

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH



RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD APRIL 5, 2026

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

Weekly Update



1090 Sterling Road, Herndon, VA 20170
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Sunday, April 5, 2026

VISITORS: It is a joy to have you with us this morning. If you are looking for a church family, we hope you will consider Holy Cross. For more information, you can fill out a visitor form in the narthex, speak to an usher, or scan the QR code to the right.



FAMILIES: Children are always welcome at our worship services! There's also a small play area in the Narthex where you can hear the broadcasted service.

WEEKLY PRAYER LIST

OUR CONGREGATION

*Juliana Roe Beck | Bonnie Burton | Terry & Linda Butler | Joy Caveney
Joel Flegal | Roy Geiger | Otto Jacobson | Reed Morgan | Mike Muller
Craig Reichow | Jeremy Shoop | Tuula Toney | Cherie Weatherhead*

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

*Riley Morgan | Thomas Newcomb | Collin Reichow
Friends of Thomas Newcomb currently serving in Iran*

RELATIVES AND FRIENDS OF THE CONGREGATION

*Erin Barden (sister of Andrew Barden)
Debbie Bowman (niece of Betty Skelton)
Joy Brown (friend of Kate Flegal)
Symphony Calvillo & her two boys (friend of Kate Flegal)
Jane Campbell (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Gianna Carter (granddaughter of Sam & Sharon Carter)
Bruce Dudziak (friend of Jared Lem)
Don and Liz Gober (friends of Craig Reichow)
Jason Greenwalt (friend of Cheryl Smith)
Madilyn Gross (cousin of Desirae Peral)
Uwe Gutschmidt (nephew of Ellen Atwell)
Roseanne Heim (family member of Suzanne Flegal)
Matt Kim (friend of John & Tammy Breene)
Michael Levrini (friend of Jared Lem)
Georgia Kirby and Cain Mason (friends of Cherie Weatherhead)
Phyllis Krapf (wife of Dick Krapf)
Don Kress (friend of Helen and Gary Wolfe)
Dale, John, and Jeff MacPherson (friends of Jared Lem)
Sue Mason (sister of Pam Darby)
Sharon Massen & Dorie Miller (friends of Craig Reichow)
Lisa Nolf and Laizu (friends of Jared Lem)
Jim Pollock (godfather of Andrew Barden)
Anne Marie Berardi Rabinowitz (friend of Tonya Elliott)
Tracy Radican (daughter of former HCLC pastor, Pastor Harper)
Dylan Roe (nephew of Mark & Jo Roe)
John Smith (brother-in-law of Cheryl Smith)
Nancy and Steven Swancutt (sister and brother of Lynn Russo)
Dianna and Bill Tilton (friends of Jared & Nannette Lem)
Diana Todd (friend of the Russos)
Michelle White (friend and coworker of Kate Flegal)
Bernadette Stevenson Williams (friend of the Roe family)*

THOSE IN MOURNING

Family & friends of Mary Ann Carmody (aunt of Helen Wolfe)

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Supply Pastor:	Rev. Pam Mitcham
Director of Music and Liturgy:	Jeremy Shoop
Sound Technician:	Bob Thompson
Video Technician:	Sylvia Moran

Serving April 5th: Easter Sunday

Assisting Minister:	Joy Heuer
Reader:	Laurel Shaffer
Acolyte:	Diana Virgo
Greeter:	Jared Lem

Serving April 12th: Second Sunday of Easter

Assisting Minister:	Rob Coffman
Reader:	Helen Wolfe
Acolyte:	Gary Wolfe
Greeter:	Jared Lem

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE: APR 5 – APR 12

SU 5	6:00 am	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ Sanctuary
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Easter Sunday
	11:00 am	Easter Potluck Brunch ~ FH
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH
M 6		Easter Monday – Church Offices Closed
TU 7	6:30 pm	Fiber Arts Group ~ Conference Rm
W 8	11:30 am	Lunch for the Soul ~ FH
	7:00 pm	ELL ~ Education Wing
TH 9	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
	8:00 pm	Bell Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
SA 11	8:00 am	Bldg. Use: Herndon's Women AA ~ Rm 204
	2:00 pm	Pastoral Candidate Meet & Greet
SU 12	9:00 am	Kingdom Kids & Kingdom Angels ~ Choir Stall
	9:00 am	Adult Sunday School ~ Conference Rm
	10:00 am	Worship – Second Sunday of Easter
	11:00 am	Special Congregation Meeting ~ Sanctuary
	1:00 pm	Bldg. Use: Christian Missionary ~ FH

