Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025



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God's work. Our hands.

To all who are lonely and need fellowship; to all who are discouraged and need good news; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are tempted and need help; to all who are sinners and need forgiveness; to all who are complacent and need disturbing; to all who thirst for the water of life; to all who love Christ and would follow Christ, Dinkey Memorial Evangelical Lutheran Church opens its arms and bids you welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT OFFERING – TO BENEFIT ALWAYS ON MISSION

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers

and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG The Church of Christ, in Every Age (ELW 729)

GREETING

During this time, the presiding minister and the assembly greet each other. 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.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly is seated.

HOLY BAPTISM (page 227)

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FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6[7-20]

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Acts.

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.

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." [⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. ⁸ Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹ For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹ The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to

your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴ and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶ I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹ and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, ²⁰ and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."]

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 30

You have turned my wailing into dancing. (Ps. 30:11)

- ¹ I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- ¹ ed me up and have not let my enemies triumph ¹ over me.
- ² O LORD my God, I cried | out to you, and you restored | me to health.
- ³ You brought me up, O LORD, ¹ from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down ¹ to the grave.
- ⁴ Sing praise to the LORD, ¹ all you faithful; give thanks in ho-¹ly remembrance. R
- 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-tclare your faithfulness?
- ¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and have mer- cy upon me;

O LORD, be my helper." R

- You 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. R

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14

The reading may be announced:

A reading from Revelation.

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."

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.

The reading may be concluded:

The word of the Lord.

The assembly responds:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

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life.

GOSPEL: John 21:1-19

The gospel is announced.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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."

The gospel concludes:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY I Love to Tell the Story (ELW 661)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. Strengthen the work of grassroots organizers, especially among communities on the frontlines of justice work. Amplify the voices of those most in need, that their leadership guides the way forward. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of radical hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ. The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

MUSICAL SELECTION

OFFERING

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Offering Song



fore-taste of the feast

come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One.

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

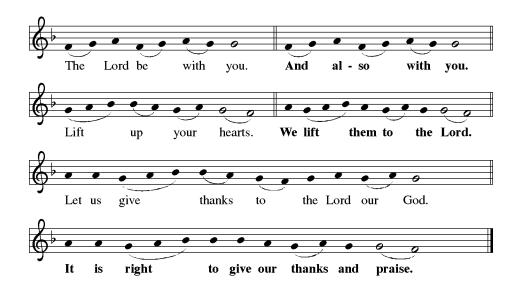
breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal,

that we may live as your risen body in the world.

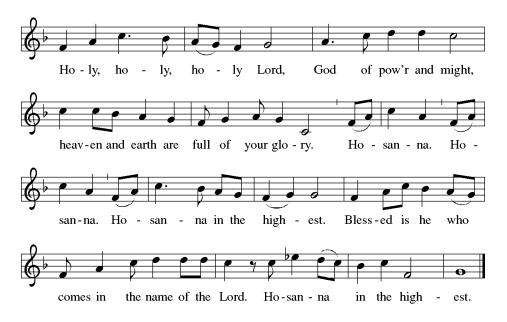
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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

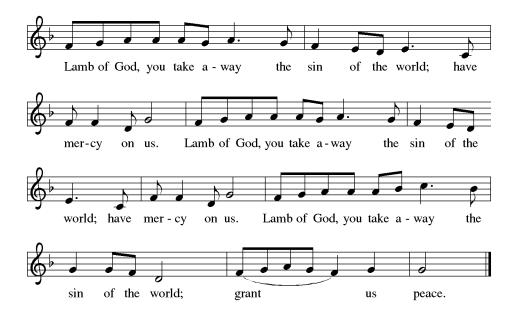
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

Today we celebrate with 3 young people who will be celebrating their First Communion; Evelyn Klotz, Anthony LeBlanc, and Ryver Markley.



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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God,

who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG You Servants of God (ELW 825)

DISMISSAL

The worship has ended. Let the service begin.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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DINKEY MEMORIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS May 4, 2025

The Altar Flowers are sponsored today by Courtney Van Fossen to the Glory of God .

