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**Easter Sunday - He is Risen**

**March 31, 2024**

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Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

**\* Easter Litany of Glory**      Read Responsively      (Please Stand)

P: We raise our voices in praise, for God's mercy shines forth in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your infinite mercy!**

P: For the sacrifice of love upon the cross,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your unfailing love!**

P: For the forgiveness of sins through the blood of the Lamb,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your redeeming grace!**

P: For the victory over death proclaimed on Easter morning,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your triumphant resurrection!**

P: For the hope restored in every heart,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your eternal promise!**

P: For the light that dispels all darkness,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your radiant truth!**

P: For the joy that fills our souls,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your boundless joy!**

P: For the new life granted to all who believe,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your life-giving Spirit!**

P: For the unity of believers in Christ's resurrection,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your unifying presence!**

P: For the eternal reign of Christ, our King,

**C: Glory to you, O Lord, for your everlasting kingdom!**

P: Let us forever praise the mercy of our God, revealed in Jesus Christ, who conquered death and rose in glory.

**All: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:**

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Remembering that Jesus the Christ died on the cross for the forgiveness of our sins, and was raised on the third day giving us eternal life. We continue with confession and forgiveness.

## \* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus. **C: Amen.**

P: Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for Reflection*

Gracious Father,

**C: As we gather in the presence of the Almighty, we confess our human frailty and our constant falling short of righteousness. We acknowledge our pride, our selfishness, and our failure to love one another as you have commanded. Forgive us, O Lord, and grant us the strength to walk in your ways, reflecting your grace and mercy to all. Amen.**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. In the glorious light of Easter morning, we proclaim the victory of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Through His sacrifice, your sins are washed away. Receive the assurance of forgiveness, knowing that in Christ, we are made new. Go forth in joy, for you are forgiven and redeemed.

**C: Amen.**

### \* SHARING THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

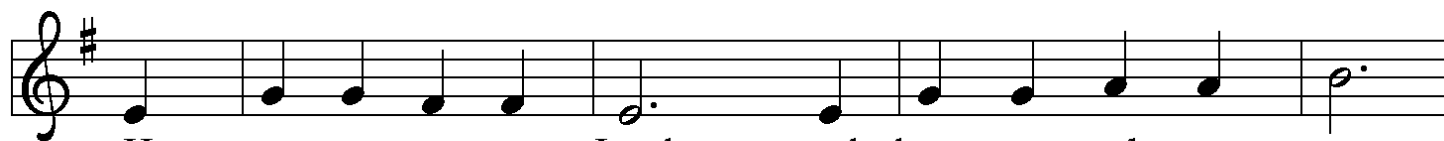
**C: And also with you.**

### GREETING (Please be seated)

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.**

### Kyrie:

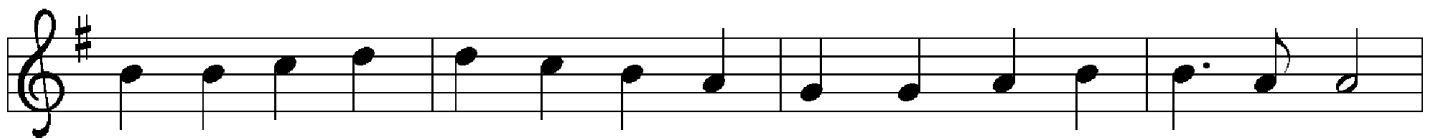


- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

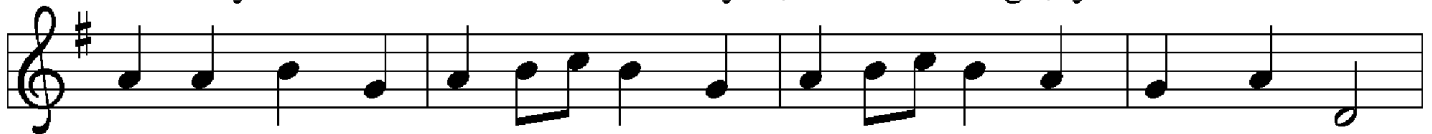
## Hymn of Praise: Glory be to God



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Choir:** "Lord Where Shall We Go?"

