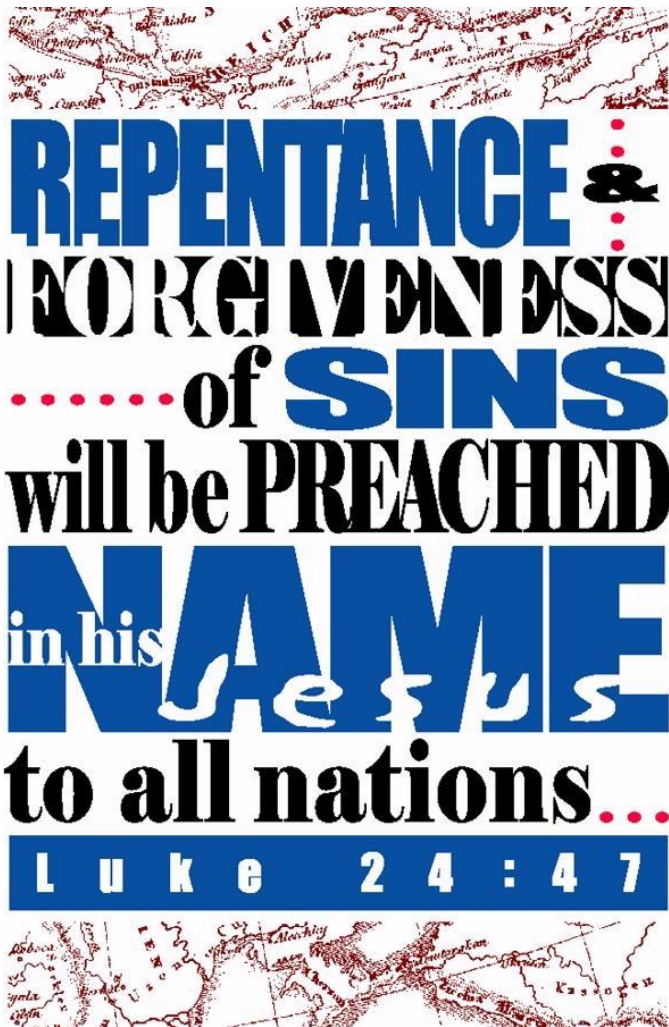




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Sunday, April 18, 2021

8:15 and 10:45 am - Communion

Third Sunday in Easter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Jesus Paid it All*

– Grape and Nifong/Leatherman

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: 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.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our
sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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.

L: 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.

GATHERING SONG (vs 1, 4, 5)

EASTER

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Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

L: 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

L: Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 3: 11-21

L: The first reading is from book of Acts, the 3rd chapter.

¹¹ While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade. ¹² When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you?

Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk? ¹³ The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.

¹⁴ You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. ¹⁵ You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this. ¹⁶ By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.

¹⁷ "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders. ¹⁸ But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets,

saying that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹ Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord, ²⁰ and that he may send the Messiah, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus. ²¹ Heaven must receive him until the time comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 4.

¹ Answer me when I call to you,
my righteous God.
Give me relief from my distress;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

**² How long will you people turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?**

³ Know that the LORD has set apart his faithful servant for himself;
the LORD hears when I call to him.

**⁴ Tremble and do not sin;
when you are on your beds,
search your hearts and be silent.**

⁵ Offer the sacrifices of the righteous
and trust in the LORD.

**⁶ Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us prosperity?"
Let the light of your face shine on us.**

⁷ Fill my heart with joy
when their grain and new wine abound.

**⁸ In peace I will lie down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD,
make me dwell in safety.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

L: The second reading is from First John, the 3rd chapter.

¹ See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. ² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³ All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴ Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. ⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. ⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

⁷ Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL: Luke 24: 36-49

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the 24th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁶ While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."

³⁷ They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."

⁴⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹ And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" ⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate it in their presence.

⁴⁴ He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Break Now the Bread of Life

1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly

broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live

I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

BREAD OF LIFE
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NICENE CREED

**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

L: Lord in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

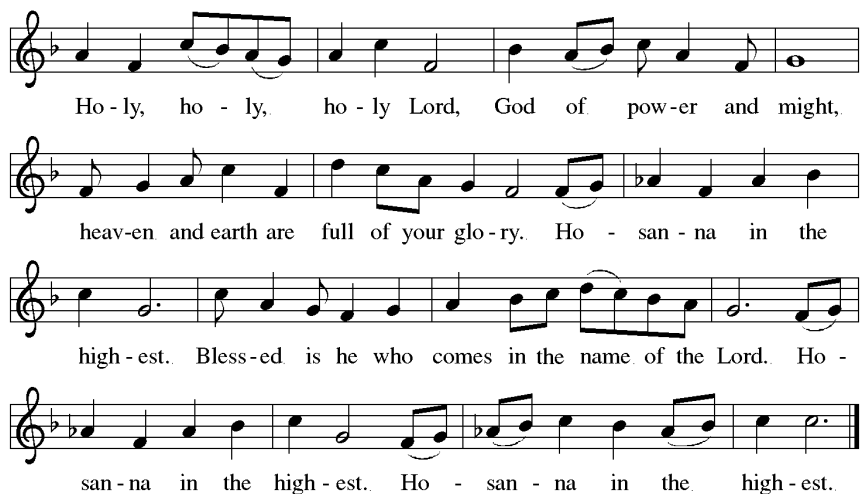
L: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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

