HOLY COMMUNION Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE: *Prayer*

L. Boellmann

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today Printed on the next page.

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.

- 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.

G 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. 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.
- **C** 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.

G Amen.

Sit Later service only: CHILDREN'S SERMON

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

A reading from Acts.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

Later service only.

ANTHEM: The Shepherd Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd, there's nothing more I'll ever need;

I'll lie down to dream in a pasture of green, I'll follow wherever he leads me. The Lord is my shepherd, beside the still waters I go;

my soul is restored when I walk with my Lord, His righteousness 'round me will flow.

And if I should walk in the shadow of death, I will not be afraid; my shepherd, the Lord goes wherever I go.

- His rod and His staff are my comfort, I know that the Lord is my shepherd, I'll sit at His table to dine;
- His goodness and mercy will follow my days, and heaven will surely be mine, and heaven will always be mine!

SECOND READING

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

A reading from Revelation.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

Revelation 7:9-17

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

- ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
- A The word of the Lord.
- **G** Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The congregation sings the Acclamation.

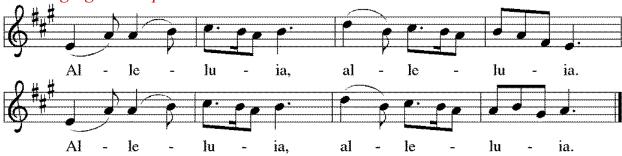


The choir sings the First Verse.



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

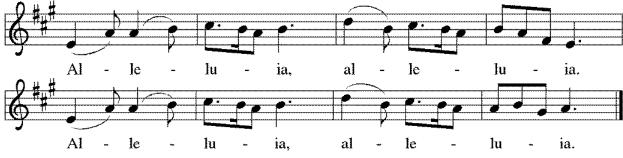
The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.

I know my own and my | own know me.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

P The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

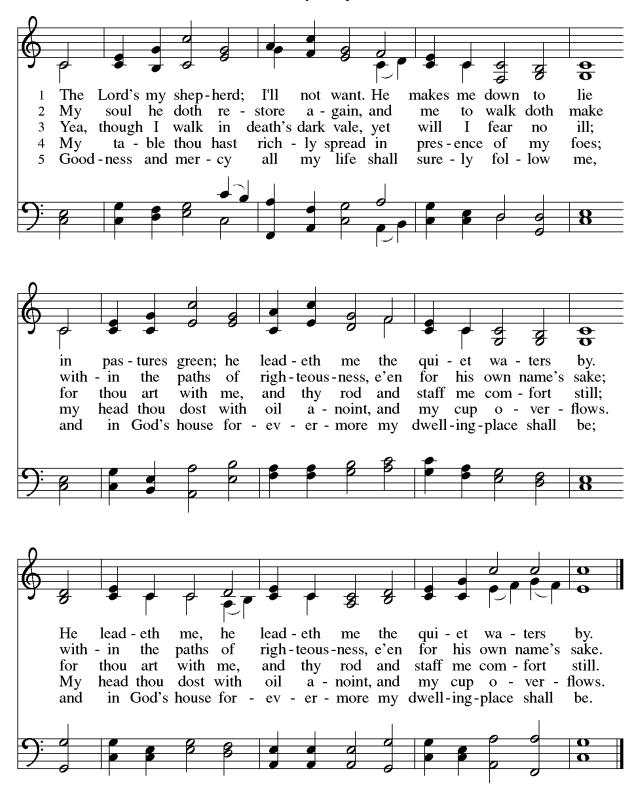
- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit SERMON

Stand

Pastor Weleck

Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: The Lord's My Shepherd



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.
- **C** 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.

A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

■ Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

G Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

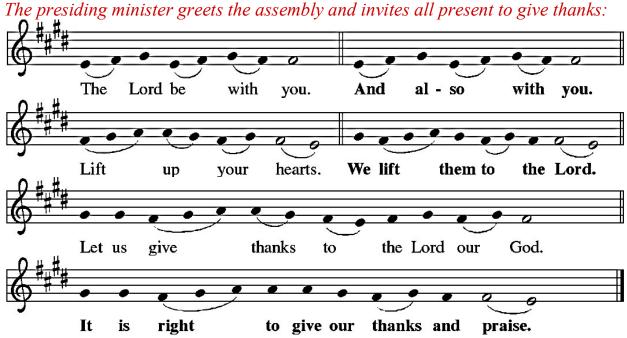
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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

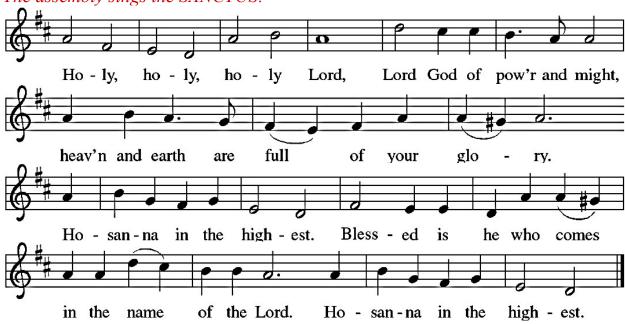


GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

P

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 sayThe body of Christ, given 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) 0 Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy up - on 0 Christ, Lamb of God, you take us. of the world; a - way the sin have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, Lamb of God, 0 of the world; you take the a - way sin θ grant us your peace. А men.