**Children's Sermon**

### WORD

**The 1st lesson is a reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.**

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the

message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 118** (Read Responsively)

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

**Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.

**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

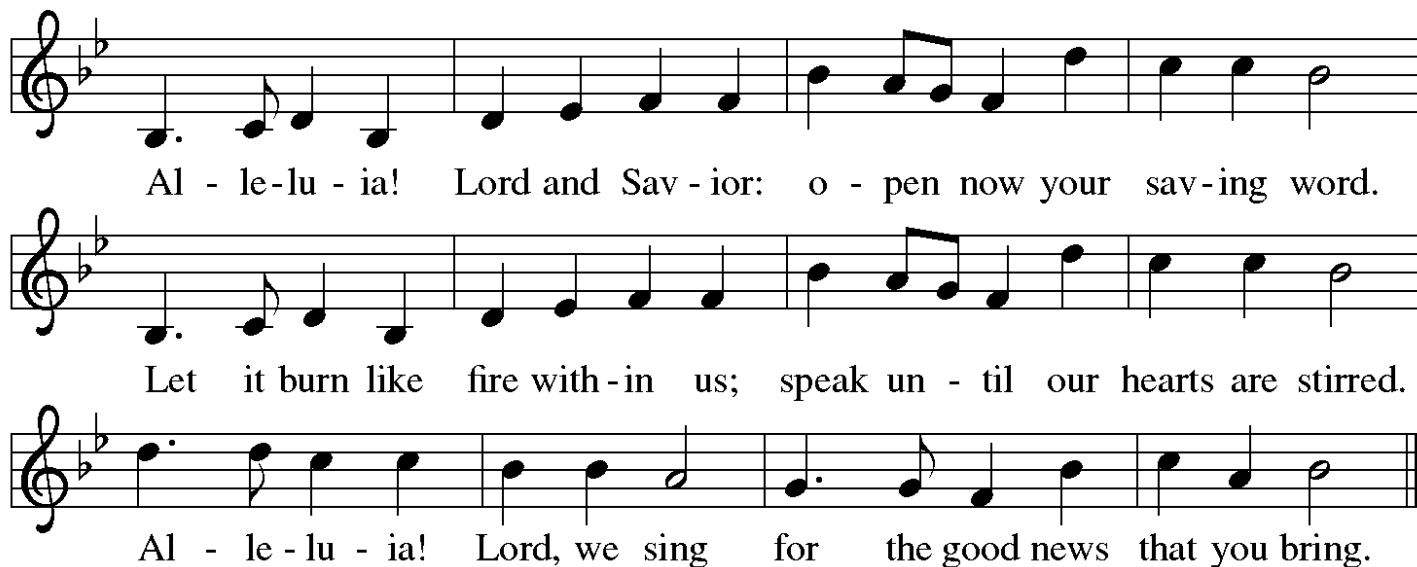
### **The 2nd lesson is a reading from I Corinthians, the 15th chapter.**

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of

whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Acclamation:**



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

**\*The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.**

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn of the Day:

### The Day of Resurrection!

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

### \* Apostle's Creed – Please stand.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* The Prayers of Intercession:** The congregation’s response to “God of grace,” is “hear our prayer.”

## MEAL

**Offering:** We worship God by giving back a little of what he has first given us. God calls us by the Holy Spirit to care for all of God’s people and creation through these gifts.

