HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022 8:00 & 10:30 AM

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In this service in our series *In View of God's Mercy*, we look at our lives through the lens of God's love toward us in the sacrifice of his Son, Jesus. In this service, we ponder the truth that though we may turn away from our God again and again, our Lord continues to call us back into his merciful arms for Jesus' sake.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Prayer for Ukraine Lysenko

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. (1 Peter 3:9)

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



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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.

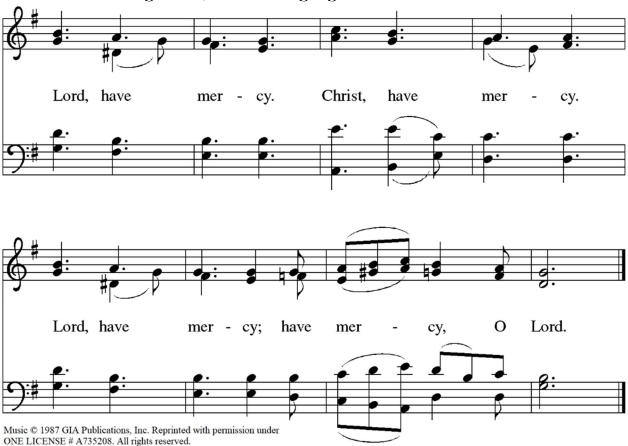
- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of 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.**

KYRIE: Choir sings once; then all sing together.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, as we continue our Lenten pilgrimage, we do so in view of your mercy. Although we have betrayed you with our sin, you continue to show your mercy to us. Strengthen us by the Holy Spirit so that we might live by your grace and follow you in faithfulness. We pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

G Amen.

Sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1-10

A A reading from Jonah.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he issued a proclamation and published through Nineveh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything. Let them not feed or drink water, but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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

Later service only:

PSALM 63:1-8 (*The congregation's verses are in bold face type.*)

¹O God, you are my God; eager- 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.

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

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

⁴So will I bless you as long | as I live and lift up my hands | in your name.

⁵My soul is content, as with mar- | row and fatness, and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,

⁶when I remember you up- | on my bed, and meditate on you in | the night watches.

⁷For you have | been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.

⁸My soul | clings to you; your right hand | holds me fast.

SECOND READING

1 Peter 3:9-12

A A reading from First Peter.

Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

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

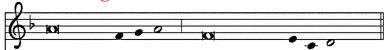
Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Verse.



Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to the | point of death—even death | on a cross.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Matthew 26:47-50

P The holy gospel according to Matthew.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him.

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

Sit

SERMON: *Mercy in Betrayal*

- I. Judas Betrayed Jesus
- II. We Betray Jesus
- III. Jesus Shows Mercy to Traitors Like Us

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: Ah, Holy Jesus



Stand

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

NICENE CREED

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

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

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

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

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- Almighty and merciful God, we approach your throne of grace today as those who betray you by our disobedience to your will.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- When we are tempted to betray you at the price of greed, point us to the cross where we see the price of grace.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- When we are tempted to betray you at the price of ambition, point us to the cross where we see the price of absolution.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- When we are tempted to betray you at the price of acceptance by the world, point us to the cross where we see our adoption through the Word.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- When we are tempted to betray you at the price of retaliation, point us to the cross where we see the price of redemption.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- We praise you that your faithfulness to us is great and your mercies are new to us every morning.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A In view of your mercy, lead us by your Spirit so that we will say no to traitorous sin and yes to faith-filled righteousness.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- **A** Lead us away from temptation and deliver us from evil.
- **Q** Lord, grant me your grace both to will and to do what pleases you.
- All these things we pray in the name of Jesus, who suffered in our stead the penalty for betrayal.
- C Amen.

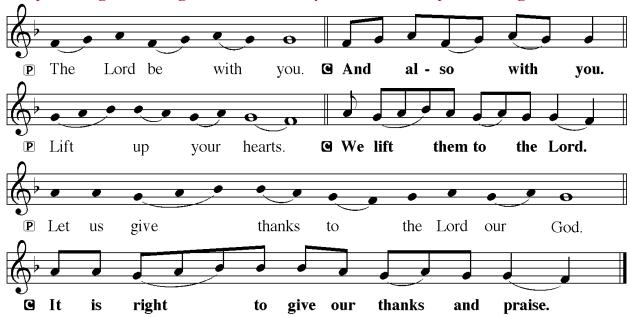
LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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GREAT THANKSGIVING

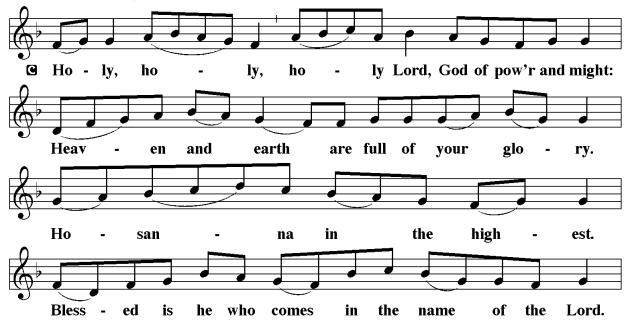
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

