



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 21, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m. Worship**

**Our Mission is to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others**

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3025 CHURCH ROAD  
LAFAYETTE HILL, PENNSYLVANIA**

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**Prelude & Welcome:**

**Easter Acclamation**

*Please stand*

*Pastor:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Assembly:* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.  
Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

*Assembly:* **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

*Pastor:* Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

*“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”*

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead, Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

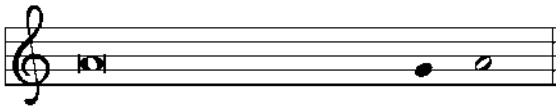
at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die, Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.  
Music: L.LANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

**Kyrie:**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



**Lord, have mer - cy.**





This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**The Salutation:**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*Assembly:* **And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day:**

*Pastor:* O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

*Assembly:* **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Announcements:

## Children's Message:

Pastor Suloff

## First Reading:

### Acts 4:5-12

*Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.*

<sup>5</sup>The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, <sup>6</sup>with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. <sup>7</sup>When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" <sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, <sup>9</sup>if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;  
it has become the cornerstone.'

<sup>12</sup>There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 23:**

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd;  
I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures  
and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me.

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading:**

**1 John 3:16-24**

*Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.*

<sup>16</sup>We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup>How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

<sup>18</sup>Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup>And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup>whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup>Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup>and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

<sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup>All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

*Lector:* The word of the Lord.

*Assembly:* **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand



*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.





**Gospel Reading:**

**John 10:11-18**

*In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.*

[Jesus said:] <sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup>The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup>The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup>I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord.

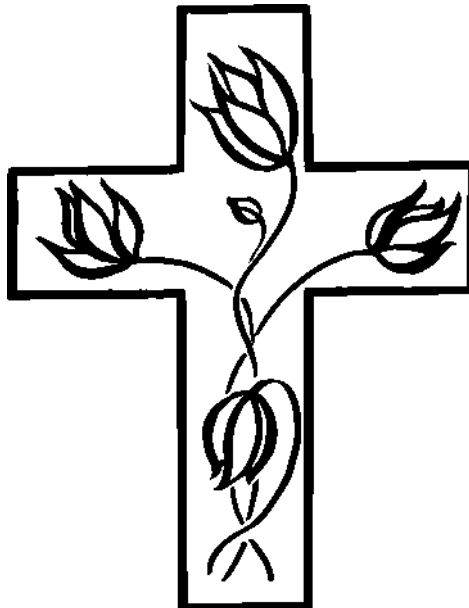
*Assembly:* Praise to you, O Christ.

*Please be seated*

**Message:**

Pastor Suloff

*Please stand*



**Hymn of the Day:**      *“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”*

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness  
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed  
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in  
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er, I noth - ing lack if  
soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant  
love he sought me, and on his shoul - der  
Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.  
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.  
gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;  
thine unction grace bestoweth;  
and, oh, what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,  
thy goodness faileth never.  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house forever.

Text: Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877  
Music: ST. COLUMBA, Irish tune

## The Nicene Creed:

*Pastor:* With the whole people of God, let us profess  
Our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**Assembly:** 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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:

*Pastor:* Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Please kneel or be seated*

*(The Prayers of the Church are said)*

*Pastor:* God of grace;

***Assembly:* hear our prayer.**

*Pastor:* Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

***Assembly:* Amen.**

*Please stand*

*Pastor:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.

***Assembly:* And also with you.**

## Offering:

### Musical Offering:

***“Praise Him Forever”***

***- Jervis Campbell***

### The Offertory:

***“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”***



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. 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 pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## Offering Prayer:

*Pastor:* Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

*Assembly:* Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving:

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord  
our God.

*People:* And also with you

*People:* We lift them to the Lord.

*People:* It is right to give God  
thanks and praise.

*Pastor:* 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'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. 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.

## Words of Institution:

*Pastor:* 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.

*Pastor:* Let us pray in confidence in the words our Savior gave us:  
**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.**

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, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948  
Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

*Please be seated*

## **The Distribution:**

*All those who believe in the presence of the Lord at the table, are invited to share in the sacrament. If you would like to receive Communion or a blessing from the pastor please join the line in the middle aisle of the sanctuary, receive the bread, and then move to the communion assistants holding cups of both wine and juice. If you prefer to remain in your pew or are joining us for worship online please take the individual communion cup or the elements of your choosing and share them with one another and with the community. If young children are present who have not yet received their First Communion please bring them forward or take a moment and share a blessing with them. Be the community of Christ with all those gathered near and far. All are welcome at the table of the Lord.*

*Pastor:*           The body of Christ, given for you.

