HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

8:00 am and 10:30 am

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

SILENT PRAYER

PRELUDE:	
8:00 am: Praise Him, Praise Him	M. Hayes
10:30 am: Christ Is Alive! (Truro)	J. Reuss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)

Stand

HYMN: Blessing and Honor Printed on the next page.

Third Sunday of Easter

Blessing and Honor



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.
- **G** And also with you.





PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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 9:1-6

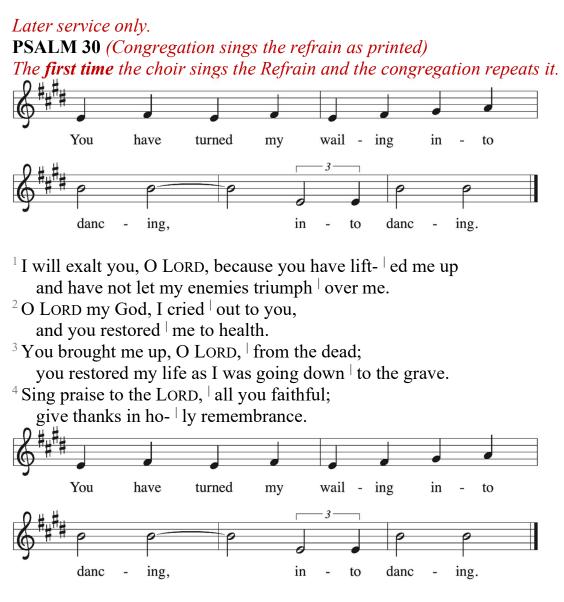
Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the Way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.

A reading from Acts.

¹ Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" ⁵ He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

A The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



⁵ God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.

Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶ While I felt se-[|] cure, I said,

"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷ You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains." Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸ I cried to [|] you, O LORD;

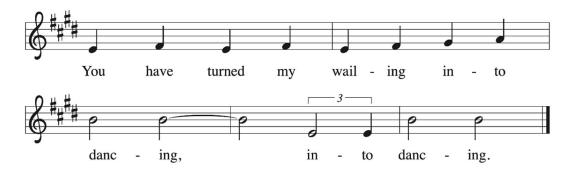
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

⁹ "What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?

Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;

O LORD, [|] be my helper."



¹¹You have turned my wailing [|] into dancing;

you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹² Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.



Psalm 30:11

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SECOND READING

Revelation 5:11-14

The vision of John recorded in Revelation offers a glimpse of cosmic worship around the throne. At its center is "the Lamb who was slain."

A reading from Revelation.

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered

to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might

and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

- **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.



Our hearts | burn within us

while he opens to | us the scriptures.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

The risen Christ appears again to his disciples by the sea where they were first called. After echoes of the fishing and feeding miracles, he gives a final reminder of the cost of a disciple's love and obedience.

P The holy gospel according to John.

G Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ² Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³ Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶ He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

P The gospel of the Lord.

G Praise to you, O Christ.

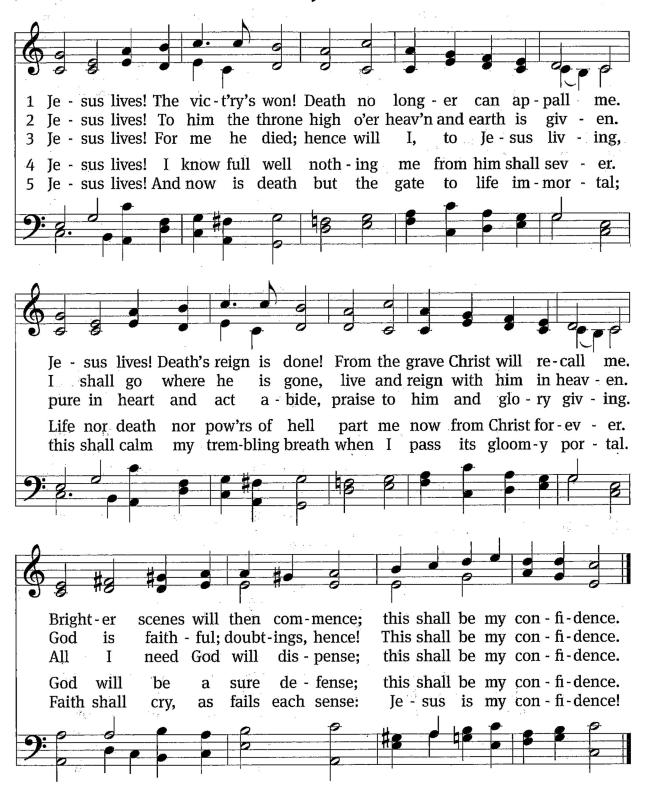
Sit SERMON

Pastor Weleck

Stand

Later service only: HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Lives, the Victory's Won Printed on the next page.

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



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.