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

The assembly 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:

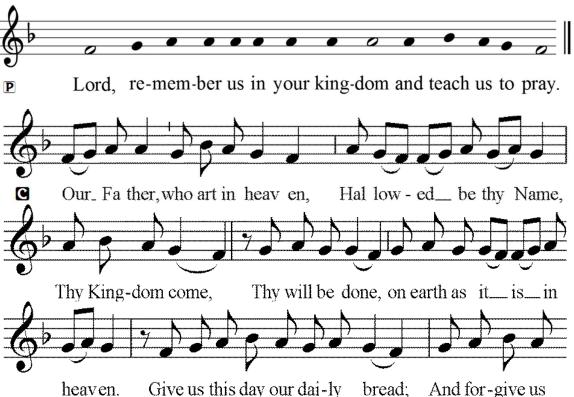
TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ☐ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

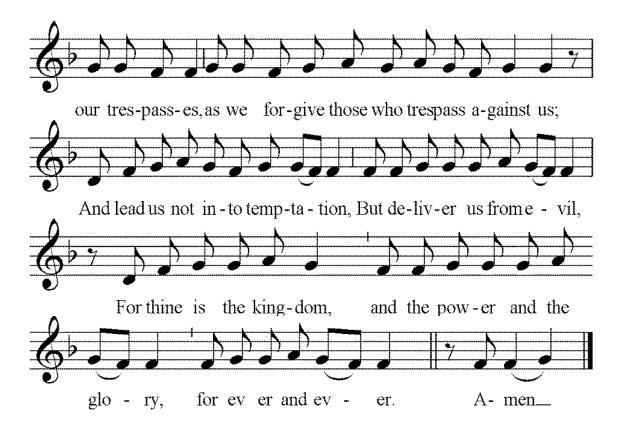
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

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





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

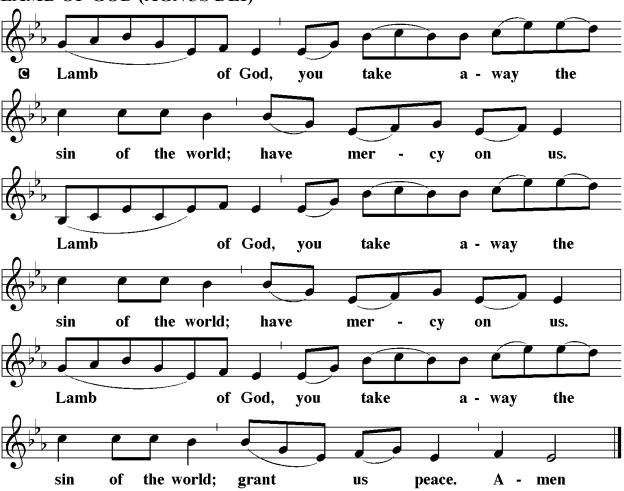
Amen.

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.

Music during Communion:

LAMB OF GOD (AGNUS DEI)



ANTHEM: How Deep the Father's Love for Us Solo: Quinn Adams

Townend/Shackley

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss—the Father turns His face away As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory. Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished. His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished. I will not boast in anything—No gifts, no power, no wisdom. But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

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

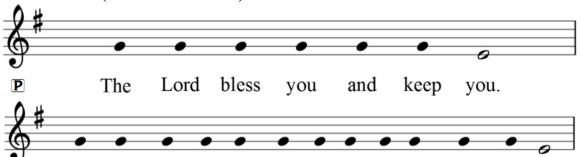
A Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)



The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.



The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Just As I Am

Just As I Am, without One Plea



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Ukrainian National Anthem

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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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The 2022 Congregational Meeting Part 1, scheduled for February 13th will be postponed until April 3rd. Due to the high volume of COVID and the flu, the Vestry thought it was best to postpone the meeting.

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About Prayer for Ukraine

Prayer for Ukraine is a patriotic Ukrainian hymn published in 1885. The text was written by Oleksandr Konysky, and the music was composed by Mykola Lysenko, first with a children's choir in mind. The song became the regular closing hymn in many Ukrainian churches. It gained national significance when it was performed by mass choirs during the Ukrainian War of Independence in 1917–1920. The hymn was intended to be an official spiritual anthem of Ukraine. Here is a literary translation by Dmytro Shostak:

Lord, oh the Great and Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine. Bless her with freedom and light of your holy rays. With learning and knowledge enlighten us, your children small. In love pure and everlasting let us grow. We pray, oh Lord Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine. Grant our people and country all your kindness and grace.

About the Ukrainian National Anthem:

This is an article by Sian Moore, found on classicfm.com:

A mighty choral work worthy of any great stadium or concert hall – we delve into the lyrics and history of Ukraine's national song.

'Shche ne vmerla Ukrainas', the national anthem of Ukraine, has just one verse and one chorus – but it remains one of the world's mightiest patriotic songs. It was formally adopted less than three decades ago, following the country's independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. While formally known as the 'State Anthem of Ukraine', it also goes by its native title 'Shche ne vmerla Ukrainy', which translates into English as 'Ukraine Has Not Yet Perished'.