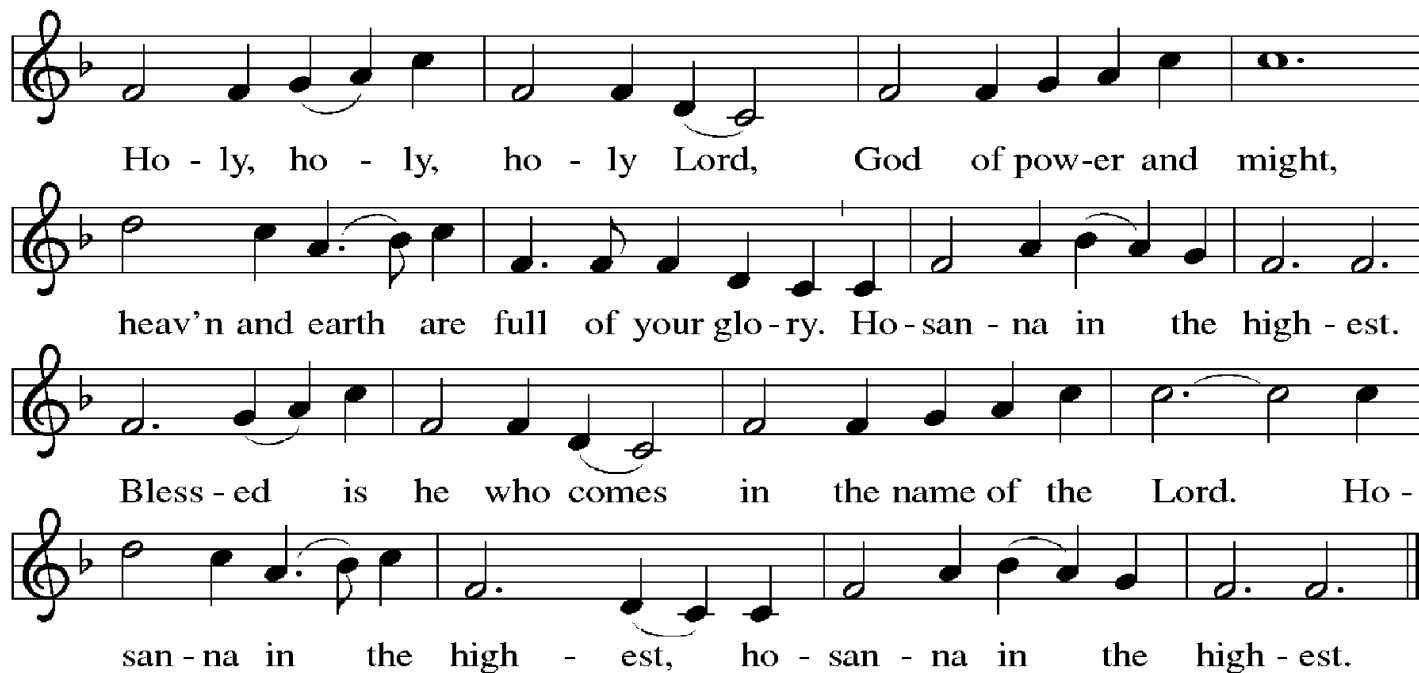
**\*(Please Stand) Offertory: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Offertory Prayer:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n 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.

**\* Words of Institution – Eucharist Prayer**



**\*The Lord's Prayer:**

**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.**

Distribution of the Elements

## Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**\*Blessing after the Meal**

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**\*(544 verse 1) Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing, worship, thanks, devotion voicing; glory be to God on high! Christ, your cross and passion sharing, by this Eucharist declaring yours the final victory.**

**\*Prayer after Communion:**

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.

**C: Amen.**

### **SENDING**

**\*Blessing:** (Please Stand)

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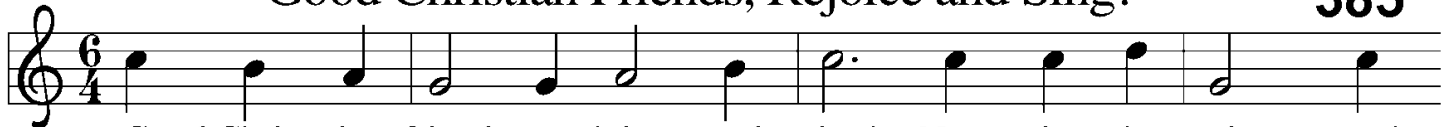
Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia! The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

**Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**

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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!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

Text © 1958, ren. 1986 *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, admin. Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

**P:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**Postlude**

Presiding Minister

Pastor David Viles

Organist / Keyboard

Zola Finch

Song Leader

Kathy Meller

Acolyte

Mackenzie Linnenbrink

Audio / Video Technician

Dan Tschirgi

Reader

Bill Gerth

Communion Assistant

Audrey Bunch & Rosemary Heidbreder

Communion ware

Jason Wood & Jacklyn Wood

Council Member

Stacy Bubach

Greeters

Donald Weber & Marie Scheperle

Altar Flowers

Rosemary Heidbreder

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Today is our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Immediately following church families with their children can gather in the parsonage yard beside the church. Children ages 1-6 will hunt on the playground side of the sidewalk. Children ages 7-13 will hunt on the fenced side of the sidewalk. There are signs marking these areas. Happy Hunting!!

**Margaret Circle will meet on Tuesday**, April 2, 2024, 6:30 PM, at St. Paul's in the lower level. Erika Gerth will host and Kay Pascoe will lead the Bible study. All women of St. Paul's and their friends are welcome! RSVP: 573-635-6681 or [erikagerth329@gmail.com](mailto:erikagerth329@gmail.com).

