I know my own and my | own know me.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Jonn 10:1-10

Jesus uses an image familiar to the people of his day to make a point about spiritual leadership. Those who listen to Jesus are led to abundant life.

P The holy gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

Sit

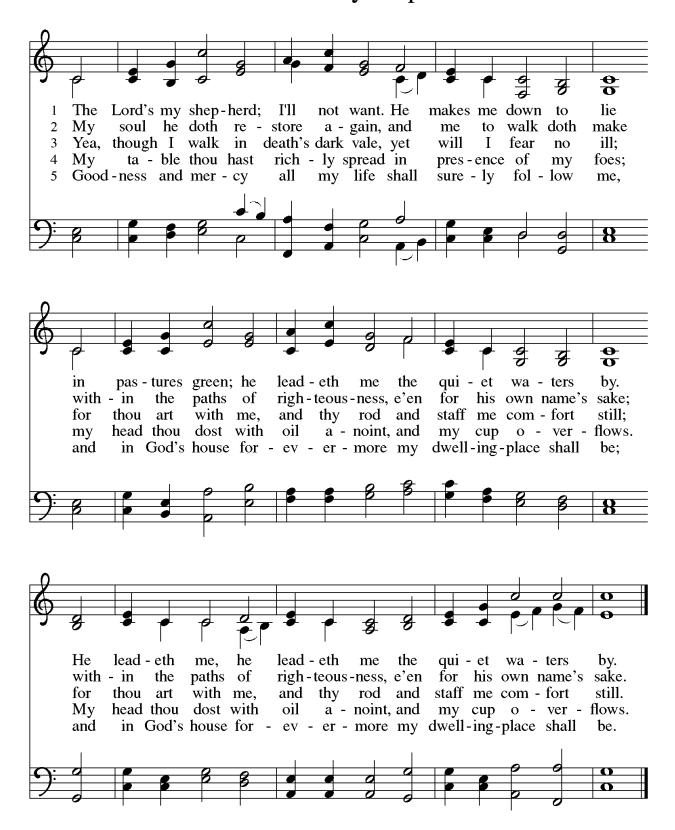
**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** The Lord's My Shepherd Printed on the next page.

## The Lord's My Shepherd



#### NICENE CREED

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

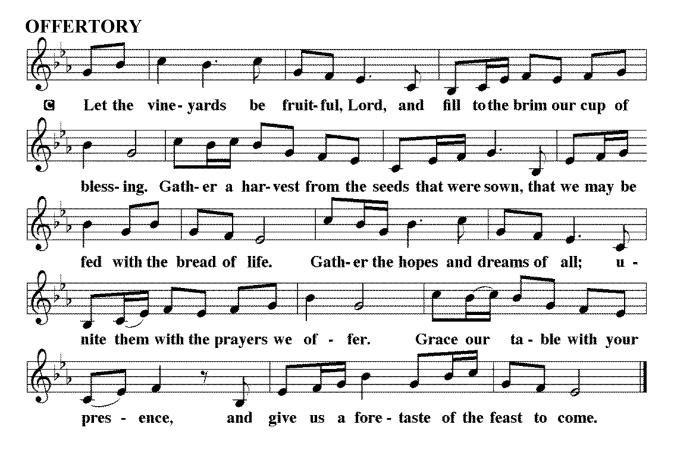
#### **PEACE**

- 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.

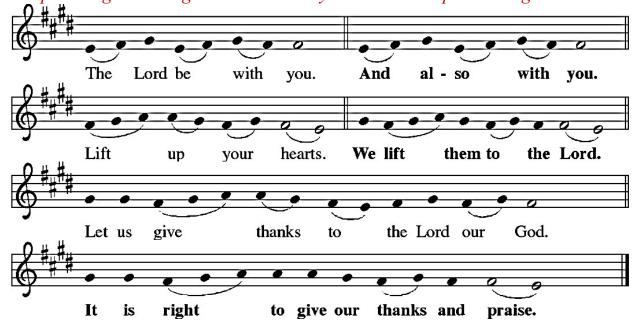
## LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

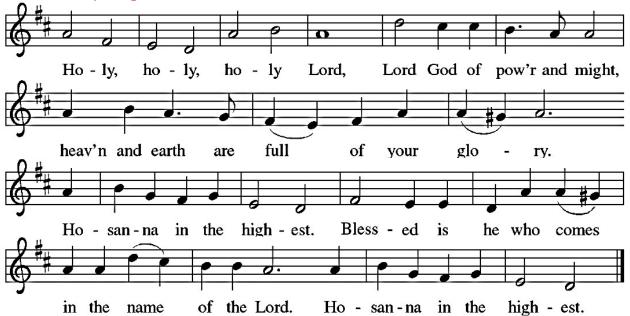
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with 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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- Our Father, who art in heaven,
  hallowed be thy name,
  thy kingdom come,
  thy will be done,
  on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those

who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

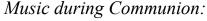
#### **COMMUNION**

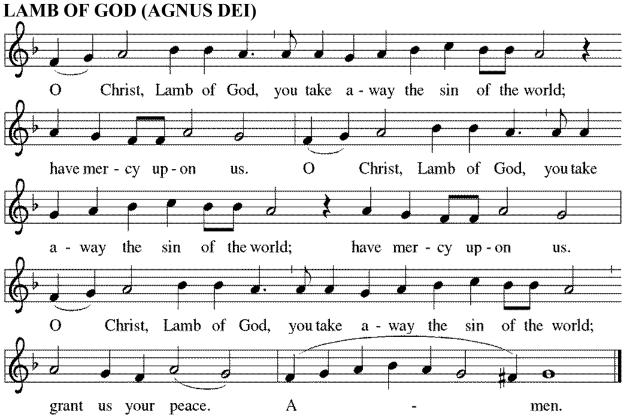
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "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. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.