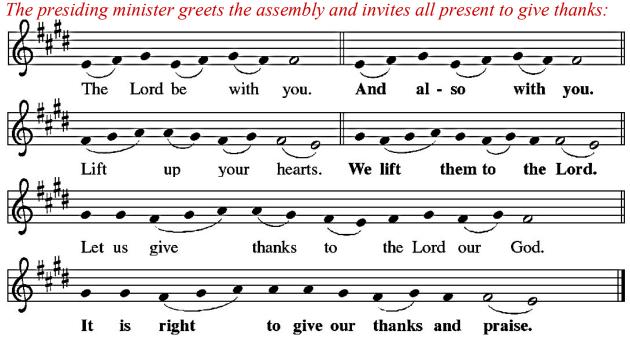
The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say **Peace be with you** or similar words.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. OFFERTORY C Let the vine- yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless- ing. Gath- er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath- er the hopes and dreams of all; u -

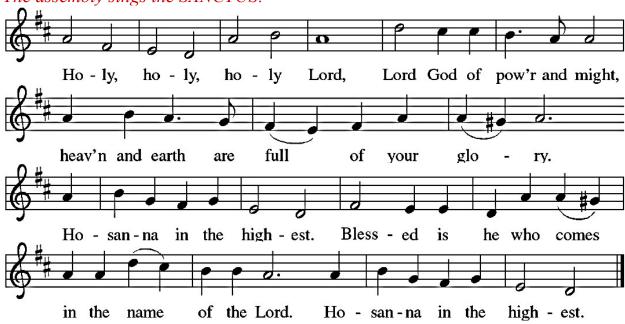
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your

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

R 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: 0 Christ, Lamb of God, have mer - cy up - on you take us. of the world; a - way the sin have mer - cy up - on us. 0 Christ, Lamb of God, of the world: you take the sin a - way A grant us your peace. men.

Later service only: ANTHEM: Sing Joyful Praise

M. Lightfoot

Sing joyful praise, our voices raise to celebrate this day in song.
Sing joyful praise, our voices raise to Thee, O sing joyful praise to the Lord this day!
Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee.
Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, because he trusts in Thee.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.
Trust in the Lord forever! Arise and sing! Sing for joy!
Joyful joyful we adore Thee God of glory Lord of love;

hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of night away;

giver of immortal gladness fill us with the light of day.

Stand

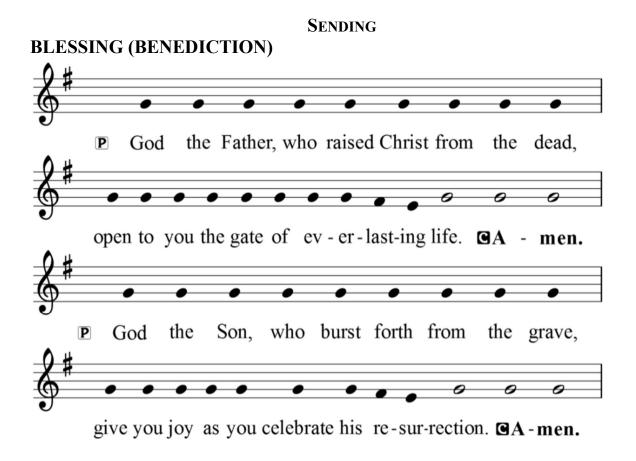
BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

- 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: The Day of Resurrection Printed on the next page.

The Day of Resurrection



OFFERING

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

POSTLUDE:

8:00 am: The Day of Resurrection

10:30 am: Fanfare

B. Tonkin Lemmens

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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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Altar Guild: Jim Lien and Mike Van Blaricum

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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 Pastors Howard and Martha Kriebel in honor of Pastor Martha's upcoming birthday.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Joseph and Donna Cooney.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Viviani in honor of their sons Luca and Jace's birthdays.



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

Phone: 610-287-2827 E-Mail: karenlachenmayer@gmail.com

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 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 qadirector5@aol.com.

The Spring Turkey/Craft & Vendor Fair Committee would like to extend with 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, donations, 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 Word FM, Great Songs of the Faith Radio, Trappe Tavern, Thrivent Financial, Phoenixville Federal Savings Bank, Brandywine Assisted Living, Risher Van Horn, Good Harvest Farms, Sunnyside Pastries, and KMA Design Studio for providing us with the vehicles needed to have the event. Additionally, the committee would like to thank the many local businesses that donated and supported the raffle. 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 mission 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.



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 Name	Street Address City/State/Zip	Phone Email	Additional Golfer's Name & Phone Email	Additional Golfer's Name & Phone Email Additional Golfer's Name & Phone	Email Add'I Dinner Guest(s)-Dinner Only \$40 ea Number of Guests Sponsorship Level \$ Total Amount enclosed \$
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Tournament Info

1:00 pm Shot Gun Start Friday, June 6, 2025

4-Person Scramble Format 12:00 pm Registration

3243 Gehman Rd, Barto, PA **Butter Valley Golf Port**

Greens Fees, Cart Food at Turn,

\$105 per golfer

Beverages, Soda, Water, Steak

Dinner & Gift Bags

Contests

Closest to the Pin

Longest Drive (Women Longest Drive (Men)

50/50 Pot of Gold

Putting Contest

Straightest Drive

Third Sunday of Easter

Check website for updates - www.firstucc.net Then please join us for dinner & festivities!

Can't Join Us for Golf?

\$40 @ 6:30 pm

Dinner Only

Raffles & Auction