HOLY COMMUNION Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: Allegro from Suite in D

Saxton/Stanley

Jennie Lien - violin

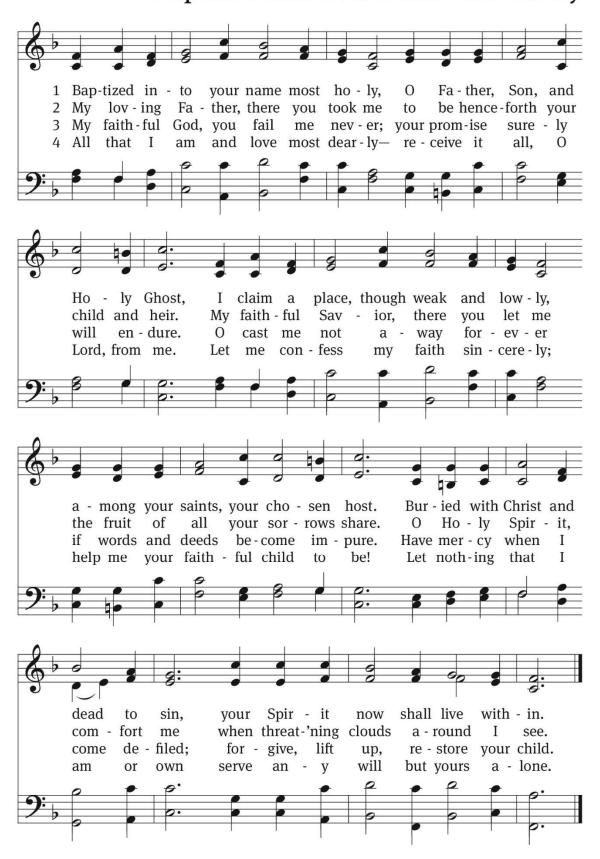
ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

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HYMN: Baptized into Your Name Most Holy Printed on the next page.

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



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 Savannah Grace Kitchens for baptism.

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

P 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 her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her 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 her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response:

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

- People of God, do you promise to support Savannah Grace and pray for her in her new life in Christ?
- 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*:
- R 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.

- **P** Do 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.
- **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.

C 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 Savannah Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

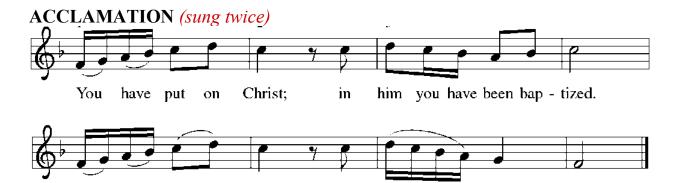
The candidate is immersed or water is poured on the candidate's head a second time:

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.



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P Let us pray.

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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 Savannah Grace 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,

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the spirit of joy in your presence,

both now and forever.

C 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:

- Savannah Grace, 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.
- 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

- 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.

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

A reading from Acts.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

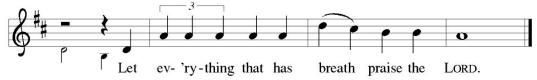
- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 (Congregation sings the refrain as printed) The **first time** the choir sings the Refrain and the congregation repeats it.



Hallelujah! Praise God in the holy temple; praise God in the mighty firmament.

²Praise God for | mighty acts; praise God for ex-| ceeding greatness.



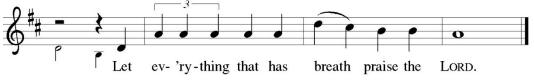
³Praise God with | trumpet sound; praise God with | lyre and harp.

⁴Praise God with tambou- rine and dance;

praise God with | strings and pipe.

⁵Praise God with re- | sounding cymbals; praise God with loud- | clanging cymbals.

⁶Let everything | that has breath praise the LORD. | Hallelujah!



Psalm 150:6

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SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

A A reading from Revelation.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and

from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

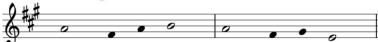
Stand

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.



Blessed are those who | have not seen and yet have come | to believe.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

- ²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
- ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only:

HYMN OF THE DAY: We Walk by Faith

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We Walk by Faith



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Stand

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,

- **G** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

 Lord, in your mercy,
- **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

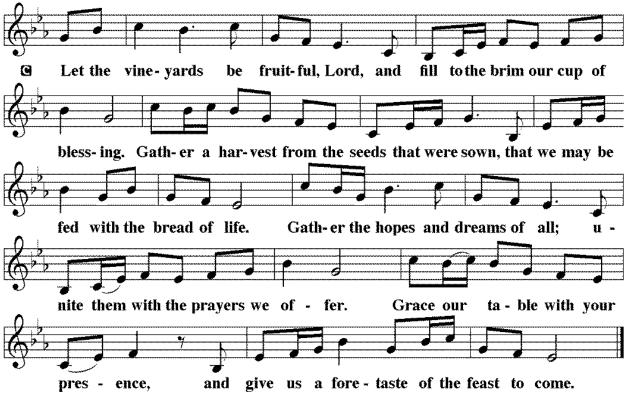
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

