# **HOLY COMMUNION Third Sunday of Easter**

April 14, 2024 8:00 am and 10:30 am

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** *Toccata in F Major* Buxtehude

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)** 

Stand

**HYMN:** The Day of Resurrection

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# The Day of Resurrection



#### **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.
- **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.

- 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.**





#### 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Later service only:

CHILDREN'S SERMON

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

# A reading from Acts.

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

<sup>17</sup>"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

### Later service only.

## **PSALM 4** (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*)

<sup>1</sup>Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause; you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.

<sup>2</sup>"You mortals, how long will you dishon- or my glory; how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- ter false gods?"

<sup>3</sup>Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful; when I call upon the LORD, | he will hear me.

<sup>4</sup>Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- on your bed.

<sup>5</sup>Offer the appointed | sacrifices, and put your trust | in the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!" Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O LORD.

<sup>7</sup>You have put gladness | in my heart, more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.

<sup>8</sup>I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep; for only you, LORD, make me | dwell in safety.

#### SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

# A reading from First John.

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

- 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 Luke 24:36b-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

P The holy gospel according to Luke.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things."

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

Sit

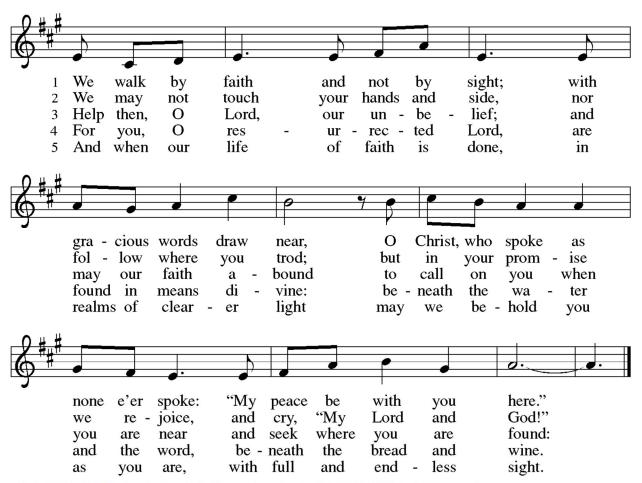
**SERMON** Pastor Weleck

Stand

# Later service only:

## **HYMN OF THE DAY:** We Walk by Faith

# We Walk by Faith



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#### 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.

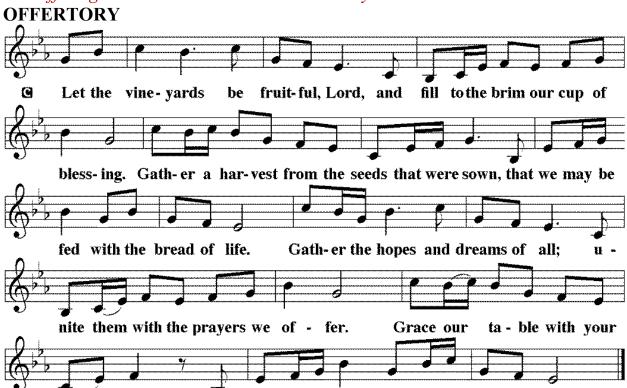
#### **PEACE**

- 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.

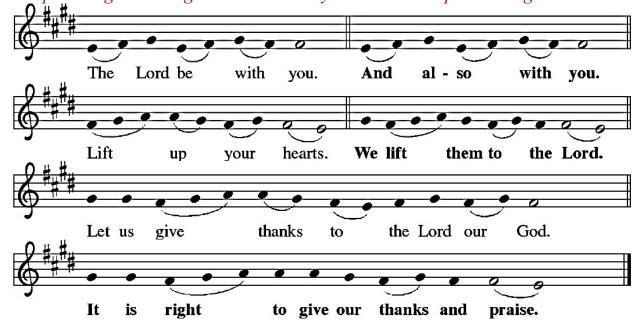


## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

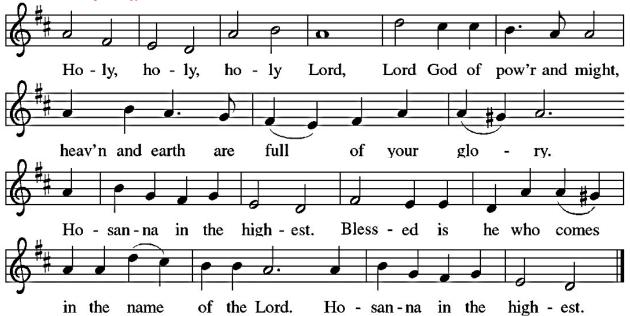
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