Later service only:

ANTHEM: *Prelude on "Brother James' Air"*

S. Wright

Stand

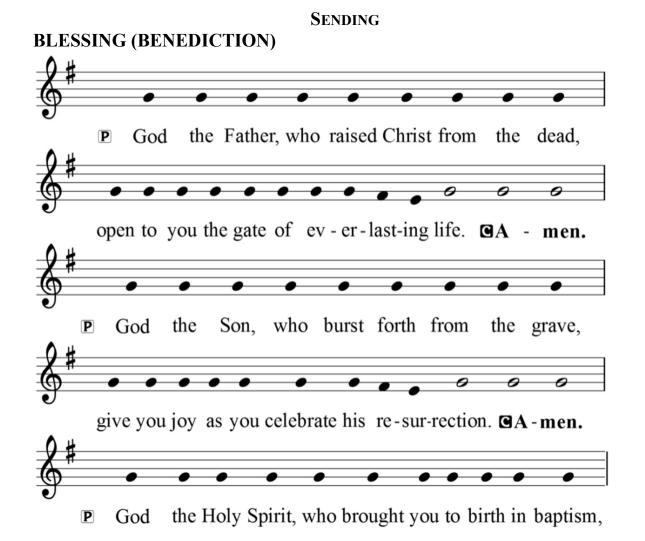
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

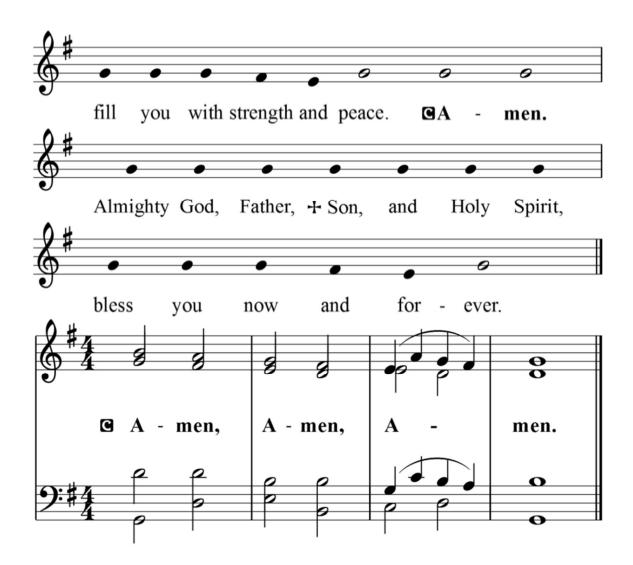
- P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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

G Amen.





DISMISSAL

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

HYMN: Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us Printed on the next page.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE:
8:00 am: Savior Like a ShepherdB. Tonkin

10:30 am: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* W. Held

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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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Communion Assistant: Sherry Jessee

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Altar Guild: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Karl Stefan

Video Streaming: Jim Lien and Chilly Lyaro

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Jennifer, John, Sheri, and Michael in honor of our mother, and John V. in honor of his Grammy, Charlotte Wentworth.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Sherry Jessee in loving memory of dear friend Theresa VanNover Pride.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given today to the glory of God in memory and love on this Mother's Day in remembrance of Virginia Leidich Weicheld and all mothers and grandmothers by Sally Weicheld Sweeney.

Vacation Bible School is coming!

June 23-26, 2025



Planning your child(ren)'s summer activities? Don't forget VBS at Augustus! Join us for Camp Firelight; a Summer Camp Adventure with God from June 23-26, 9a-12p. Scan the QR code to register or email Sonya at education@augustustrappe.org.



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, June 8, 2025. 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 25, 2025



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

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Name:_____Phone/E-mail:_____

Quantity:_____X \$6.00 each_____Total:_____

I would like the bulletin acknowledgement to read:

Old Church Sunday

The annual "Old Church Sunday" service will be on 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 a presentation on Peter Muhlenberg in Fellowship Hall by the Rev. Dr. Karl Krueger.

Peter Muhlenberg – The Man – The Legend

On October 6, 1910, thirty thousand people gathered at Philadelphia's City Hall to dedicate J. Otto Schweitzer's statue of Peter Muhlenberg. Speeches praised Peter's leadership in the American Revolution and his contributions to the young republic. Judge Staake ended his speech by displaying Peter's clerical robe, which the Henkel family gave to the Lutheran Theological Seminary. This presentation highlights Peter's contributions and is a great way to prepare for the 250th Anniversary of America's independence, which we will celebrate in 2026.

We hope to see you at the service on June 15th at 9:30 am and for the luncheon & presentation afterwards. Please feel free to invite your 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 qadirector5@aol.com.







WANTED

Portrait Commitee Members



Augustus Lutheran would like to publish a Portrait Directory in 2025.

Commitee members are needed to organize this. Please contact Gary Wessner at gtwess@comcast.net if you are interested.