**The Bell Choir** will ring bells next Sunday since it is the first Sunday of the month. We will play Christ the Lord is Risen Today.

**Hymn History** –Our sending song today “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!” was written by John of Damascus. Born in 675 in Damascus, John was raised and instructed by his Christian father who was an official at the court of the Muslim Caliph in Damascus. John's grandfather was retained as a Christian civil servant when the Muslims took control, and his father is reported to have played a role in the capitulation of Damascus to Muslim troops in 635 after securing favorable conditions of surrender. John himself is written to have a knowledge of the Quran which he criticized harshly. Around the age of forty after assuming his father's position of great means and power, John became dissatisfied with his life, ridded himself of possessions, freed his slaves, and became a Monk near Jerusalem. He became especially well known for defending the church's use of icons, codifying the Byzantine chant, and writing about science, philosophy, and theology. Reportedly forged documents implicated John in a plot to attack Damascus. The caliph ordered John's right hand be cut off and hung in public view. Our hymn's text today comes from John's first ode of the “Golden Canon”, considered to be his finest work. It was interpreted by the prolific hymn writer John Neale.

### **Schedule for Online Services:**

Services are at 9:00 a.m. Sunday mornings on FaceBook Live:

<https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchOnTheHill>

All services can be viewed at any time on our St. Paul's website: <http://www.stpaulslutheranlohman.org> just scroll down to the middle section and click on the service of your choice under “In Case You Missed It.” Below that is another section for current and past bulletins.

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Happy Easter Season. Thank you for providing lilies to make our sanctuary festive for this wonderful occasion. They are provided by the following:

Don & Becky Weber– In memory of **Roy & Royda Weber and Pat & Anna Castrop**  
Harry & Jana Thompson – In memory of **loved ones**  
Gary & Carol Elliott – In memory of **loved ones**  
Jean Fink – In memory of **Jim Fink, Lee & Erna Linsenbardt**  
Sharron Schneiders – In memory of **loved ones**  
Melvin & Joan Stubinger – In memory of **daughter Moana & our parents**  
Frank & Kay Pascoe – In memory of **loved ones**  
Mike & Diane Kalaf – In memory of **Rupert & Corine Linsenbardt**  
Ron & Elizabeth Rowden – In memory of **Rupert & Corine Linsenbardt**  
Rose Strobel – In memory of **Herb Strobel**  
Bill & Erika Gerth – in memory of **our parents**  
Sandra Neal – In memory of **Jim Neal, Doc & Linda Shannon, and Andy & Anna Kirchner**  
Kathryn Linsenbardt – in memory of **Lester Linsenbardt**  
Peter & Susan Neenan – in memory of **Gus & Flora Linsenbardt, Oscar & Nelda Bubach, Sharon Bubach, and Steven Dunlap**  
Peter & Susan Neenan – in memory of **Jack & Shirl Neenan, David Neenan & David Pickering**  
Marie Scheperle family and Leroy Plochberger family – In memory of **John O. Scheperle, G. Ray & Edith Scheperle**  
Abbie & Stan Linsenbardt & Barbara Carrel – in memory of **Albin & Jackie Linsenbardt & Larry Linsenbardt**  
Paula Linsenbardt – in memory of **Alvin & Mava Clements, Vanessa Pyatt & Curtis Switzer**  
Dan & Kim Tschirgi – in memory of **grandparents Martin & Ada Tschirgi & Ann Tschirgi**  
Leroy Plochberger family and Marie Scheperle family – In memory of **Sara Rhea Plochberger, Albert & Olinda Plochberger**

Kaylin Dunlap – in honor of my St. Paul's church family

Doug & Julie Carel – given in gratitude & gratefulness

Helen Girard – given in praise & thankfulness & joy

Hope & Kendall, Peyton & Madeline Stubinger – Happy Easter

Harry & Jana Thompson – In honor of loved ones

Don & Becky Weber – In honor of our grandchildren, daughters & sons-in-law

Please take your plant after the service



## *Easter Lily*

*The pure white flower of the Easter lily represents the purity of Christ. Jesus lived a perfect, sinless life as the Son of God. He offers us forgiveness of our sins through faith in Him, and in turn purifies us from our sin and 'washes us whiter than snow. Also, the shape of the lily is that of a trumpet. Just as trumpets and other brass instruments send out music, we are called to announce God's good news of forgiveness and new life that comes through the death and resurrection of Jesus.*