



Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast,

we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.

- **IN-PARKING LOT WORSHIPERS**, please park in the first few spaces closest to Dock Street, and set your radio to **90.1 FM**. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you have parked your car, and your offering will be gathered then as well. For Communion, please hold onto the wafers in plastic bags that you will have been given until the consecration and invitation to commune takes place later in the service. Pastor will try to lead part of the service from outside. Rest rooms are available in the church building.
- **IN-PERSON WORSHIPERS**, please park at the far side of the front lot, the back lot, or one of the handicap spaces. Bulletins and other handouts will be distributed after you enter the lobby, and your offering will be gathered at that time. Masks will be worn in the building, or outside when talking to others, and everyone needs to stay six feet away from people in other households. Because speaking and singing can spread the virus even when wearing masks, we will not speak the responses out loud or sing – the assisting minister will speak the responses in the service and a cantor will sing on our behalf.
- **VISITORS**, we welcome you! In this uncertain time of a pandemic, we believe that that grace-filled love of God made known in Jesus Christ, and proclaimed in scripture, prayer, and worship sustains us even now – and so we are glad that you are here with us, so that together, we all can receive the Good News of Jesus Christ, and then be strengthened in daily love for God and our neighbors.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunday – April 4th, 2021

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PREPARATION

PRELUDE

Thine is the Glory arr. David Lasky
I Know that my Redeemer Liveth Handel's "Messiah"
The Strife if O'er arr. Gordon Young
With High Delight Let Us Unite arr. Michael Costello
Christ the Lord is Risen Today arr. Sharon Rogers

The bell rings calling us to worship.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE is an Easter symbol, the light of which reminds us that Jesus, the light of the world, has been raised from the dead. The paschal candle therefore is lit throughout worship for the whole season of Easter, and whenever there is a baptism or funeral. Today, it will be lit from a fire outside (like at Easter Vigil services which are held on Saturday night) and then carried from there into the nave.

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

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The light of Christ! **Thanks be to God!**

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept.

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy morning shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



GATHERING

ENTRANCE HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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[Hit the link to view the ALCM virtual recording of this hymn with over 1700 musicians!](#)

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

- now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
 where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!
 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
 praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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

GREETING

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.

Jesus Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

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 - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

WORD

A READING FROM THE SCRIPTURES

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The assembly is seated.

¹Now 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, ²through 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.

³For 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, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was

Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (Which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor David Rowe

The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing

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- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. 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!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The assembly stands and faces the baptismal font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Let us come into the light,
the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.

Make us alive in Christ, O God.

Make us new as you make all things new.

Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,

renew us in grace,

and restore us to living in your holiness,

through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ

puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

casts out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and † frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

Amen.

THE AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

The presiding minister leads the Affirmation from the Baptismal Font. The introductory paragraph is adapted from the Manual on the Liturgy (LBW).

Sister and brothers, on this most holy Day the church celebrates the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul teaches us that by baptism we were buried with Christ and lay dead in order that as Christ was raised from the dead in the splendor of the Father, so we should set our feet on the new path of life. Therefore, now that Lent is over, let us renew the promises made at our baptism. I therefore I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERSESSION

As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood. Response after each petition:

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. A brief silence.

Praise to you for your power revealed in the resurrection! Fill your church with the power of your love that is stronger than death. Send us to tell the good news wherever death holds sway. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your grace and love at work in the resurrection! During this global pandemic bring hope to those who anxious or depressed, strength to those who work so hard to care for people with the coronavirus and to make vaccines available, patience to family members and friends who feel confined, wisdom to teachers and students, and endurance to your church which gathers to worship in often distant and difficult ways. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the peace made possible in the resurrection! Fill the nations with your peace. Draw together people of all nations and languages; reveal new possibilities and inspire new beginnings. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the hope of the resurrection! Fill all in need with hope: those who are afraid or confused, those who are sick or suffering, those who are dying, and those who grieve, especially all whom we raise in prayer before you... Assure them of your promises. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for the joy of your resurrection! Fill this assembly with joy as we are called your beloved in baptism. Multiply that joy so that we may share it at home, at work, and in our community. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Praise to you for your faithfulness revealed in the resurrection! Fill us with trust that we join with all who have gone before us in proclaiming: "your mercy endures forever!" Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the cantor inside, and the assembly outside, responds with the "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AND CONSECRATION

The thanksgiving concludes:

. . . For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

. . . To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

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.

COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

Communion wafers that have been distributed and now consecrated, are eaten.