LENTEN APPEAL – FELLOWSHIP SQUARE



This years' Lenten Appeal will be donated to Fellowship House, which is one of the leading providers of affordable housing and services to low-income seniors, owning 670 units (240 of them jointly) in the DC Metro region serving more than 850 older adults. The last day to donate is Sunday, April 19. To donate: <https://tinyurl.com/38nx93ma>

PASTORAL CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET SATURDAY, APRIL 11TH, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

We invite you to meet our pastoral candidate at a "Meet and Greet" on **Saturday, April 11th from 2:00 – 4:00 pm**. This will be an informal opportunity to say hello in advance of their call sermon and our congregational meeting on Sunday, April 12th.

CONGREGATION MEETING

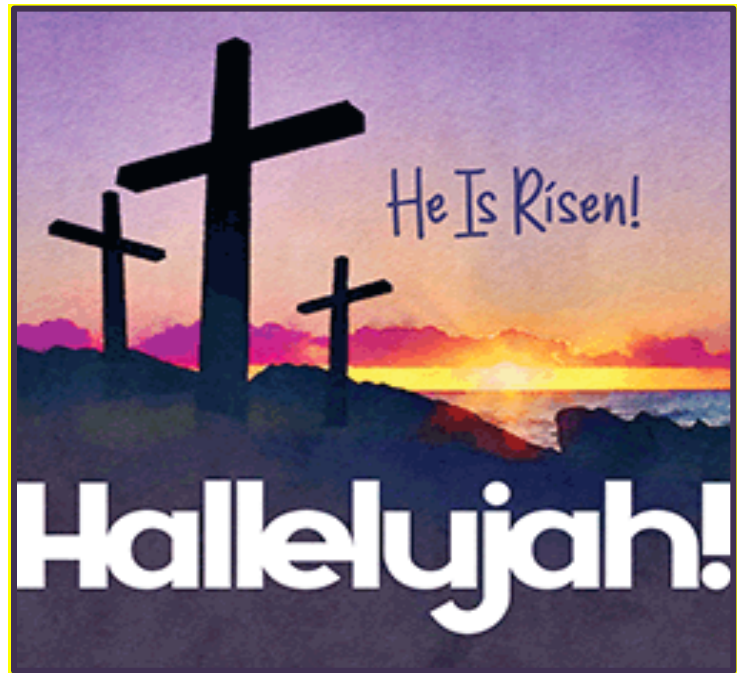
You are invited, as we convene a Special Meeting of the Congregation of Holy Cross Lutheran Church to call a new pastor on **Sunday, April 12th**, following the 10:00 AM service. At that meeting we will vote on two items: the candidate and the candidate's compensation package.

LINK FOOD PANTRY

Don't forget to pick up a grocery bag for your donation to LINK on the first and third Sundays! They are located in the narthex. Filled bags can be dropped off in the LINK box in the narthex or placed on the altar during the offering.



Volunteers are needed to deliver bags to the LINK pantry after services. Go to the following link or scan the QR code to sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/2wfyue7t>



EASTER BRUNCH POTLUCK

An Easter Brunch Potluck will follow the service today! All are welcome—come and enjoy food and fellowship together.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

As Easter arrives, so does the celebration of flowers in the sanctuary, reminding us of God's enduring faithfulness.

There are slots available to dedicate flowers in the coming weeks. Up to two vases can be dedicated each Sunday. Scan the QR code and sign up to celebrate a life event or remember a loved one.



HOME COMMUNION

If you or a loved one is unable to attend worship due to illness, age, or mobility issues, and would like to receive Communion, you can schedule a visit by contacting the office at Admin@HolyCrossHerndon.org or 703-437-1883.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church Welcomes ALL!

