HOLY COMMUNION Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024 8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: What a Friend We Have in Jesus Hobby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

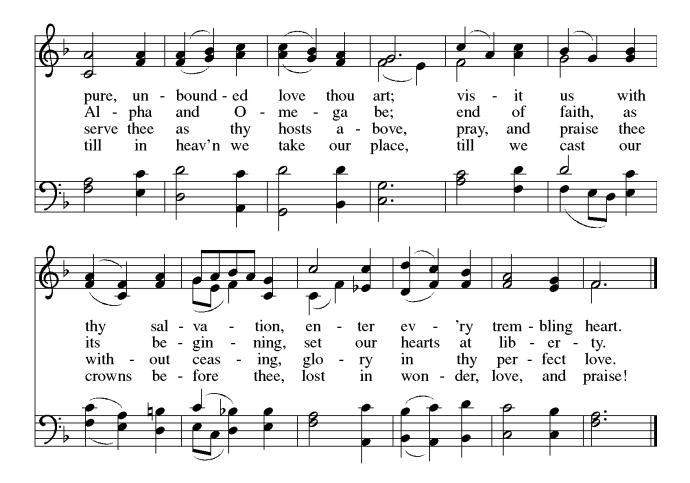
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HYMN: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling





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.
- G 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.
- **G** 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.

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; 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 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

A reading from Acts.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Later service only.

PSALM 98 (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

¹Sing to the LORD | a new song,

for he has done | marvelous things.

²With his right hand and his | holy arm has he won for him-| self the victory.

³The LORD has made | known his victory;

his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight | of the nations.

- ⁴He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the | house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory | of our God.
- ⁵Shout with joy to the LORD, | all you lands; lift up your voice, re-| joice, and sing.
- ⁶Sing to the LORD | with the harp, with the harp and the | voice of song.
- ⁷With trumpets and the sound | of the horn shout with joy before the | king, the LORD.
- ⁸Let the sea make a noise and all | that is in it, the lands and those who | dwell therein.
- ⁹Let the rivers | clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to | judge the earth.
- ¹⁰In righteousness shall he | judge the world and the peo- | ples with equity.

SECOND READING 1 John 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

A A reading from First John.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** 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.



Those who love me will | keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our | home with them.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.





GOSPEL John 15:9-17

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

- P The holy gospel according to John.
- **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

Sit

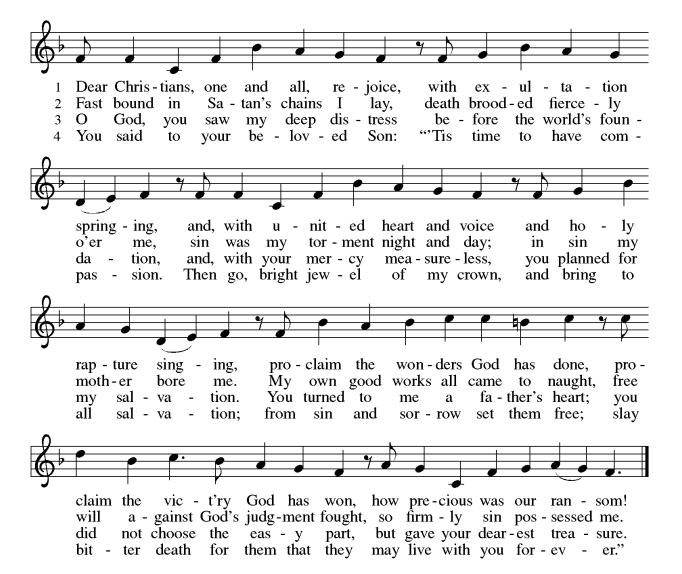
SERMON Pastor Weleck

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HYMN OF THE DAY: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice Printed on the next page.

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice



- 5 The Son obeyed your gracious will, was born of virgin mother; and, your good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother. His royal pow'r disguised he bore, a servant's form, like mine, he wore, to lead the devil captive.
- 6 To me he said: "Stay close to me, I am your rock and castle.
 Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.
 The foe will shed my precious blood; all this I suffer for your good; my life o'er death will triumph.
- 7 "Now to my Father I depart, from earth to heav'n ascending, and, gracious wisdom to impart, the Holy Spirit sending, who will in trouble comfort you, will teach you well, your faith renew, and in all truth will guide you.
- 8 "What I on earth have done and taught guide all your life and teaching; so shall the glorious reign of God increase, the whole world reaching. Let none the gospel gift impede; I make you free; be free indeed! This final word I leave you."

