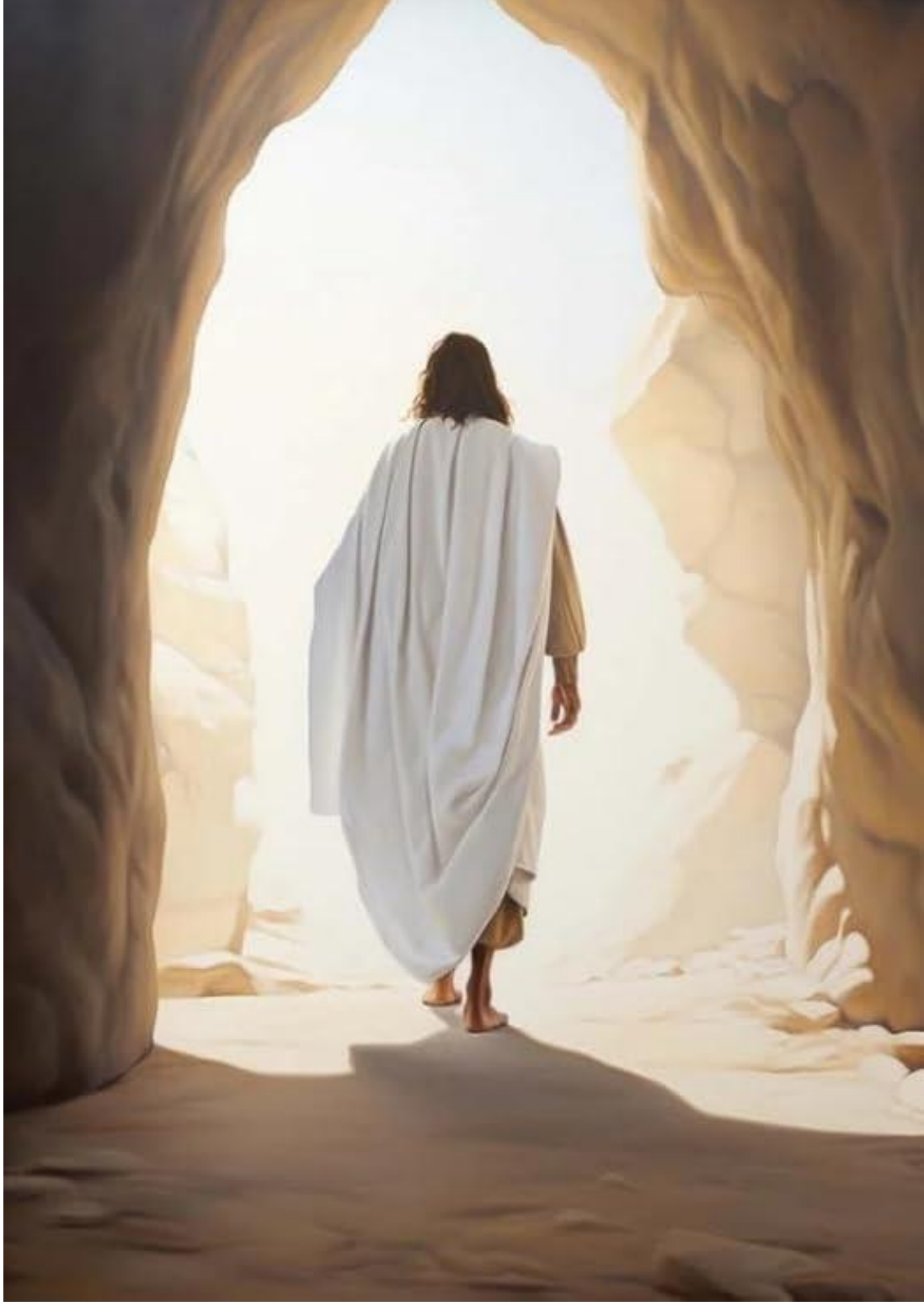


# Easteride

APRIL 20, 2025 • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD





E MUST ALSO KNOW WHAT BAPTISM SIGNIFIES AND WHY GOD HAS ORDAINED JUST THIS OUTWARD SIGN AND CEREMONY FOR THE SACRAMENT BY WHICH WE ARE FIRST RECEIVED INTO THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH. THE ACT OR CEREMONY IS THIS: WE ARE SUNK UNDER THE WATER, WHICH PASSES OVER US, AND AFTERWARD ARE DRAWN OUT AGAIN. THESE TWO PARTS, (A) TO BE SUNK UNDER THE WATER AND (B) DRAWN OUT AGAIN, SIGNIFY BAPTISM'S POWER AND WORK. IT IS NOTHING OTHER THAN PUTTING TO DEATH THE OLD ADAM AND AFFECTING THE NEW MAN'S RESURRECTION AFTER THAT [ROMANS 6:4-6]. BOTH OF THESE THINGS MUST TAKE PLACE IN US ALL OUR LIVES. SO A TRULY CHRISTIAN LIFE IS NOTHING OTHER THAN A DAILY BAPTISM, ONCE BEGUN AND EVER TO BE CONTINUED. FOR THIS MUST BE DONE WITHOUT CEASING, THAT WE ALWAYS KEEP PURGING AWAY WHATEVER BELONGS TO THE OLD ADAM. . . . THAT IS TRULY BEING BURIED IN BAPTISM AND DAILY COMING FORTH AGAIN. THEREFORE, THE OUTWARD SIGN IS APPOINTED NOT ONLY FOR A POWERFUL EFFECT, BUT ALSO FOR AN ILLUSTRATION.

-LARGE CATECHISM. PART IV. BAPTISM. 64-65, 71-72.

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -Augsburg Confession. Article XXIV. The Mass. 1-2a.