Holy Cross Lutheran Church joyfully affirms and celebrates that every person is a beloved child of God. We welcome all who are seeking God's boundless love and sustaining grace into full community with us at Holy Cross. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to breaking down barriers and systems that divide God's children working to be a space committed to racial equality for God's people and to building a community where all are recognized as part of Christ's new creation.



We welcome you, and you are safe with us...
 Whatever your race, ethnicity, or heritage;
 Whatever your relationship status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or gender expression;
 Whatever your socio-economic status;
 We welcome you, and you are safe with us...

Whatever your age and life circumstance;
 Whatever your physical and mental ability.
 You are a beloved child of God, you are valued, and you are welcome here.

What to Expect in Worship

Worship services can be intimidating for newcomers. While we try to make worship as accessible as possible for everyone, we know that some aspects can be confusing. Feel free to ask an usher or someone near you for help if you have any questions today. We are happy to help and want all voices to be included in praise to God.

Our worship style is traditional at Holy Cross. A full liturgy is used to focus our praise and prayers to God. Notes are included in the side gutter of the bulletin to explain why we use the various liturgical elements. Communion is celebrated every Sunday at Holy Cross. The table (altar) is not our table, but Christ's table. Just as Christ welcomes all, all are welcome to receive communion at Holy Cross. Pastor will give instructions on how we celebrate communion at that part of the service. Written instructions are also included at that point in the bulletin.

Throughout the year we emphasize each liturgical season differently to mark the passage of time. Liturgical texts change to reflect aspects of that season, some elements are removed or added to reflect the mood of that season, and colors used to decorate the chancel are changed to provide visual reminders of the current season.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Rooted in Faith, Growing in Service

Resurrection of Our Lord

April 5, 2026 ~ 10:00 AM

By the second century, Christians had shaped Passover into an annual celebration of Christ's resurrection, having agreed to keep this Christianized Pascha on the Sunday following the Jewish festival. By medieval times, the full Easter Vigil had been relegated to monasteries and convents, and so the Sunday morning celebration of Easter assumed priority in most churches. Since to be Christian is to believe in the power of the resurrection of Jesus Christ, observing Easter became the primary mark of a practicing Christian. The term "Easter duty" arose from the regulation that to be considered Christian, a person was required to make penance and then to attend eucharist at least once a year, at Easter. Since even now many Christians attend worship only on Easter, the challenge is to tell the whole story of salvation although focusing on only three readings.



WE GATHER



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LISTENING WITH CHILDREN'S EARS

PRELUDE

Sound the Bright Trumpets
Joyful Ringers

by J.S. Bach, arr. Mark Arnold

Please stand as you are able.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb! Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still

- Assembly:** waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
- Pastor:** Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.
- Assembly:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
- Pastor:** Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.
- Assembly:** **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**
- Pastor:** Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.
- Assembly:** **Amen.**



“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” paints a spectacular picture of eternal praises being sung by the entirety of heaven. Now that our Lenten journey is finished, let us confidently stand and sing “Christ has triumphed! He is living! ALLELUIA!!”

GATHERING HYMN – Stanzas 1, 2 & 4

(ELW 367)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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



in praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 strife. “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623

Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

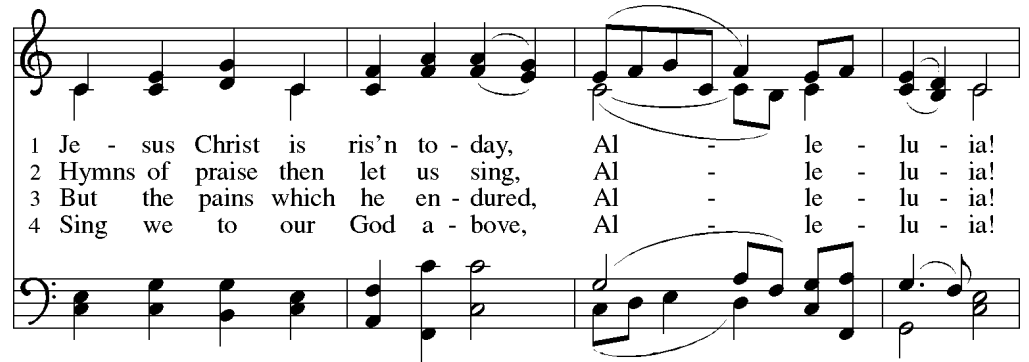
Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Assembly: **And also with you.**