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**

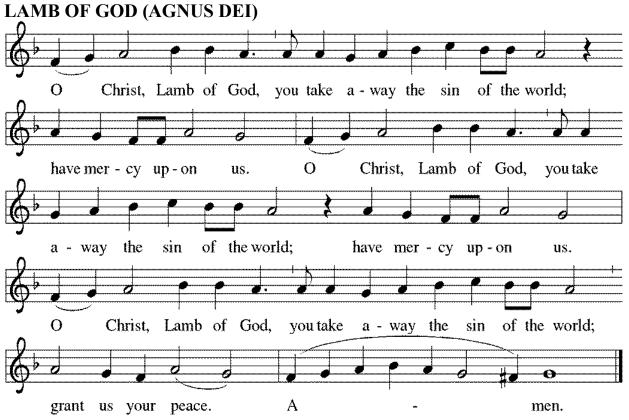
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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 Is the Key

Clarke

Love is the key of life and death, of hidden, heavenly mystery; Of all Christ is, of all he saith, Love is the key.

As three times to his saint he saith, He saith to me, he saith to thee, Breathing his grace-conferring breath: "Lov'st thou me?"

Ah, Lord, I have such feeble faith, Such feeble hope to comfort me; But love it is strong as death, And I love thee.

#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C 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)**



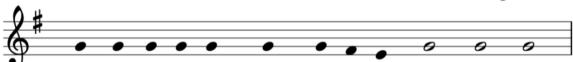
**P** God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead,



open to you the gate of ev - er - last-ing life. GA - men.



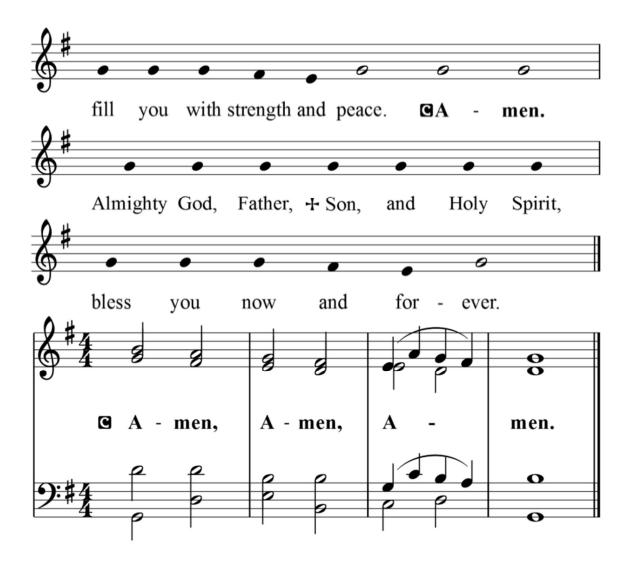
P God the Son, who burst forth from the grave,



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



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



#### **DISMISSAL**

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

**HYMN:** Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna (Beecher)
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# Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** Postlude in Classic Style

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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: John Kochel, Alison Fishell, and Shane Elison

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God by Renata Markert in loving memory of my husband, Dieter.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Scott, Andrea, Danielle, and Matt in honor of mother and grandmother Anita Halteman.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Mrs. Marie Conver in loving memory of husband, Lawrence Conver, Jr.



# TURKEY DINNER BASKET RAFFLE

Augustus' Women/ELCA is asking the families of the congregation (or each committee of the congregation) if they would be interested in donating a "theme" basket (or items for a basket) to be raffled at our Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. Some of the themes to consider would be a children's basket, a boy's beach basket, a girl's beach basket, a snack basket, a handyman basket, an auto supply basket, a baker's delight basket, etc. The actual baskets can be innovative as well. Perhaps the tools are in a five gallon work bucket, gardening supplies in a terra-cotta pot, or dog supplies in a dog dish. Get creative; the possibilities are endless! If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. Can you imagine how much support we could reciprocate to Tanzanian mission work if each family (or committee) donated a basket? Please consider and contact Debbie Frisco at 610-761-6672 or dlf0607@gmail.com if interested in participating. Thank You.

# 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

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

Name:\_\_\_\_\_Phone/E-mail:\_\_\_\_

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 6<sup>th</sup> 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,
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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, <sup>25</sup>not 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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	.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.	
<b>Speaker:</b> 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 a	announced.	
<u>Day's Schedule:</u> Worship, Election of I	Board Officers & Members, Speakers, Lunch, Displays, and In-kind Gifts.	
In-kind Gifts for Feast of Justice: Fo	ood and personal care items.	
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:	