## PRELUDE

## ENTRANCE BELL AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 457*

**“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”**



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 ye 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!

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INVOCATION

*The sign of the cross ✙ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

## INTROIT

*Psalm 8:1, 5-6, 9; antiphon: Luke 24:5b-6b*



**L** He is risen! Alle- | luia!\*

Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alle- | luia!

Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,\*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

**L** O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in | all the earth!\*

You have set your glory above the | heavens.

**C** Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly | beings\*  
and crowned him with glory and | honor.

**L** You have given him dominion over the works | of your hands;\*  
you have put all things under | his feet.

**C** O | LORD, our Lord,\*  
how majestic is your name in | all the earth.



**L** He is risen! Alle- | luia!\*

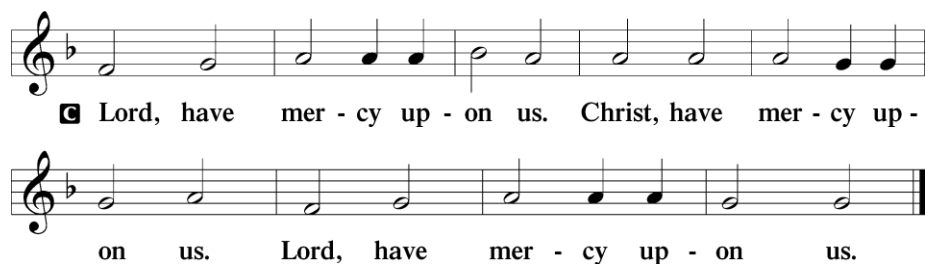
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Remember how he told you, Alle- | luia,\*

that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alle- | luia!

# KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47




**C** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

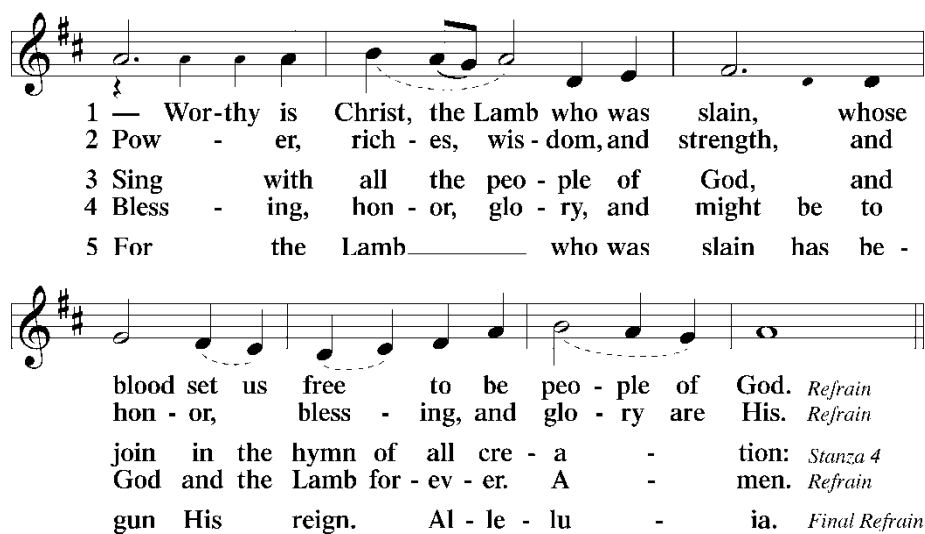
# HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

*Refrain*



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



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -  
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



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

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sitting*

## PROPHECY

**Job 19:23-27**

**A** The Prophecy for The Resurrection of Our Lord is from Job, chapter 19.

**A** In those days the prophet Job spoke, saying: "Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and

He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I know, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL

*Psalm 118:24, 1*



**L** This is the day that the | LORD has made;\*  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**C** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;\*  
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

**A** The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 15.

**A** Brethren: Behold, I tell you a mystery:  
We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be  
changed—in a moment, in the twinkling  
of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the  
trumpet will sound, and the dead will be  
raised incorruptible, and we shall be  
changed. For this corruptible must put  
on incorruption, and this mortal must  
put on immortality. So when this  
corruptible has put on incorruption, and  
this mortal has put on immortality, then

shall be brought to pass the saying that  
is written: "Death is swallowed up in  
victory."

"O Death, where is your sting?  
O Hades, where is your victory?"

The sting of death is sin, and the  
strength of sin is the law. But thanks be  
to God, who gives us the victory  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Standing*

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c*



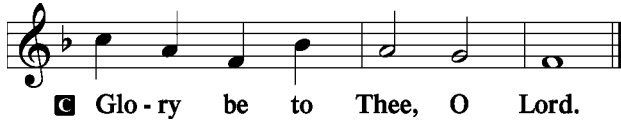
**L** Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.



**L** Let us therefore celebrate the festival with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.



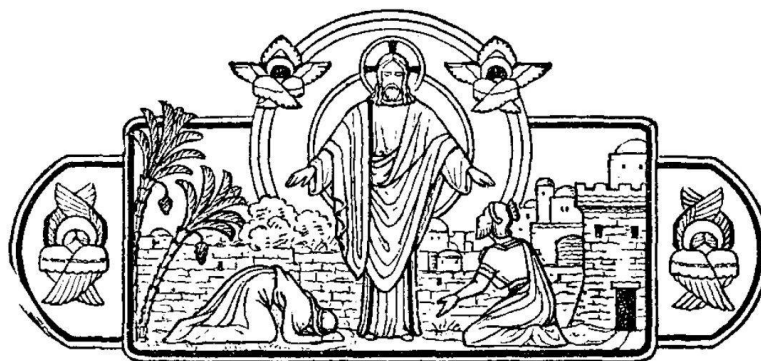
**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**P** At that time: Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Jesus. Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting

on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you." So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.





## NICENE CREED

**C** **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*  
**the Father Almighty**, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*  
**maker of heaven and earth** *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*  
**and of all things visible and invisible.** *Colossians 1:16*

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ**, *Romans 10:9*  
**the only-begotten Son of God**, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*  
**begotten of His Father before all worlds**, *John 1:2*  
**God of God, Light of Light**, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*  
**very God of very God**, *Colossians 2:9*  
**begotten, not made**, *John 1:2*  
**being of one substance with the Father**, *John 10:30*  
**by Whom all things were made**; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*  
**Who for us men and for our salvation** *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*  
**came down from heaven** *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*  
**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary** *Luke 1:34-35*  
**and was made man**; *John 1:14*  
**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.** *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*  
**He suffered and was buried.** *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*  
**And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures** *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*  
**and ascended into heaven** *Acts 1:9*  
**and sits at the right hand of the Father.** *Acts 7:55*  
**And He will come again with glory** *Matthew 26:64*  
**to judge both the living and the dead**, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*  
**Whose kingdom will have no end.** *2 Peter 1:11*