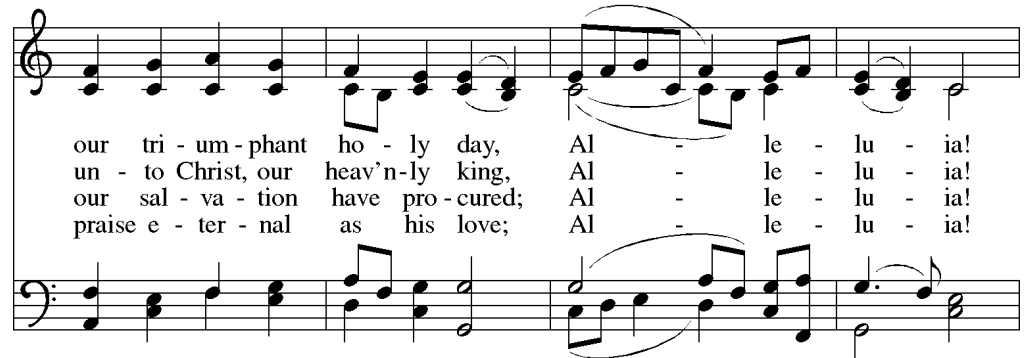
HYMN OF PRAISE - Stanzas 1 & 2

(ELW 365)

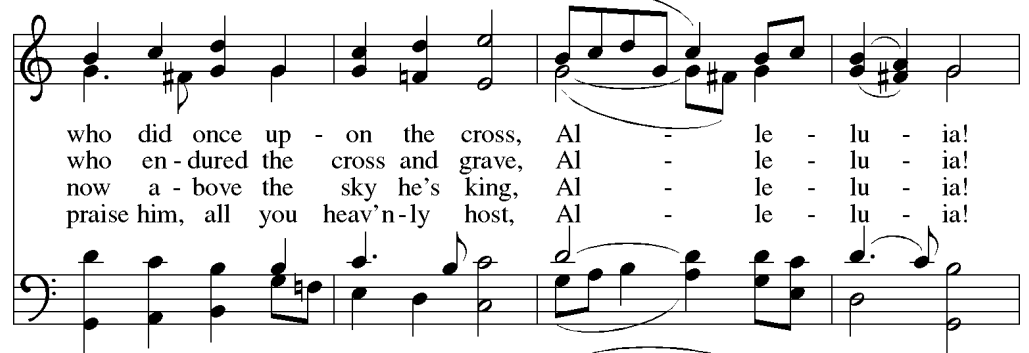
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



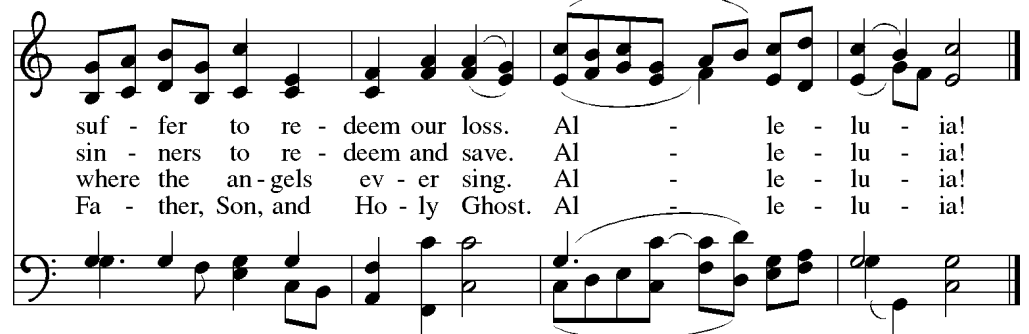
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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 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!

The prayer of the day holds together Christ’s death and resurrection, as well as our own need to “die every day to sin.” Since many church members attend worship only on Easter Day, it is important for the Easter Day liturgy to proclaim also the death of Christ.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: **Amen.**

Please sit.