## Later service only:

ANTHEM: Psalm 23

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want; in verdant fields of grass he lets me lie, he lets me lie. Beside the quiet waters he leads my weary soul; In the restful stillness of the pool he restores my strength, he restores my strength.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want; In the paths of righteousness he leads for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me.
Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. You prepare a table in the sight of my foes; You anoint my head with oil and my cup overflows, my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

The Lord is my shepherd.

## Stand

#### **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.
- **G** Amen.

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



P God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead.



open to you the gate of ev - er - last-ing life. GA - men.



P God the Son, who burst forth from the grave,



## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

**HYMN:** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

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## Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* Lole

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**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**The Paschal Candle,** symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

**The liturgical color white,** symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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10:30 am Lessons: Sonya Sowards Prayers: Matt Vera

Acolyte: Erick Lyaro

Communion Assistant: Ethan DePaul

Altar Guild: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine and Sally Sweeney

10:30 am: Deb Scholl and Marie Conover

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

Video Production: Jim Lien, Jeannie Funk, or Jonathan Mueller

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Laurie Mueller in loving memory of her mother, Tacey Sava.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Rosaria Lehman in memory of Jeannette Lehman.

The Worship Bulletins are given to the glory of God by Walter and Diane Mills.

The Spring Turkey/Craft & Vendor Fair Committee would like to extend much gratitude and appreciation to all those who helped make the dinner/craft & vendor fair an enormous success. For every volunteer that was seen in person at this event, there were many others working behind the scenes, resulting in countless volunteer hours. From acquiring funds, equipment, supplies, and community support to thoroughly cleaning the kitchen, food preparation, and providing service to our patrons, no effort went unnoticed. The committee would like to thank our community sponsors Thrivent Financial, Phoenixville Federal Savings Bank, Trappe Tavern, and Brandywine Living for providing us with the vehicles needed to have the event. We would also like to extend a heart-felt "Thank You" to all of the members of Augustus Women of the ELCA for their continuous support of the Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Fair and global missions work. Lastly, we would like to thank all those who patronized this event. It takes the entire Augustus Family to make an event like this feasible, and in return the entire church receives credit and acknowledgement for the support of pediatrician Dr. Stephen and Jodi Lynn Swanson, Missionaries in Tanzania.





# Geranium Sunday

Flowers can now be ordered for Pentecost!

All members of the Congregation are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church Sanctuary in celebration of Pentecost, May 28, 2023. The Women of ELCA will take responsibility for their planting on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to:* AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND

## Last day to order is May 14, 2023

<i>Mail to:</i> Karen Lache	enmayer, 412 Dar	tmoor Kd., Schwenksville, PA 194/3	
Phone: 610-287-28.	27 <i>E-Mail:</i> <u>ka</u>	renlachenmayer@gmail.com	
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2023 One Dream Mission Team

## 9th Annual Golf Outing

Friday June 2, 2023 1:00 P.M. Shot Gun Start Butter Valley Golf Port 3243 Gehman Road

Barto PA One Dream Mission Team

> First UCC & Trinity Lutheran (Quakertown, PA) Augustus Lutheran (Trappe, PA)

**Tournament** Information

Friday, June 2, 2023 12:00 registration 1:00 Shot Gun Start 4-Person Scramble Format

Butter Valley Golf Port Barto, PA

\$90 per golfer Greens fees, cart, food at turn, beverages, soda, water, steak dinner and gift bags

Dinner Only \$40 (6:30 PM) Can't join us for golf? Then please join us for the dinner and festivities.

#### Contests

Closest to the Pin Longest Drive (Men) Longest Drive (Women) Straightest Drive 50/50 Pot of Gold Putting Contest Raffles and Auction

(Check website for updates.) www.firstucc.net

Cleaning up

debris from

building fire

The goal of our Mission Group is to help families improve their everyday lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. At the same time, teaching the teenagers in the group, valuable skills that they can use throughout their lives. The Mission Group includes teenagers, as young as 8th grade, and adults from three churches. We have come together as one group to share this dream with families in need.

Removing nails from roof, & replacing with screws



Jsing power tools to epair deck







2022 Mission Group First United Church of Christ and Trinity Lutheran Church-Quakertown, PA Augustus Lutheran Church-Trappe, PA



#### Sponsor Information

Gold Sponsor \$725

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#### Monetary Donation

We are happy to accept any amount that you can contribute.

#### Raffle/Auction Donation

All items donated will be used for our Raffle/Auctions

\*\*\* All Sponsors will be able to provide promotional materials to be placed in each golfer's gift bag.

#### REGISTRATION FORM

Mail this form and check to: First UCC-Mission Group 151 S. 4th Street. Quakertown, PA 18951

\$90 per golfer Register by May 21, 2023

\*Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your spot and be made payable to: First UCC-Mission Group.

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