## **HOLY COMMUNION Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter**

March 31, 2024 8:00 & 10:30 AM

#### INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

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!

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** A Westminster Carillon

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Augustus Bell Choir

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

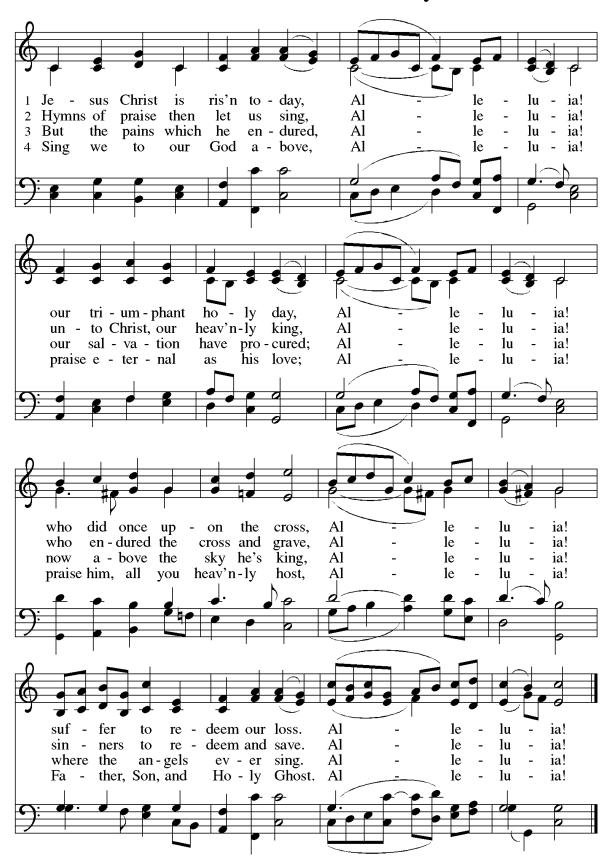
**GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)** 

Stand

**HYMN:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- **P** In the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Almighty God,
  to whom all hearts are open,
  all desires known,
  and from whom no secrets are hid:
  cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
  by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
  that we may perfectly love you
  and worthily magnify your holy name,
  through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- **G** Amen.
- **P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Kneel/Stand

- P Most merciful God,
- we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
  We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
  We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
  For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
  Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
  Amen.

- P In the mercy of almighty God,
  Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
  and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
  As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ,
  and by his authority,
  I therefore declare to you
  the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
  in the name of the Father,
  and of the ♣ Son,
  and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Stand

## **GREETING**

- P 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.**





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Acts 10:34 - 43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

## A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## **PSALM** (The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.)

Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;

his mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now proclaim,

"His mercy en- | dures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song, and he has become | my salvation.

15There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory in the tents | of the righteous:

16"The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!

The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely, but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD; he who is right- | eous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me and have become | my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The same stone which the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>This is | the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous | in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup>On this day the | LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

#### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

**A** reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—

unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

- A The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

#### Stand

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



The choir sings the First Verse.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



The choir sings the Second Verse.



On this day the | LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

## Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁶But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁵So they went out and

fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- **P** The gospel of the Lord.
- **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

SERMON Pastor Weleck

#### Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Low in the Grave He Lay



#### Stand

#### **NICENE CREED**

The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times.

- **P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
- **©** We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **e** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **©** hear our prayer.
- We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones.

  Lord, in your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- C Amen.

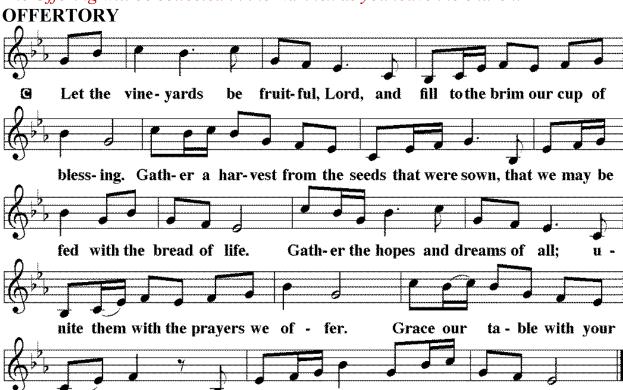
#### **PEACE**

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- **C** And also with you.

Worshippers do not greet one another. The service continues with the Offertory.

#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church.



## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

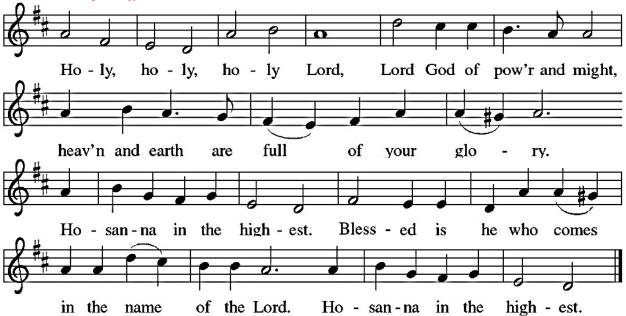
and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.



The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... *Here the minister continues with the preface for the day, concluding:* ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

IN THE NIGHT IN WHICH HE WAS BETRAYED,

OUR LORD JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND GAVE THANKS;

BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO HIS DISCIPLES, SAYING:

TAKE AND EAT; THIS IS MY ♣ BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU.

DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

AGAIN, AFTER SUPPER, HE TOOK THE CUP, GAVE THANKS,
AND GAVE IT FOR ALL TO DRINK, SAYING:
THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY + BLOOD,
SHED FOR YOU AND FOR ALL PEOPLE FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN.
DO THIS FOR THE REMEMBRANCE OF ME.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.
- 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

- Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
- Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### Sit

### **COMMUNION**

## Welcome to First Communicants (Later service only)

- A Today is a special day for several of our young members who have now completed their preparation for First Communion.
- When they were baptized, God made them a part of his household, the family we call the Church. As they grew, they learned about their heavenly Father, and what it means to be part of God's family. They learned to love others from Jesus, who loved us all so much that he gave his life for us on the cross.

- A In the same way, they have learned how, through sharing the bread and wine of Holy Communion, we remember Jesus' death and his rising to life again on that first Easter day, and how eating the bread and drinking the wine makes us one with Jesus, and brings us closer to each other.
- These young people have expressed their desire to join us as we gather around the Lord's table. And so they are invited to participate for the first time in the privilege they were granted in baptism.
- As I now read the names of the communicants, I ask that they please come forward in the company of their parents or sponsors:

Wade Anderson
Abigail Catagnus
Mya Schiller
Cayla Schulz
Corrine Schulz
Gavin Strasinski
Cora Van Alstine
Landon Walker

## *To the assembled group:*

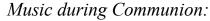
We welcome you to the Lord's Table. We thank God for you and are happy that you are among us. We pray that you will remain faithful to Christ and to his holy Church, finding joy and strength in his body and blood, the signs of his love for the world. Amen

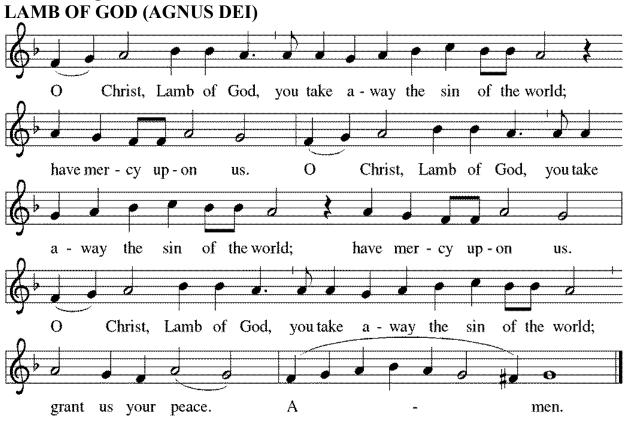
When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond

Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing.





**ANTHEM:** This Joyful Eastertide

Higginson

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Refrain:* Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison, our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen.

Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river: Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. *Refrain* 

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber, till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. *Refrain* 

#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **G** Amen.

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

## **BLESSING (BENEDICTION)**



P God the Father, who raised Christ from the dead,



open to you the gate of ev - er - last-ing life. GA - men.



P God the Son, who burst forth from the grave,



give you joy as you celebrate his re-sur-rection. GA-men.



P God the Holy Spirit, who brought you to birth in baptism,



## **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

HYMN: Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

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## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!





#### **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

**POSTLUDE:** Improvisation on "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" Connor Elison, organ



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**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**The Paschal Candle,** symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

**The liturgical color white,** symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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<u>First Holy Communion</u> will be administered to our Communion Class today during the 10:30 am service. May God bless them as they continue their journeys of faith.