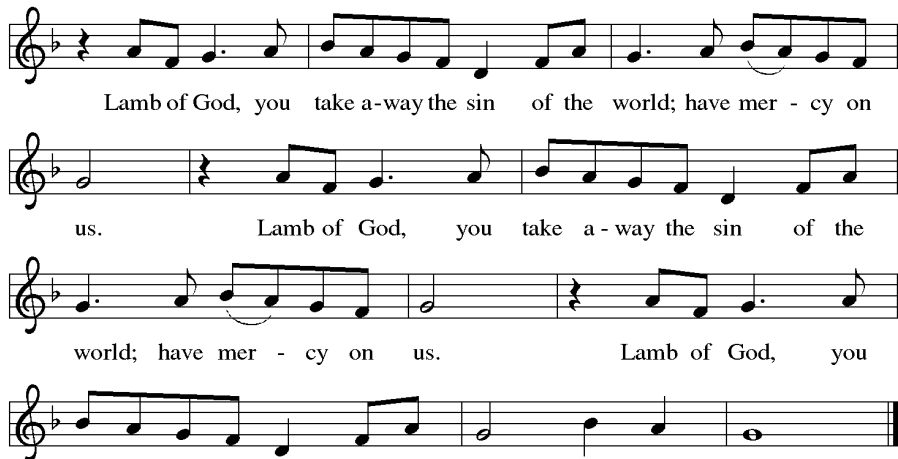
P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.
C: Amen

COMMUNION



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: 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.**

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

EASTER

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! 385

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Music: Melchior Vulpus, 1570-1615

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DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
 - Lani Smith/Glaser

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:1-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
LECTOR	Amy Montag-Smith	Kelly Weston
GREETER	Ruth Richards	Susan Beatty
OFFERING COUNTERS	Jackie Bice and Bob Bicker	

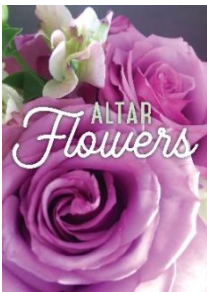
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Ned Ziegler	18-Apr
Stefanie Fennell	22-Apr
Barbara Reuning	22-Apr
Eric Edder	22-Apr

Carl and Grace Bracken	14-Apr
Robert and Theresa Bicker	22-Apr

2021 Altar Flowers



As we continue to worship in Centennial Hall, we will have one bouquet of fresh flowers placed on the altar each Sunday at a cost is \$25.00.

Once we move back to the sanctuary we will resume having 2 bouquets at a cost of \$40.00.

To reserve a Sunday sign up on stlks.com or on the 2021 Flower Chart on the table in the entry.

When signing up online, please select a date and complete the **dedication section at the bottom**

of the page as you would like to see it appear in the bulletin.

Flower donations can be placed in the offering plate (labeled as such) or sent via mail to the office; PO Box 187, Saxonburg 16056.

OUR JOYS, PRAYERS, CARES AND CONCERNS

Praise and Thanksgiving: for answered prayers (Katy Reuning's recovery, George Reuning's return home from the hospital, and Nancy Daum's diagnosis; for the marriage of Liz and Bill Gordon's son, Nick Gordon and Kelly Doyle, on April 17th in Ft. Collins, CO; for faith that overcomes doubt and fear.

Healing, Cares & Concerns:

Jennifer (cancer),
Vicky Yurga (lung cancer, health problems),
Bonnie Gundlach (broken ankle, blood clot in other thigh),
Cody Johnston (metastasized cancer),
Sally Paulson (broken hip)
Roger Walker (chemo follicular lymphoma) Wendy Mendenhall's dad,
Joshua Harper (brain aneurysm),
Sonya Winters (chemo, breast cancer),
Nancy Stanley (fall, broken leg & wrist),
Jean Brackett (Ronna Drennen's mom),
Peg Moser (hospital, fall, broken ribs, A-Fib),
Nancy Daum (lung nodules, breathing),
John Miller (ski accident),
Cindy Wills (tests),
Carol Neubert (health issues),
Patty (cancer),
George Reuning (COVID, (continued recovery, restored health),
Katy Reuning (COVID, (continued recovery, restored health),
Nancy Keener (COVID),
Wendy Mendenhall (COVID, continued recovery, restored health),
Cathy Boyer (hospital), Doris Herceg's niece,
Sister Susan Merree (ICU, blood clots)
Marcey Shipe (return of cancer, starting chemo)
Jim (ruptured knee cyst, swollen calf & pain)
Liz Gordon, (esophageal biopsy, healing)
Justin Kovach (burn unit)
Rudy Haponski (COVID)
Jim Humes (cancer)
Keller & Smith families (traveling safety 4/23-26)
Gordon family (traveling safety)

Weekly Schools: St. Luke's School and Purdue University

Weekly NALC Church: Hope Lutheran, East Smethport, PA Rev. Thomas Beam; St. Luke's ministry, and our call committee members as they prayerfully seek God's choice for a new pastor.

Bereaved: Families of Loyal Burr (*Jodie Volchko's dad*), Bob Ross, Jr, Edna Weckerly, Eugene E. Cecchetti

Monthly Mission: Samaritan Counseling Center