ANTHEM

Aria

by Michael Helman

Joyful Ringers



Throughout the eight Sundays of the fifty days of Easter, the three-year lectionary appoints first readings from Acts. The idea is that the Spirit extended the power of the resurrection from the empty tomb to the whole Christian church, spreading throughout the Greco-Roman world. Thus we can think of each Sunday’s reading from Acts as another telling of the resurrection. In the sermon credited to Peter in Acts 10, Luke referred to the witnesses of the resurrection who “ate and drank with

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: A reading from the book of Acts.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as

[Jesus] after he rose from the dead.” We believers see ourselves as among these witnesses.

It is appropriate that, centuries after the life of Jesus, we hear from the letter to the Colossians on Easter Day: we ought not, its author argues, think that seeing angels is necessary for us to have faith in Christ’s resurrection. Rather, baptism has brought us all into the benefits of Easter.

judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

Reader: A reading from Paul’s letter to the Colossians:

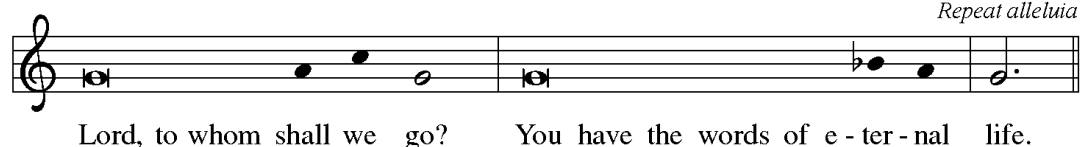
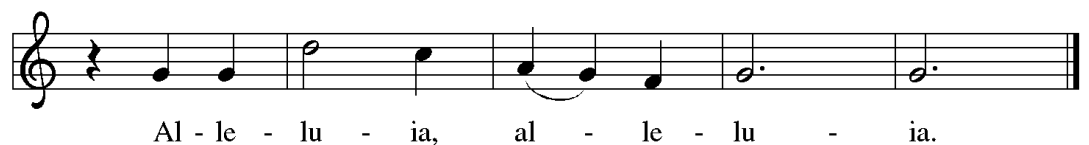
¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: Word of God, word of life.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Setting 9)



Repeat alleluia

In Year A, most of the gospel readings come from Matthew, and that pattern suggests that John's Easter gospel be proclaimed at the Easter Vigil and Matthew's on Easter morning. Jesus appears, not only to the women leaving the tomb, but also to us, who worship him now this Sunday and hold onto his body in the bread of the eucharist.

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

Pastor: The Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.
Assembly: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

This French hymn was written to be sung to the chorus "See, the conquering hero comes" from "Judas Maccabaeus," an oratorio composed by George F. Handel at the suggestion of the Prince of Wales. It was translated into English for the polyglot Cantate Domino (1924) for use by the World Student Christian Federation. All hymns were in at least English, French and German so that they could be used in international meetings with each person singing in his or her native tongue.

HYMN OF THE DAY

(ELW 376)

Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

APOSTLES' CREED

Assisting Minister: With the whole church let us profess our faith,
Assembly: **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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to
 heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for
 the needs of all creation.

*We pray for the greater
 church.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and
 opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our
 doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in
 you. Merciful God,
Assembly: **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation.

Assisting Minister: Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in
 Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be
 renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and
 may we be faithful stewards of all you have made.
 Merciful God,
Assembly: **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations.

Assisting Minister: Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for those in need.

Assisting Minister: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, including those we name before you now (*the assembly offers names*). Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

Assembly: receive our prayer.

We pray for this congregation.

Assisting Minister: Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless Holy Cross Lutheran Church, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. As we prepare for next weekend's Call Sunday, guide and sustain the pastoral candidate who is discerning this call. Bless the people of this congregation as we pray, listen, and prepare for the future you are unfolding among us. Merciful God,

Assembly: receive our prayer.

Pastor: 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.

Assembly: Amen.

THE PEACE

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

Assembly: And also with you.

Please sit.

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

Alleluia, He is Risen!