*(At this time receive the bread, cracker, or that which you are using as the body of Christ)*

*Pastor:*           The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*(At this time receive the wine, juice, water, or that which you using as the blood of Christ)*

## **Communion Music:**

**“Psalm 23”**

**- Shane & Shane**



Please Stand

*Pastor:* May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

*Assembly:* Amen.

**The Post-Communion Prayer:**

*Pastor:* Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

*Assembly:* Amen.



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has



done. Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in



joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948

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**The Benediction:**

*Pastor:* The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, † and of the Holy Spirit.

*Assembly:* Amen.



Closing Hymn:

*“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun-sels guide, up - hold you,  
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,  
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con-found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;  
dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

*Refrain*  
Till we meet, till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet a - gain.

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we  
till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
meet a - gain,

Text: Jeremiah F. Rankin, 1828-1904  
Music: GOD BE WITH YOU, William G. Tomer, 1833-1896

**The Dismissal:**

*Pastor:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*Assembly:* **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*Pastor:* You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace to share the life, love, and joy the Risen Lord.

**FLOWER DEDICATION**

*Today's flowers are Given by Elsa M Hoffman in loving memory of her grandfather, William J Butler's birthday*

**HELP US KEEP THE PRAYER LIST CURRENT:**

If you would like to add a name to the prayer list please contact the church office at office-assist.splh@gmail.com or simply use the Prayer Request Form that can be found on the church website.

**Please remember in your prayers those members, family and friends on our prayer list:**

The Barnhardt Family	The Headley Family	Leigh Richard
Ellis Barr	The Hughes Family	Ben Ridder
David Beyer	Ted Hyczko	Sue Sauerman
The Burkey Family	The Kortrey Family	The Scherer Family
The Chamberlain Family	George Kulczycky	The Schultz Family
Grayson B. Clarke	Rose Letouille	Steve Schultz
Debbie Davis	The Maguire Family	Ursula Schwartz
Marge Devitt	The McKevitt Family	The Shacklett Family
Robert Emberger	Melissa Mooran	Karen Specos
Bernadette Fisher	Frank Munafo	Karen Speers
The Garrison Family	Lindsay Peterson	Jackie Strauss
Sister Geraldine	Julie Proll	Teresa Weber
The Ginther Family	Andrew Quinn	Mike Young

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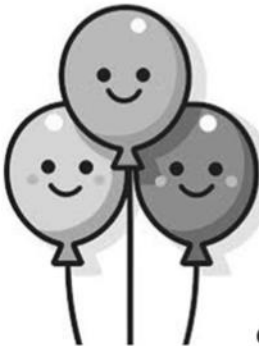
Gift card purchases through RaiseRight don't have to be hundreds of dollars - \$5 and \$10 cards are available and all amounts help pay down the church mortgage. Download the RaiseRight app, sign up (our Enrollment Code is D96653C515851) and be part of something impactful for St. Peter's. Or, visit Jane Stettler at the front door of the church before or after the service. You can also contact Jane ([janezettler@gmail.com](mailto:janezettler@gmail.com)) and she will send you a sign-up email to walk you through the process.

**Let's Congregate to Celebrate Everybody's Birthday!!**

**APRIL 28th after worship!**

**Sign -up Sheet is in the Narthex!!**

Yaaaay!! - Sign up soon!!



Questions? Contact: Silvia or Gary Rotenbury

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# Worship has ended, let the service begin!



## St. Peter's Statement of Welcome

All people are created by God. We affirm with the apostle Paul, that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one. In keeping with our mission statement “to share the life, love and joy of Jesus Christ with others”, we welcome all people regardless of characteristics which might cause exclusion or discrimination outside of St. Peter's.

We affirm that all people share the worth that comes from being unique individuals created by God. All people are welcome within the membership of this congregation upon making the same affirmation of faith as all other members make. Members of this congregation are expected and encouraged to share in the sacramental and general life of this congregation.

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