Stand

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,
- **©** 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.

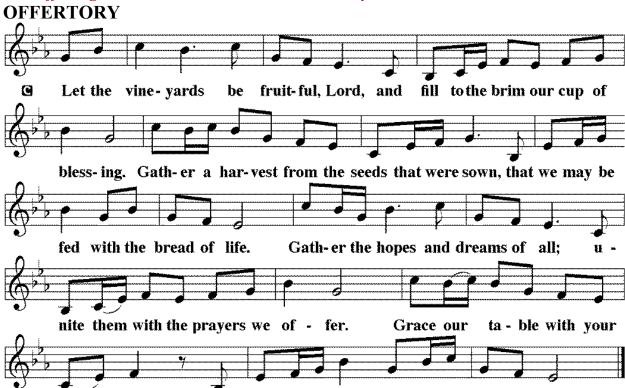
PEACE

- 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

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

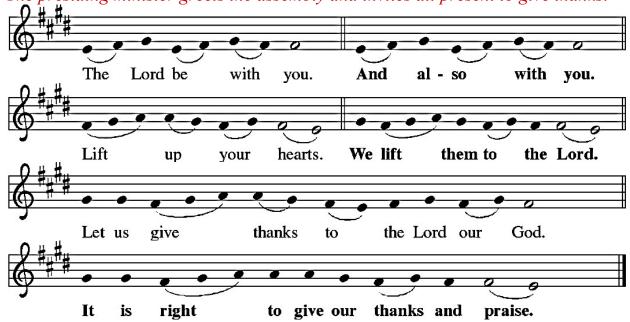


GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

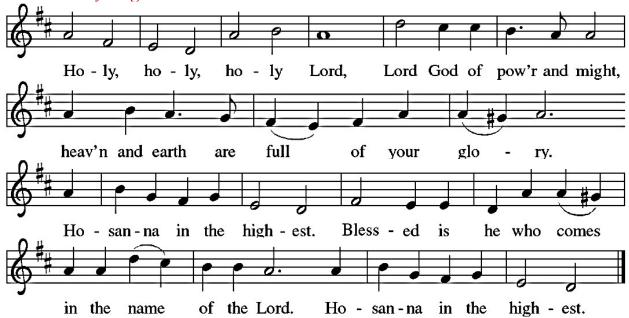
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



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

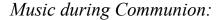
COMMUNION

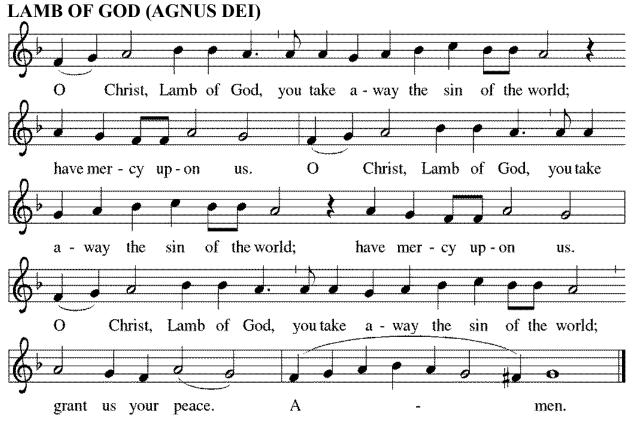
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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.





Later service only:

ANTHEM: Love Brought Me Back

Miller

1. Fear and hatred had done their very worst, despair had had its day Sorrow and sadness were hanging in the air, the gloom would not go away.
But early Sunday morning the women saw the Lord and there they heard him say,

[Chorus] "I'm back! Hallelujah, I'm back!"
Don't you know that death could not hold me,
Love is what owns me! Just here to tell ya, God's got one last word.
I'm back! Hallelujah, I'm back!
Don't you know that death could not hold me, Love is what owns me!
Just here to tell ya, God's got one last word, and that's
love, love, love, love - love brought me back!"