The Bulletins are sponsored today in honor of special family birthdays.

Flower and bulletin charts for **2025** are on the bulletin board above the stairs. You may either sign up on the charts or by calling the office at 610-377-4242. It is appreciated if you pay for your sponsorship by the end of the month that you have sponsored. **All weeks are open for the Memorial Bowl.** It is very important for flower sponsors to return the cans and plastic gold bowls that they take the flowers home in. Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Office Hours:

Monday, Thursday, Friday 9:00AM to 2:00PM (610)377-4242

The Week Ahead:

Today	9:00AM	3rd Sunday of Easter Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School
Wednesday	9:00AM	Morning Prayer
Thursday	9:30AM	Bible Study
	6:30PM	Choir
Sunday	9:00AM	4th Sunday of Easter Worship
	10:15AM	Sunday School

Today we celebrate the baptism of Eleanor Ann-Marie Miller, daughter of Avery & Sydney Miller. We pray for God's blessings on Eleanor throughout her life in Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! May 4 to May 10

05/06 Athena Frey	05/07 Amber Peffer
05/06 Joanne Koons	05/08 Sydney Zarelli
05/07 Luke Blisard	05/10 Blaine Blose
05/07 Rachael Goodhile	05/10 Jaxson Zarelli

<u>Giant Gift Cards</u>: If you would like to purchase any Giant Gift Cards please see Kathy Steigerwalt. We receive 5% from each gift card sold.

<u>Fundraising</u>: Dinkey is selling Rita's cards for 10% off your purchase, cost is \$5.00. Please see Karen Schleicher (610)390-1125.

<u>Cookbook</u>: The fundraising team would like to have your favorite recipe to put together a Dinkey Memorial cookbook. Please give the recipe with your name on it to Karen Schleicher or drop off at the office by Sunday, May 11, 2025. There will be a section for Breakfast, Appetizers, Beverages, Soups, Salads, Vegetables, Main Dishes, Game, Breads, Rolls, Desserts, Miscellaneous.

Fundraising: Dinkey will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts; \$12 for a dozen original glazed or a half dozen special order (chocolate iced, lemon filled, raspberry filled or cream filled). Orders due by May 5, 2025, pickup on May 14, 2025 from 1-3PM. Sign up sheet is in the back of church.

<u>Vacation Bible School</u>: Come join us June 23, 2025 to June 25, 2025 from 6:00-8:30PM for a SCUBA adventure. Ages 3 and up are welcome. Please register by calling the office (610)377-4242 by June 13, 2025 so supplies can be ordered.

<u>Graduates</u>: If you know of someone that is graduating in the next few weeks, please let the office know. We will have Graduate Recognition Day on June 15, 2025. We would also like information on any students enrolled in higher education, where they are attending, their major, etc.

<u>Scholarships</u>: Scholarship applications for anyone attending college or trade school in Fall are needed by June 30, 2025. The scholarship recipients will be announced in mid-July and the award certificates will be presented on July 20, 2025. Scholarship applications are on the Dinkey website for anyone interested.

Ben Salem UCC: Ben Salem will be having their VBS from June 16- June 20, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 PM. The theme will be "Treasured".

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Debbie Meckel Debra Strohl

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Sherri Bowman	Sonny Hack	Kenny Schleicher
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Candy Everett	Rick Keller	Trisha Schleicher
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Ann German	Deb Lilly	Sandy Walter
		Betty Weber

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Ministers:	The Congregation
Pastor:	Reverend Anthony Pagotto
Music Director:	Bridgette Gorman
<u>Greeters</u> :	Frey
Acolytes:	Jaxson Markell
	Bryn Schleicher
Lector:	Kurt Steigerwalt
Communion Assistants	Erica Pagotto
	Lavona Schleicher
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Acolytes:	Colby Solt
Lector:	Luella Ware

The Church of Christ, in Every Age



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