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

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





GREAT THANKSGIVING

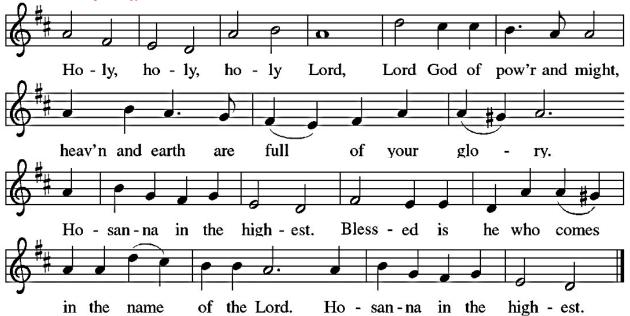
The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:



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.

P 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

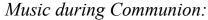
COMMUNION

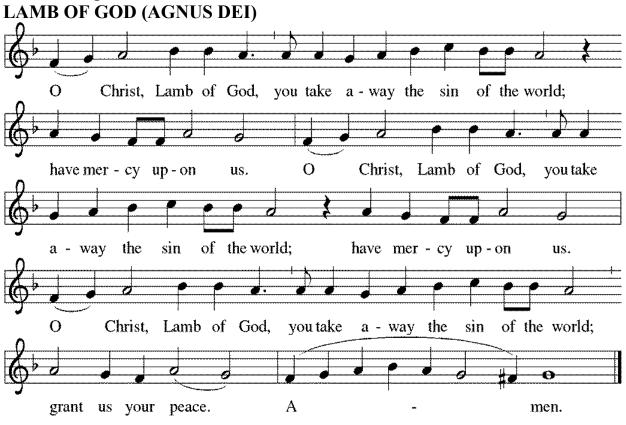
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.





ANTHEM: Bread of the World

W. Wold

Bob Reichner - Solo

Bread of the world in mercy broken, wine of the soul in mercy shed, by whom the words of life were spoken, and in whose death our sins are dead: look on the heart by sorrow broken; look on the tears by sinners shed; and be your feast to us the token that by your grace our souls are fed. Be know to us in breaking bread, but do not then depart; Savior, abide with us and spread your table in our heart. Here, share with us, in love divine, your body and your blood, that living bread, that heav'nly wine be our immortal food. Bread of the world...

Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- 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.

C 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. A - men.



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



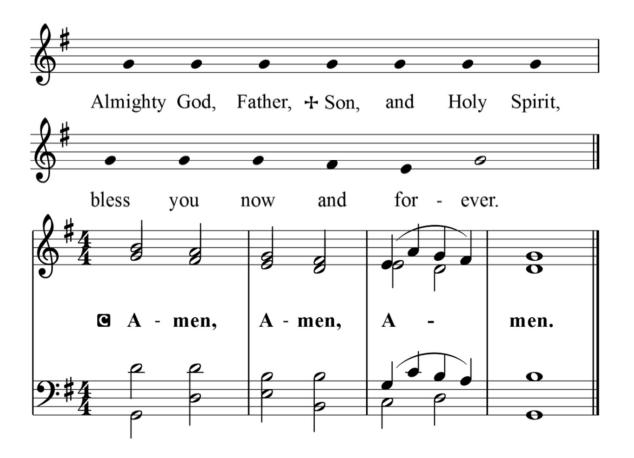
give you joy as you celebrate his re-sur-rection. GA-men.



P God the Holy Spirit, who brought you to birth in baptism,



fill you with strength and peace. **QA** - men.



DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

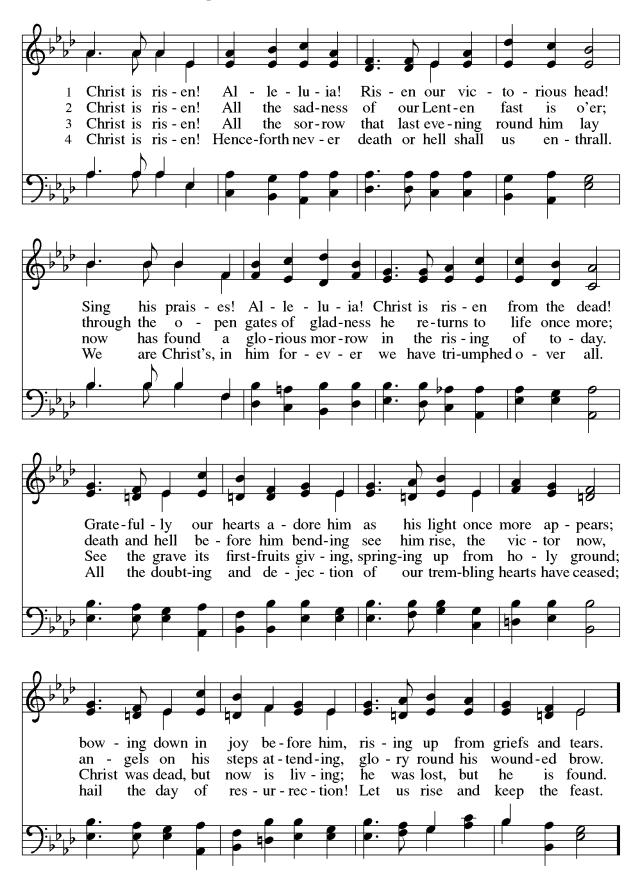
C Thanks be to God.

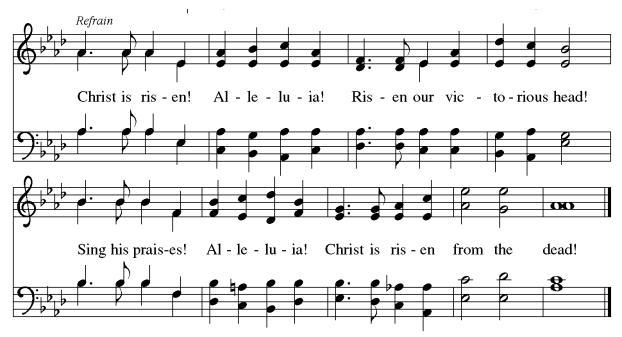
HYMN: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!





OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Toccata Giocosa

G.Martin



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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Video Streaming: Jim Lien and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooney and family in loving memory of Mother and Grandmother Mrs. Susan M. Schubert.

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<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cooney in loving memory of Susan Schubert.

Holy Baptism was administered to Savanah Grace Kitchens today during the 10:30 am service. May God bless Savannah and her parents as she begins her journey of faith.

OLD CHURCH SUNDAY!

The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on Sunday, June 15, 2025 at 9:30 am in the Old Church.

Our good friend, the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger will inspire us with his sermon. Following the service there will be a sit-down luncheon and presentation in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Feel free to invite friends and neighbors to join us for this wonderful event. This event is open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

For more information regarding this event, please contact Pat O'Hara at 484-919-2527 or gadirector5@aol.com.





"Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me."



Matthew 25:40 NRSV

Volunteer at the Turkey Supper Fundraiser

And

Help "the least of these"

At the Arusha Lutheran Medical Center in Tanzania.

Your help is still needed to make this year's event a success!

*Food Prep *Food Service *Set-up/Clean-up *Craft Fair & More

Visit the sign-up sheet in Muhlenberg Center

Or

Email: oharadvd@aol.com or nancyloughery63@gmail.com



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UNE 6, 2025 FRIDAY

1:00 pm Shot Gun Start 12:00 pm Registration

Butter Valley Golf Port Barto, PA \$105 / Golfer Greens Fees, Cart, Food

Steak Dinner & Gift Bags Beverages, Soda, Water,

\$40 / Dinner Only

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FIRST UCC Our

Our goal is to help families improve everyday

lives by making needed improvements and modifications to their homes. Teens and

adults from 3 churches will join again

this summer to make a difference

and Festivities at 6:30 pm Dinner the Pavilion



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Tournament Info

Friday, June 6, 2025

1:00 pm Shot Gun Start

12:00 pm Registration 4-Person Scramble Format

Butter Valley Golf Port

3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA

\$105 per golfer

Greens Fees, Cart Food at Turn, Beverages, Soda, Water, Steak Dinner & Gift Bags

Contests

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

Raffles & Auction

Dinner Only

\$40 @ 6:30 pm

Can't Join Us for Golf? Then please join us for dinner & festivities! Check website for updates - www.firstucc.net

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- 2 Hole Sponsorships

Hole Sponsor \$75

- Sign at Tee Box
- Name/Company Name
 - Company Information

Cart Sponsor \$

- Name/Company Name
- Company Information in Every Cart

Hole & Cart Sponsor Combo \$125

Monetary Donation

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

Raffle/Auction Donation

*** 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 ST, QUAKERTOWN, PA 18951

\$105 per golfer Register by May 25, 2025

*Checks must be sent with your entry form to hold your spot and be made payable to:

FIRST UCC-MISSION GROUP

Questions? Contact Linda Friday missiontrips@firstucc.net 215-538-0328

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