Wade Anderson Abigail Catagnus Mya Schiller Cayla Schulz Corrine Schulz Gavin Strasinski Cora VanAlstine Landon Walker



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## Worship Assistants

Ushers: Dick Allebach, Gary Halteman, David Halteman, and Scott Halteman

Elevator Attendant: Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Vicky Gallagher

10:30 am: Lessons: Karl Stefan Prayers: Connor Elison

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am: Debra Augustine

10:30 am: The Reverend Thomas Kochenderfer

Chalice Bearer #1: Ethan DePaul Chalice Bearer #2: Janice Reiff

Acolyte: Gavin Elison

Crucifer: 8:00 am: Katie Kerr 10:30 am: Julianne Fishell

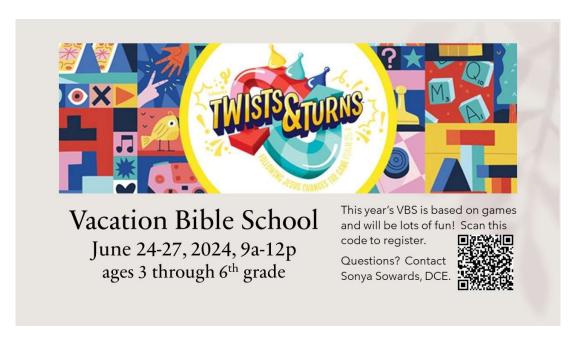
Altar Guild: Deb Scholl and Marie Conver

Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Matthew Vera, and Frank DePaul

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar</u> are given to the glory of God this Easter day by Marie Conver in honor of Grandson, Landon Walker, and the First Communion class on the occasion of their First Communion today.

<u>The Sanctuary Candle</u> is given to the glory of God by Deborah Harley in loving memory of husband, Jerry Harley.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God in memory of a loving father and grandfather, Richard Wesener, Sr. and all loved family members who will forever be in our hearts. Also in honor of Gavin Richard Strasinski for his first Holy Communion.



# Easter Flowers

Dick Allebach in memory of Loved Ones.

Kim Anderson in memory of William A. Reimels, Sr.

Harry and Caroline Antrim in loving memory of family and friends.

Augustus Women of the ELCA given to the Glory of God in loving memory of all their faithful departed members.

Given to the Glory of God by the Berg Family in loving memory of our parents: Mr. and Mrs. G. Lawrence Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Berg.

Alleluia. Easter joy! In memory of loved ones from the Bubeck family.

The Cooney Family in honor and memory of Loved Ones.

Anita Halteman in memory of husband, Galen Halteman.

To the Glory of God in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson from LaVonne Johnson.

Elaine Johnson in loving memory of my husband and parents.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy E. Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of Guy and Dorothy Kinzer.

Pat and Tony Mancuso in memory of Anthony and Suzanne Mancuso.

Buddy Martin to our lost Loved Ones.

Karen McClain in honor of the many wonderful volunteers in our church family.

Dale, Pat and Brian O'Hara given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Richard and Gemma Patten in memory of Lois and Harmon Patten and Betty and William McHenry.

Happy Spring! The Redeyoff Family.

Deborah Scholl in loving memory of Nevin Scholl.

Given by Susan Snow and Barry Amole in honor of our Children, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Denise and John Staub in loving memory of our Fathers - Dennis L. Johnson and John F. Staub.

Michael and Janet Stokes to the Glory of God and prayers for peace, justice and freedom throughout the world.



Christina Strasinski in loving memory of dad and grandfather, Richard Wesener Sr., grandmother, Lillian Raml, and all family members.

Michael Van Blaricum

Given by John and Charlotte Wentworth in honor of children, Jennifer, John and Michael, daughter-in-law, Sheri and Grandson, John.

Given by John and Charlotte Wentworth in loving memory of Leon and Leona Linsenbigler, John and Mary Wentworth.



RAFFLE - Augustus' Women/ELCA is asking the families of the congregation (or each committee of the congregation) if they would be interested in donating a "theme" basket (or items for a basket) to be raffled at our Spring Turkey Dinner/Craft & Vendor Show. Some of the themes to consider would be a children's basket, a boy's beach basket, a girl's beach basket, a snack basket, a handyman basket, an auto supply basket, a baker's delight basket, etc. The actual baskets can be innovative as well. Perhaps the tools are in a five gallon work bucket, gardening supplies in a terra-cotta pot, or dog supplies in a dog dish. Get creative; the possibilities are endless! If you do not have enough goodies to fill an entire basket, we will accept donated items that can be supplemented. Can you imagine how much support we could reciprocate to Tanzanian mission work if each family (or committee) donated a basket? Please consider and contact Debbie Frisco at 610-761-6672 or <a href="https://disparall.com">dlf0607@gmail.com</a> if interested in participating. Thank You.