Sanctuary Choir

arr. Cindy Berry

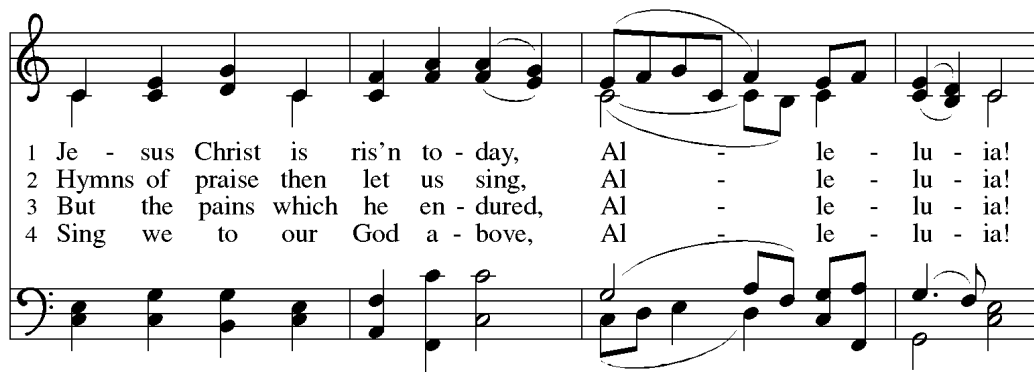
The sharing of The Peace is an ancient ritual that puts us right with our neighbors before we offer our gifts to God.

Please stand as you are able.

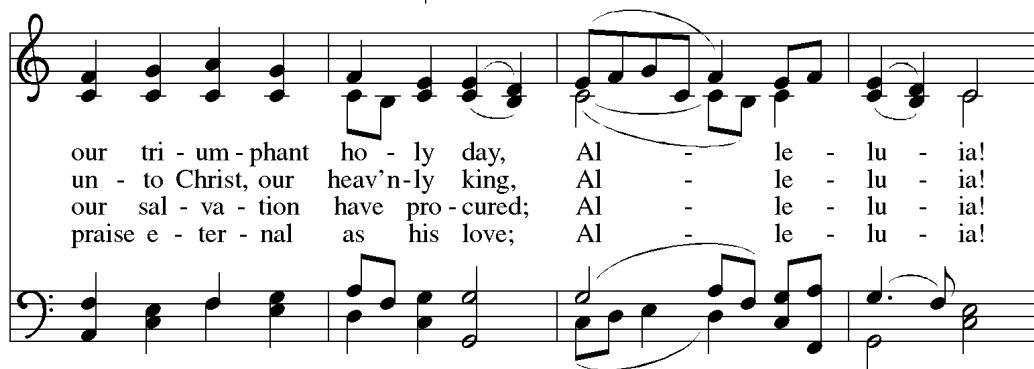
OFFERTORY

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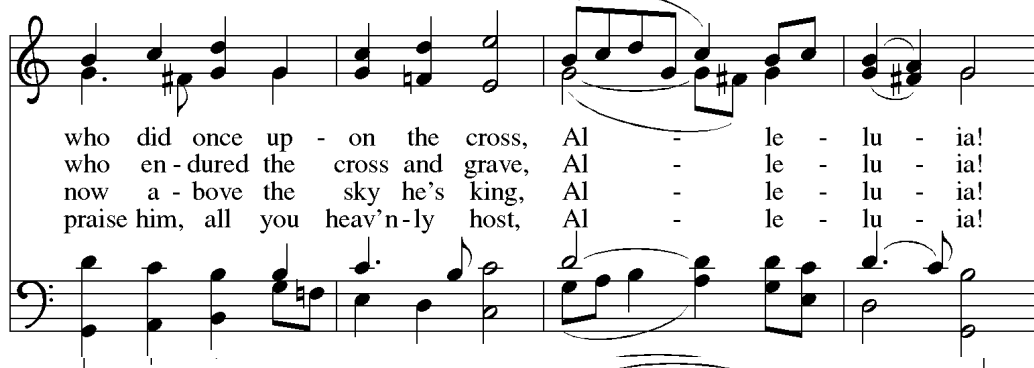
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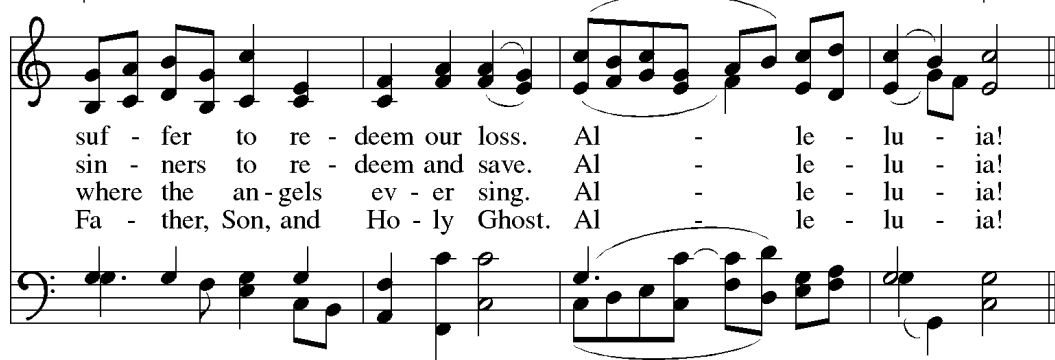
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suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus,