The body of Christ given for you. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Wellspring of joy,

through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us,

and send us as joyful witnesses,

that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly may be seated

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom

to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

2 Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! *Refrain*

3 No more we doubt thee,
glorious Prince of life;
life is naught without thee;
aid us in our strife;
make us more than conqu'rors,
through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan
to thy home above. *Refrain*

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

DISMISSAL

The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

The Hallelujah Chorus

Handel's Messiah

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MINISTRY NEWS

PRAYER LIST

Joyce Freed, Shirley Foose, Lee Miller, Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Cheryl Feeser, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Sam Huff, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Donna Evans, Joan Heckrote, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Kenny Noecker, Nancy Reese, David Huff, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Dennis Heydt, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Renee Shade, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Craig Heffner, Jane Deibert, Judy Reihman, Tom Cook, Sylvia Edling, Joe Dewald, Ronald Bromwell, Carla Zelinsky, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Anna Mae Berger, Madge Miller, Kathleen Kelleher, Melissa Focht, Jason Brown, Teagan Brown, Brenda Phillips, Family of Keith Ramsey, Cecelia Kacmar, Lois Pavelko, Edith Kriner, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Florence Shay, Clarence Zweizig, Jayden Leiby, Melvin Rodriguez & family, Dorothy Moyer, Bruce Stees, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Peter Spontak, Kim O'Donnell, Leslie Wagner, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Charlotte Moyer, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Ed Sirianni, Stephen Edwards, Lester Aungst III, Christa Miller, David Griffiths, Stanley Daniels, Beryl Zulick, Jim Heisler, Cathy Covach-Hale

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Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Elizabeth Taylor, Carol Landes, Maureen Moyer, Janice Barr, Donna Dizenzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Bob Yanek, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Mark Noecker, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Joan Steficheck, Bill Everly, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Sara Berger, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Pat Thomas, Nathan Resch, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Gemma Geary

Those serving in the Armed Forces:

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, 2nd LT Heather Strouse, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper, Private 3rd Class Caleb Levan

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR EASTER SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Karen Ochenrider	Lloyd Wertz
Ushers	Faith Batz	Deb Reed
	Conner Roeder	Hunter Reed
Cantor(s)	Mary Rowe	Jim & Linda Covert
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Gary Reager
Video Recorder	Kyle Nettles	

Counters

Linda Collins, Deb Reed, Marie Shay

WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Assisting Minister	Mary Rowe	Jim Covert
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Don Boyer
	Luke Hale	Jim Ziegelbein
Cantor(s)	Rabekah Cdebaca	Brenda Searle
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rachel Kramer
		Danika Kuhar
Video Recorder		Linda Covert
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	



THE FLOWERS IN THE ALTAR VASES are to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my dad, William Gehrig, by daughter, Karen Dudley.



EASTER COMMEMORATIONS 2021



GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO THE UNITED LUTHERAN SEMINARY:

In Memory of our parents by Bob & Jill McCloy.

In Honor of Rev. James Covert and Rev. Susan Beck by Linda Covert.

In Memory of Ron & Barbara Gill by Laurie & Barry Bedford.

GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO LUTHERAN DISASTER RELIEF:

To the Glory of God and in Memory of our Loved Ones by Linda & Donald Boyer.

In Memory of my parents, Modest & Clarence Covert by James Covert.

In Memory of Barbara & Ron Gill by Julie Coleman.

GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO BEAR CREEK CAMP:

In Honor of Hunter, Madison, and Millie Reed by Deb Reed.

In Honor of Jerusalem's Young People and Our Children and Grandchildren by Mary & Pastor Rowe.

In Memory of Sandy Seitzinger by Anna Klahr.

In Memory of my parents, Lorraine & Oscar Butler by Linda Covert.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO ELCA WORLD HUNGER:

In Memory of all who touched our lives and are now in heaven by Mr. & Mrs. Peter Spontak Jr.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO JERUSALEM'S GENERAL FUND:

In Memory of Shawn C. Daniels and Susan L. Morgan by Barb & Stan Daniels.

A GIFT WAS GIVEN TO JERUSALEM'S ORGAN FUND:

In Memory of Milton Blank by wife, Nancy.

GIFTS WERE GIVEN TO JERUSALEM'S LITTLE FREE PANTRY:

In Honor of Tayvon Campbell and Stephanie Foose by Jane Deibert.

In Memory of Karen Cockill by Nancy Cooper.

In Memory of Virgil Scott by Barbara Scott.

In Honor of our grandchildren, Penelope and Ronald, by Jim & Linda Covert.