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit**, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*  
**the Lord and giver of life**, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*  
**Who proceeds from the Father and the Son**, *John 15:26*  
**Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified**, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*  
**Who spoke by the prophets.** *Ezekiel 11:5*  
**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church**, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*  
**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins**, *Ephesians 4:5*  
**and I look for the resurrection of the dead** *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
**and the life ✠ of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*  
**Amen.** *Psalms 106:48*

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 466

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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## SERMON

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10–12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*[1 Timothy 2:1-4]*

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Holy Lord, mighty God, You have borne the sin of the world and given to us the promise of new and everlasting life. Receive our thanks for the glorious resurrection of Jesus, the Christ. Bring us with Him to our own joyful resurrection and the reunion of all Your saints. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Heavenly Father, You have established the Church as the instrument of Your saving purpose and endowed us with the gift of Your Word and Sacrament. Embolden us with the Holy Spirit, that we may be renewed in witness, sustained in trial and refreshed through the Means of Grace. Bless those who bring Your gifts and preach Your Word. Give us willing ears to hear and willing hearts to keep this Easter faith. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husbands and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Bless Donald, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Gracious Lord, Your healing and strength are the hope of all the weary and afflicted. According to Your gracious will, give to all the sick and those who suffer healing and relief [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them patience and hope until that day when they put on new and glorious bodies raised by Christ and receive the end of all afflictions. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Most Holy Father, this is the feast of victory, for the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. By Your Spirit, prepare us to receive His body and blood for the strengthening of our faith in this mortal life. Build in us anticipation for the marriage supper of the Lamb, which we and all the people of God shall feast upon in His kingdom without end. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** O Lord, heavenly Father, You have not let Your Holy One see corruption, but have raised Him in triumph from the dead, never to die again. Therefore, our hearts are glad and we rejoice, for our flesh also dwells secure. Since You have set Him at Your right hand, lead us to set His resurrection before us at all times, that His path of life and the fullness of joy in His presence may be known to us, until we come also to the eternal pleasures at His right hand, forevermore; for You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,  
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.  
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

**C** 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.

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv-en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ̣ bod-y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem-brance of Me." In the same way al- so  
He took the cup after sup-per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say-ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My ̣ blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al- ways.  
**A** A - men.

## AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

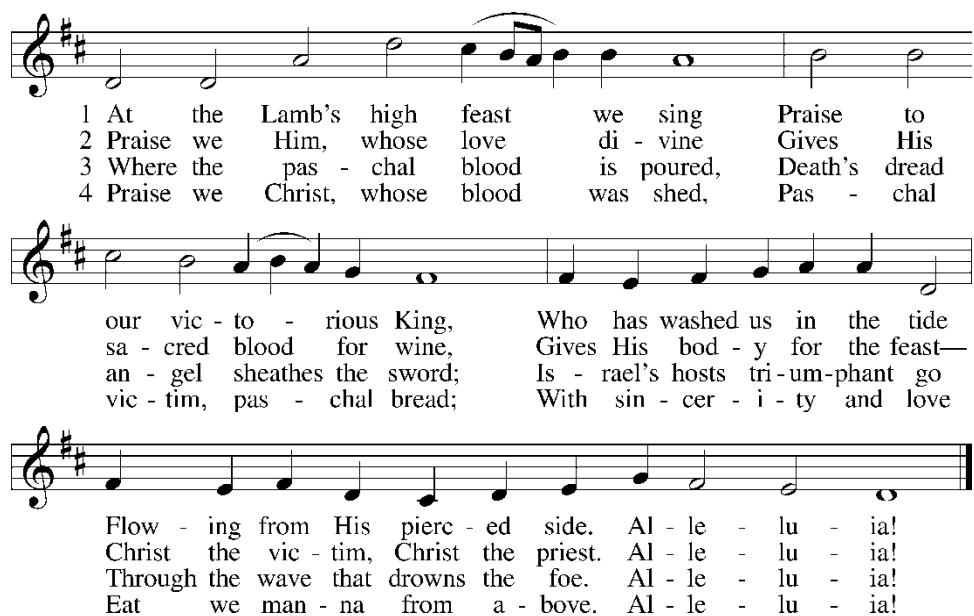
*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*



## MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

*Lutheran Service Book 633*

**"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"**



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His  
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread  
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal

our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love

Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

**5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
You have conquered in the fight,  
You have brought us life and light.  
Alleluia!**

**6 Now no more can death appall,  
Now no more the grave enthrall;  
You have opened paradise,  
And Your saints in You shall rise.  
Alleluia!**

**7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
Newborn souls in You to be.  
Alleluia!**

**8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
Savior, by whose death we live,  
Spirit, guide through all our days:  
Three in One, Your name we praise.  
Alleluia!**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort  
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
 He lives to wipe away my tears;  
 He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
 He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;  
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
 He lives my mansion to prepare;  
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same;  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



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



# NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

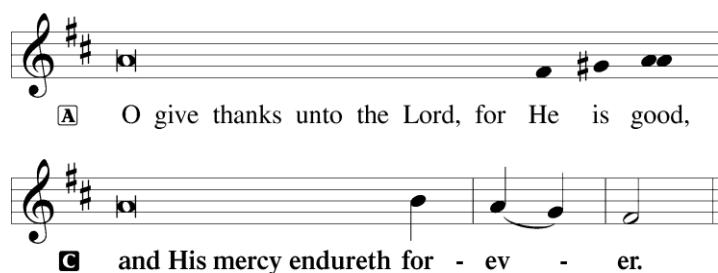
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-  
 cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,  
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy  
 peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and  
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

## THANKSGIVING

Psalms 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
 and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

## POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1

**P** The Lord be with you.


**C** And with thy spir - it.

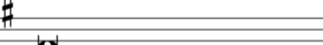
**A** Bless we the Lord.

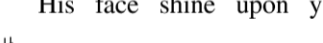
**C** Thanks be to God.

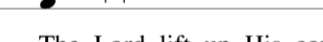
## BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

  
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make

  
His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.

  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

  
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 465*

**"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



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

## POSTLUDE



## SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

### **Presiding Minister**

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

### **Altar Assistant(s)**

J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

Abby Warnke, *Interim Director of Music*

### **Cantor**

Adrian Popescu

### **Handbell Choir**

Will Davis

Trevor Dunkel

Clara Smith

Abby Warnke

### **Musician(s)**

Will Davis, trumpet

### **Altar Guild**

Linda Rathje/Kati Durden

### **Usher(s)**

Malcolm Abrahamman/Trevor Dunkel  
(Greg Ison)

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

The Schoellen family

## SERVING NEXT WEEK

### **Presiding Minister**

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J.P. Morr, *Elder*

Katie Schoellen, *Acolyte*

Jude Miller, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

TBD

### **Altar Guild**

Whitney Worthington/Margaret Beckman

### **Usher(s)**

Malcolm Abrahamman/Trevor Dunkel  
(Greg Ison)

### **Fellowship Host(s)**

TBD

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF."

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)



## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 4/20	<b>The Resurrection of Our Lord</b> Nursery available Easter Breakfast Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Easter Egg Hunt	8:30 – 11:30 AM 8:30 – 9:30 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass Following fellowship hour
Monday 4/21	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Tuesday 4/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 4/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday 4/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 4/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 4/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 4/27	<b>Second Sunday of Easter (Quasimodo Geniti)</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Kingdom of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Confirmation: The Third Commandment	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Holy Mass 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

# LOVING THE LORD

✝ **No Adult Bible Study or Children's Sunday School on Sunday 4/20!**

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Kingdom of Israel***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the kingdom of Israel. We began with 1 and 2 Samuel, now we will pick up with 1 Kings, as we continue the turbulent history of God's people and their Lord's unwavering faithfulness.

✝ **Summer Adult Bible Study: *The Books of the Church***

Sunday TBD at 9:00 A.M.