2. Does your life feel empty, things aren't going right,

the storm won't seem to clear?
There is hope, forgiveness, and a bright new day,
God's love will cast out all fear!
Experience the pow'r of the resurrected Christ,
and you will hear him say, [Chorus]

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Stand

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- P 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.

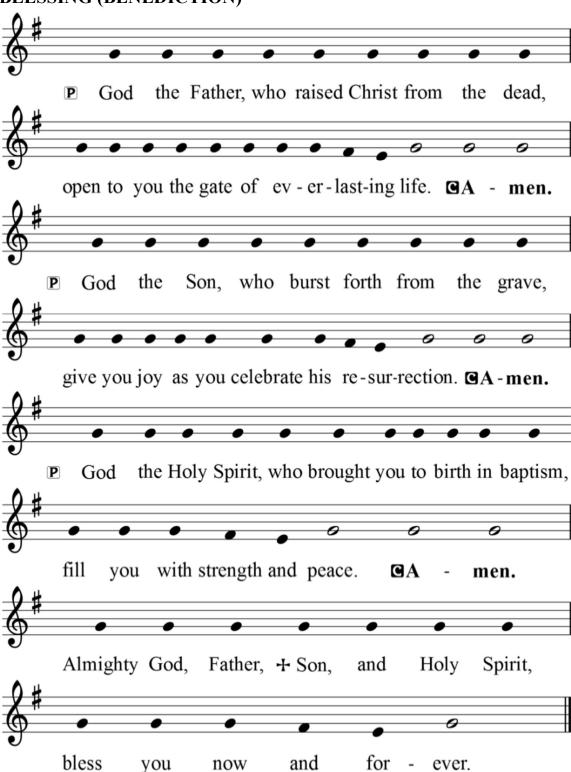
We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you
and in fervent love toward one another;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

G Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING (BENEDICTION)





DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: What a Friend We Have in Jesus Printed on the next page.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE: Hornpipe Handel

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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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Offering Tabulation: Jennifer Wentworth, Brian O'Hara, and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Pastors Howard and Martha Kriebel in celebration of our upcoming anniversary on June 1.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by the Lehman family in remembrance of Stanley and Jeannette Lehman.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Robert Hallman in loving memory of wife, Wendy Yohne Hallman.

Geranium Sunday

You are invited to order Red Geranium Plants as a memorial to or in honor of Loved Ones/Friends to decorate the Church in celebration of Pentecost, May 19, 2024. The Women of ELCA will plant them on church grounds. Please include payment with your order. *Make Checks payable to:* AUGUSTUS FLOWER FUND. Last day to order is May 12, 2024

Mail to: Karen Lachenmayer, 412 Dartmoor Rd., Schwenksville, PA 19473

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Quantity: X \$5.00 each Total:

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:



Vacation Bible School

June 24-27, 2024, 9a-12p ages 3 through 6th grade

This year's VBS is based on games and will be lots of fun! Scan this code to register.

Questions? Contact Sonya Sowards, DCE.



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.



2023 MISSION GROUP

First United Church of Christ, Quakertown Trinity Lutheran Church, Quakertown, PA Augustus Lutheran, Trappe, PA





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Friday, June 7, 2024 1:00 pm Shot Gun Start **Butter Valley Golf Port** 3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA



Tournament Info

Friday, June 7, 2024 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
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2024 Spring Convention

Southeastern Pennsylvania Synodical Women's Organization of Women of the ELCA

"Love One Another with the Promise of God's Justice"

Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..."

Saturday, June 1, 2024

9:00 a.m. Registration

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I am a guest	I am a student (ONLY \$25!!!!)	
	.00 before May 15, and \$35.00 after May 15. Students are \$25.00.	
Please enclose a check made payable	e to Women of the ELCA – SEPA. Thank you.	
Speaker: A representative from Feast for Abundant Justice in Northeast Phil	of Justice, 'Addressing Hunger, Meeting Needs, and Inspiring Hope as they work adelphia and beyond.'	
Churchwide Representative: To be	announced.	
<u>Day's Schedule:</u> Worship, Election of I	Board Officers & Members, Speakers, Lunch, Displays, and In-kind Gifts.	
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Please return this completed form, and Dale O'Hara 5049 Cold Springs Drive Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-0417 oharadvd@aol.com	your \$30 (\$25 for students) registration/lunch fee before May 15, 2024 to:	