IN ADDITION TO THESE COMMEMORATIONS, other monetary donations were given to these areas of ministry during the month of March. The total amount received for the United Lutheran Seminary is \$106.00, Lutheran Disaster Relief \$395.00, Bear Creek Camp \$135.00, and Jerusalem's Little Free Pantry \$225.00. Thank you to everyone for your generous gifts!

THANK YOU TO TODAY'S CANTORS, Mary Rowe and Jim & Linda Covert!

THE LAMB MEDALLIONS DISTRIBUTED FOR EASTER can be carried on a keychain, or in a pocket or purse, to remind us that just as John the Baptist pointed to Jesus and declared, "Behold the Lamb of God" (John 1:29, 1:36), we also declare that Jesus is the Lamb of God. The passover lamb was killed, so that the angel of death would pass over, so in Jesus death, death will pass over us. As we often sing in the Communion Service "Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God."

THE ASSOCIATION OF LUTHERAN CHURCH MUSICIANS has recorded a virtual version of our Entrance Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today." This virtual hymn is available to watch on our website on the "Worship Resources" Page. A link to the hymn is also posted on our FACEBOOK Page. Take a few minutes to watch this beautiful anthem with 1,784 participants!

AN EASTER "ZOOM SOCIAL" will be held on tomorrow Monday, April 5, at 7:00 PM. If you have the Zoom application on your computer, tablet, or smartphone, this will be an opportunity to enjoy some online fellowship and catch up with each other. We look forward to chatting with those who have signed up! If you want to attend this social, please contact Pastor Rowe. Thanks!

ALL CREATION SINGS, a supplement for our hymnal with additional hymns, many of which were written since our "red hymnal" was published, will soon be available. As we continue to treasure older hymns, global hymns, and newer hymns, we look forward to buying and using this supplement (at least when we are able to hold hymnals and sing again) to enrich our worship. The cost is \$12.50 each, with orders due to us by June 1 (so that we can order at the introductory price, before the higher price goes into effect on June 15). We need about 180 hymnals for our pews. Please use the hymnal envelopes to make your gift and indicate if it is a memorial, in honor of someone, or to the glory of God.

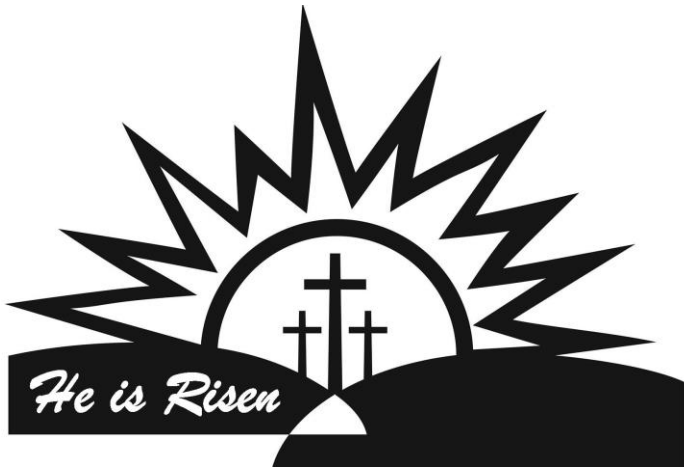
MINISTRY CELEBRATION REPORTS will be handed out on Sunday, April 25th. **Ministry Committee leaders please turn your Annual Report into the office no later than Sunday, April 18th.** Thank you!

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

TODAY 8:00am Worship
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:30am Worship
MONDAY 7:00pm Easter Zoom Social
TUESDAY 1:00pm COVID-19 Task Force Meeting via Zoom

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A Special Easter Message from Presiding Bishop of the ELCA, Elizabeth Eaton:

I try to imagine what it must have been like on that first Easter morning when there wasn't the knowledge of the resurrection. When, instead, it was all about death and disappointment. And I imagine Mary Magdalene coming to the tomb in order to care for Jesus' body, to prepare it for burial. The story was over. The hope was gone. And then someone shows up in the garden, and Mary can't recognize him. Thinking that he's the gardener, she says, "Sir, tell me where you've taken the body so that I may bring it back here."

Imagine a woman, literally, thinking that she could carry the deadweight of a man. All of that grief, the heaviness of that physically as well as spiritually, and just then Jesus speaks her name. "Mary," he says, and her eyes are open. And she can see Jesus because she has been seen by Jesus. Her name has been called by the risen Lord, and now she is part of the resurrection story that happens for all of us in baptism. Jesus has called all of us by name and knows every one of us. And we too now are part of the resurrection story. Her mourning was turned into dancing.

Happy Easter, dear church.

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