Church fellowship hall

God has blessed us with His inspired Word in the canon of Holy Scripture. From Genesis to Revelation, God has given us everything we need to establish the doctrine of His Church. Nevertheless, there are ecclesiastical texts that, while not inspired by the Holy Spirit, are still helpful in recording the history of God's people and clarifying biblical contexts. Even Martin Luther retained many of these texts in his German translation of the Bible. Lutherans since have also included them in their daily lectionary. And the Jews in Jesus' day made frequent use of them in their Septuagint (Greek translation of the Old Testament).

This might explain why the Bible itself makes references to them. For example, when Jesus calls Himself "the Light of the world" (John 8:12), it's in the context of Hanukkah which originated in 1 Maccabees. And the author of Hebrews refers to Tobit when he says, "some have entertained angels unawares" (13:2), and 2 Maccabees when Hebrews says, "women received back their dead, raised to life again" (11:35). Because these texts have been judged as worthwhile reading in the Church, yet not to detract from God's inspired Word in Sunday Adult Bible Class, we would like to begin a supplemental Small Group Bible Study.

Concordia Publishing House (LCMS) has compiled *The Apocrypha: The Lutheran Edition with Notes*. It is available for purchase at \$44.99 through its website ([cph.org](http://cph.org)). This is a nice companion volume to your *Lutheran Study Bible*. However, a bare bones version of the texts is also available at no cost online via [apocrypha.org](http://apocrypha.org).

### ✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

## LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

### ✝ **Annual Easter Breakfast**

Sunday, April 20 from 8:30 – 9:30 A.M.  
Church fellowship hall

Every Easter, the Ascension family comes together to share a breakfast before Divine Service. Please consider contributing, but more importantly, please make a point to join your brothers and sisters in this celebratory meal. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the signup sheet displayed in the narthex.

### ✝ **Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 20 following Mass  
Church front lawn

According to Christian tradition, eggs have always been a symbol of rebirth. The picture of a baby bird emerging from its shell reminds us of the risen Christ stepping out of the tomb. To teach our children the truth of the new life they have through their resurrected Lord, Easter egg hunts have become commonplace. We invite all children and their families to participate in an egg hunt following the Divine Service. Donations of pre-filled eggs, preferably filled with food or other items not susceptible to melting, are being accepted through Holy Week. Please leave your donation in the church office. Also, if you would like to volunteer to hide the eggs before 10:00 A.M. Mass, please contact Pastor Miller: [pastor@ascension-lcms.com](mailto:pastor@ascension-lcms.com).

### ✝ **Goal Met for Lutheran Bible Translators (LBT) Project!**

A few years ago, we pledged a commitment to Lutheran Bible Translators to financially support their effort to translate the Gospel of Mark into the language of Southern Africa's Batswana people. Because the Gospel of Mark is sixteen chapters, and the cost to translate each chapter works out to be \$1,000 on average, we pledged to give \$16,000. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, we have raised more than promised: \$16,199! God bless His Holy Word!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ John Kateen, 4/26

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ Lauren Morr, 4/22

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Marion & Robbie Griffin, 4/20
- ✝ Richard & Jill Drachenberg, 4/21

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Jill Drachenberg, 4/21
- ✝ Brian Beckman, 4/23
- ✝ Darlene Beckman, 4/23
- ✝ Grayson Beckman, 4/23
- ✝ Isaac Beckman, 4/23

## Recent Requests

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- ✝ Bill Bigelow (brother of Anne Bigelow)
- ✝ Garey Durden (father of Drew Durden)
- ✝ Hellen Kalugendo
- ✝ John Kateen
- ✝ Wilma Meyer (grandmother of J.P. Morr)
- ✝ Samantha Salgado (wife of Homero Salgado)
- ✝ Pat Vines (mother of Darlene Beckman's friend)

### *For those requesting special prayers:*

- ✝ Faith Lutheran Church and School in Marietta, that God would provide them with a faithful pastor and principal.
- ✝ Family and friends of Greg Gotsch (brother of J.P. Morr's friend), for the comfort of Easter.