Assembly: Amen.



WE COME TO GOD'S TABLE



GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them to the Lord.

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

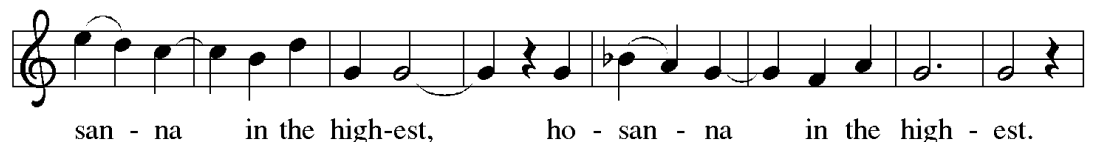
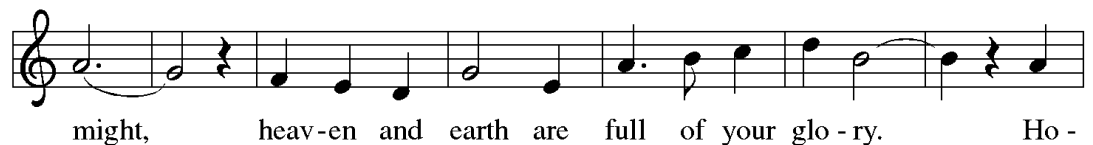
Assembly: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

Pastor: It is our duty and delight... and join their unending hymn.

SANCTUS

(Setting 9)



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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

Please sit.

DISTRIBUTION

*This is Christ's table of welcome. Jesus invites **all** who are hungry and thirsty for unconditional love and acceptance to come to God's banquet. The ushers will direct you forward at the appropriate time. Communion will be by station. The pastor will be in the center with the bread. All the bread we use here is gluten free. On either side will be someone with a tray of red wine and white grape juice. Empty cups can be placed in the basket on either side of the aisle. If you wish to receive a blessing instead of communion, cross your arms on your chest. Return to your seat by the side aisle.*

AGNUS DEI

(Setting 9)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



DISTRIBUTION MUSIC*A Song of Easter*

arr. H.P. Hopkins

Marcia Kratzke, piano; Jeremy Shoop, organ

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW 362)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, 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 wound - 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!

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

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW 379)

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

(ELW 388)

Be Not Afraid



Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!



Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!



Text: Matthew 28:5; Taizé Community

Music: BE NOT AFRAID, Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Assembly: **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

Assembly: **Amen.**

SENDING OF COMMUNION

Pastor: Gracious God, you took the form of a servant, offering yourself as food, comfort, and strength to a sick and hurting world. Anoint with a servant heart those who take your word and sacrament to our siblings in their homes and in hospitals. Grant grace, mercy, healing, and hope to those who feast on your body and blood and receive your words of new life. May we all recognize that we have a place and a home in the body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Assembly: **Amen.**



WE ARE SENT FORTH TO SERVE



“The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” sends us out this Easter morning with a reminder of just how powerful the resurrection is. The text of this hymn is full of strong imagery about Christ’s power of death. Our savior is not a weak savior, but a savior who has conquered death. He conquered death for us, and we are now called to praise Christ’s name with a jubilant alleluia refrain! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

SENDING HYMN

The first line of “Alleluias” is sung. Stanzas 1-5 are sung. The final line of “Alleluias” is sung.