The rousing melody we hear today was officially accepted in 1992 by Ukraine's parliament, the Verkhovna Rada. More than 10 years later, the official lyrics were set after then-president Leonid Kuchma proposed a law in 2003. He wanted <u>priest</u> and <u>composer</u> Mykhailo Verbytsky's music to be the vehicle for Ukrainian poet's Pavlo Chubynsky's patriotic poem, 'Šče ne vmerla Ukrajina', with some adjustments to the first verse. Instead of the poet's original line 'Ukraine has not yet died, neither her glory, nor her freedom', the anthem goes, 'Ukraine's glory has not yet died, nor her freedom'.

What are the lyrics to Ukraine's national anthem in English?

The glory and freedom of Ukraine has not yet perished Luck will still smile on us brother-Ukrainians. Our enemies will die, as the dew does in the sunshine, and we, too, brothers, we'll live happily in our land.

We'll not spare either our souls or bodies to get freedom and we'll prove that we brothers are of Kozak kin.

Worship Assistants

Ushers: Mike Taylor, Mike Beattie, Scott Halteman, and Shane Elison

Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards

Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Sally Sweeney

Offering Tabulation: John Kochel, Sherry Jessee, and Shane Elison 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 Helen Newton and Pam Sharkey in loving memory of father and husband, Charles D. Newton

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

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Pat, Dale, and Brian O'Hara in memory of loved ones.

Candle Lamp and Flower Sponsors Needed: Each Sunday, a member or family from the congregation donates flowers for the altar at our worship services. Another member or family donates the candle lamp that hangs over the altar. These are two great ways to honor someone you love, as well as to honor your commitment to God and to Augustus. After the service, a volunteer delivers the flowers to shut ins or others who could use a lift (\$45 per week). The candle burns for the week over the altar to remind us that God is with us (\$6 per week).

If you are interested in participating in the sponsorship of these important parts of our weekly worship, please contact the Parish Administrator at 610-489-9625 or office@augustustrappe.org.

Altar Guild Help Wanted: Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change the paraments, prepare Holy Communion, place the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. No experience

<u>Prayer Chain Volunteers Needed:</u> Did you know Augustus's WELCA has a prayer group? People are invited to call the leader of the group, Carol Oelschlager, or the church office with prayer requests and a group of folks will say special prayers based on these requests. This group is now seeking additional people to pray for our congregants and friends. If you are interested in participating, please call Carol Oelschlager at 610-310-5008.

Music for Piano, Organ, and Percussion: Sunday, March 27, 4pm at St. John's United Church of Christ in Lansdale. Join St. John's Andrew Paulson with percussionist Dr. John Pennington for an afternoon like no other. Hear jazz, classical, and modern compositions in the combination of keyboard and percussion. Featuring works by Makoto Ozone, Maurice Ravel, Chick Corea, Carol Barnett and more! All are welcome to this free event. Contact Andrew Paulson at andrew@st-johns-ucc.org for more information.

AUGUSTUS SPRING TURKEY DINNER / CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR:

As we commence a new calendar year, it is once again time to start looking into the feasibility of the Spring Turkey Dinner event and our commitment to global missionaries. As I am sure that everyone has endured many changes over the past few years, the Turkey Dinner is no exception. Since the success of the event greatly relies on the support of local businesses, the community, the general



church congregation, and available resources, the committee is evaluating its feasibility for this year and beyond. Unfortunately, there are many obstacles for the committee to overcome, which include obtaining cost effective products and supplies, food production with limited equipment, transporting food for 500 guests the day of, and confidence that we have the volunteer working staff to pull off the event. In the past, we have also piggy-backed off of a caterer to help with supplies, food prep, and resources. Unfortunately, this caterer's business did not survive the pandemic. That being said, the committee is currently looking to add 4-6 dedicated people who would be willing to help see this fundraiser through all of its stages, planning, production, the event day, and clean-up, with intense activity during the month of April. Maybe you have resources or connections to culinary expertise. Maybe you can dedicate substantial time during the week prior to the turkey dinner to prepare food. Maybe you have connections to local commercial kitchen resources. There are many complications and logistic issues that the committee feels they can work through, if they have a dedicated congregation, business, and volunteer support behind them. Please prayerfully consider joining the dedicated Turkey Dinner / Craft & Vendor Fair committee by reaching out to Dale O'Hara at oharadvd@aol.com or 610-489-0417 and showing your support. We will need to make a decision about the future of the Turkey Dinner by mid-March.



2022 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 3, 2022

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Get Your Sweet Treats Here!!!



Thin mint cookies will be arranged and sold by the dozen. Peanut butter and coconut creme eggs will be sold by the half pound and full pound container.

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I will pick up after the 8 o'clock I will pick up after the 10 o'clock		
Thank you for supporting SHYG		

SENIOR HIGH YOUTH GROUP EASTER SWEET TREAT FUNDRAISER

Sunday, April 10th is the delivery date.

Homemade peanut butter and coconut creme eggs.

We also have thin mints cookies.

Delicious!