## Ongoing Requests

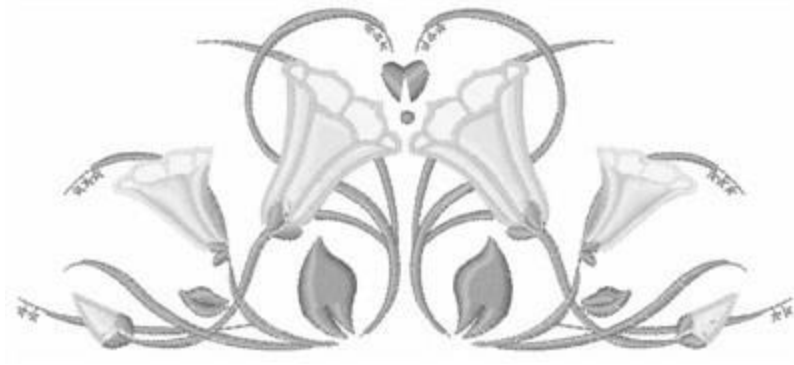
### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Will Edinger (friend of the Beckmans)
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Dee Keiger (sister of Eileen Buehl)
- ✝ Betty Licht
- ✝ Donald Licht
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)
- ✝ Charles Schnell (former member), for his formation as a pastor.
- ✝ Ed & Jackie Sherwood (grandfather and grandmother of Bekah Beckman)

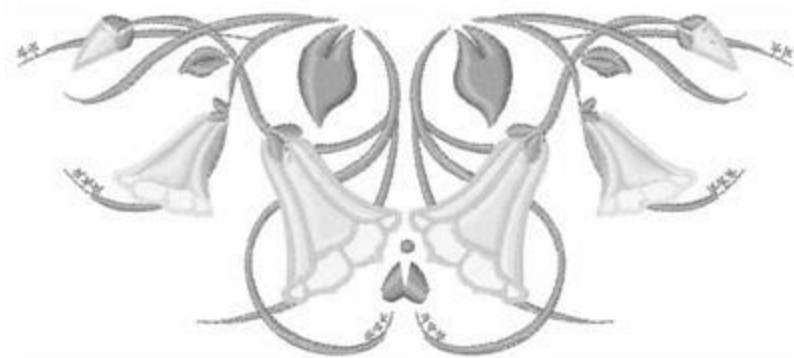
### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jeffrey G. Miskus & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials

## THE EASTER LILIES ADORNING THE ALTAR WERE GIVEN BY:



- ✝ Brian and Darlene Beckman, to the glory of God.
- ✝ Anne Bigelow, in memory of her parents, Marlys and Bob Bigelow, and in memory of her siblings, Robert Bigelow and Mary Huntoon.
- ✝ Eileen Buehl, in memory of her late husband, Dan Buehl, Sr.
- ✝ Nancy Grossberg, in memory of Fred and Ruth Honea, and to the glory of God.
- ✝ Ruth Henry, in memory of her parents, George & Elizabeth Gaither.
- ✝ Jan Knehans, in memory of her parents, Gerhard & Lenora Knehans, and in honor of her daughter, Leslie Micek.
- ✝ John Kateen, in memory of his late wife, Arlene Kateen.
- ✝ Linda Rathje, in memory of Harriet Rathje.
- ✝ Alexis Schelp, in honor of Bud Schelp.
- ✝ Clara Smith, in memory of Thees and Rachel Schnakenberg, and John and Delores Schnakenberg.
- ✝ Keith & Whitney Worthington, in memory of Keith's mother, Ingrid Worthington.





**T**HROUGH FAITH, AS ST. PETER SAYS, WE HAVE A NEW AND CLEAN HEART [ACTS 15:9-11], AND GOD WILL AND DOES ACCOUNT US ENTIRELY RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY FOR THE SAKE OF CHRIST, OUR MEDIATOR [1 TIMOTHY 2:5]. ALTHOUGH SIN IN THE FLESH HAS NOT YET BEEN COMPLETELY REMOVED OR BECOME DEAD [ROMANS 7:18], YET HE WILL NOT PUNISH OR REMEMBER IT.

-SMALCALD ARTICLES. PART III. ARTICLE XIII. 1.



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