The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

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

1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor’s
 2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav’n’s high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death’s sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

BENEDICTION

Pastor: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the
Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now
and forever.

Assembly: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Assembly: Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing!

arr. J. Wayne Kerr

*As part of our continuous efforts to make worship more
inclusive and sensory friendly, we ask that you refrain
from applauding during worship and after the postlude.*

THIS WEEK'S COMMEMORATIONS

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists

Monday, April 6, 2026

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, died 1945

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.

Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, died 1557

Friday, April 10, 2026

Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.

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FROM THE CLOUD OF WITNESSES

[Nicetas, in A Treasury of Early Christianity, ed. Anne Fremantle (NY: Viking, 1953), 401-403.]

If you would learn of God the Father, listen to this word. When it is too dark for you to see, seek Christ, for he is the light. Would you know by whom the world was made and all things are sustained? Believe in him, for he is the arm and right hand. Are you afraid of this or that? Remember that on all occasions he will stand by your side like an angel. If you do not know the way of salvation, look for Christ, for he is the road for souls. If it is truth that you want, listen to him, for he is the truth. If you are afraid that your body is failing and have a dread of death, remember that he is the resurrection, and can raise up what has fallen.

—*Nicetas*

In the gospel of Matthew, the resurrection of Christ is accompanied with an earthquake, and the angel is seen by terrified soldiers. Noel Coypel's seventeenth-century painting depicts this tumultuous event. Christ is holding a white standard of victory as he surmounts the skies.





Today's Easter Flower Decorations are given. . .

In Memory of:

Jean Burn and Arthur Laemmerzahl, by Ina Laemmerzahl and Glenn Reges

Gene Bain, by Sylvia, Katy, Emily, and Sarah Moran

Teresa Hale Edwards, by Marie Edwards Nelson

Gene Bain, by Jeremy Shoop

LaJean Koentopf, by Larry Koentopf and family

Max and Phyllis Swancutt, Hilda and Vincent Russo, by Lynn and Vince Russo

Joe Baggett and Jackie Sakarti, by Ellen Atwell

Beloved family members, friends, fur babies, and HCLC members in Heaven, by Jo and Mark Roe

Bill Smith and Sherri Smith, by Cheryl Smith

Benjamin D. Taylor (my father) and Grace Bush (my great aunt), by Catherine Taylor

Scott Shaffer, by Ray and Carol Shaffer

John, Elizabeth, and Mary Bicking, Bruce Siecker, by Beverly Siecker

Ernest and Violet Manzel, O.W. and Frances Fairchild, by David and Patricia Manzel

Bruce Clemenz, Sigmund and Leona Heuer, Bob Ihrle, by Joy and Walt Heuer

All our loved ones who have passed, by Nan and Jared Lem

Our parents, by Kathy and Joe Makowski

Loved Ones, by Carol Petersen and Dick Smullen

Loved Ones, by Ned and Fran Johnson



Today's Easter Flower Decorations are given. . .

In Honor of:

*Brian, Alan, Jill, Rebecca, and Caleb, Nancy Swancutt, and Steve Swancutt,
by Lynn and Vince Russo*

*My Sunday School teachers: Ms. Cecilia, Ms. Suzanne, Mr. Jeremy, and Ms. Kathy;
My Mimi, Cherie Weatherhead, Happy Easter! by Remington Gist*

The people of HCLC, by Jeremy Shoop

*Our parents, children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, fur babies,
and the people of HCLC, by Jo and Mark Roe*

Joan L. Taylor (my mother), by Catherine Taylor

Sarah, Bradley, and Shelby Heuer, by Joy and Walt Heuer

Our children and grandchildren, by Kathy and Joe Makowski

Quinn, Jack, Dylan, and Mayeli, by Dick and Diana Virgo

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