

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 4, 2021

In Person worship, Saturday, 5 pm and Sunday at 6 am and 10:30 am
Sunday service will be livestream on Facebook at 10:30 am

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Tocatta On Christ The Lord Is Risen Today Diane Bish

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit,
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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**

JOYFUL NOISE BELL CHOIR ANTHEM (10:30 am only)

Come, Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up 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.

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 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."

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 *Read responses quietly.*

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;

God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,

and has become | my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!

The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works | of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the | gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.

²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us 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.

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.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

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

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter. **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. ⁷But 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.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW #365

NICENE CREED – *spoken quietly*

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

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. Let us pray.

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 life at work in the resurrection! Fill all of creation with your life. Bring it to blossom and flourish; use it to remind us of your persistent grace. Cultivate our care for what you have made. 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. Assure them of your promises. We remember especially... 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 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.**

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SIGNS OF FAITH ANTHEM Christ Has Conquered The Grave Jennifer Martin/ Bruce Greer

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – *spoken quietly*

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 our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,

that we should at all times and in all places

give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,

for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;

who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.
You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
to fulfill for us your holy will
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.
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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and the promise of his coming again,
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,
may be formed to live as your holy people
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

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

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen.

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Life-giving God,
in the mystery of Christ's resurrection
you send light to conquer darkness,
water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people.
Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection,
that we may show your glory to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy.

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Tocatta from Symphony no. 5

Charles Marie Widor

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Bulletins last week were dedicated in memory Earl Sholl presented by his daughters Faye Williams and Helen Miller and their families.

Bulletin this week are dedicated in remembrance of Grandparents Dutch and Idaâs birthdays by their family.

Two vases of altar flowers have been placed in remembrance of Grandparents Dutch and Idaâs birthdays by their family.

Prayer Requests – Please email, text, or call Pastor Kathy with your prayer requests. First names only will be used in our worship service that is livestreamed. Please direct Pastoral care requests in the same way.

In Home Holy Communion kits for April are available in the church Fellowship Hall. If you are unable to pick up a kit but want one or have not been on the list, please call the church office. Remember to return your kit and remaining supplies from the previous month. Some of you may still have ample supplies and might only need a handful of wafers. If you need only wafers or prefer not to have a bag prepared for you this month, please let us know.

Easter Home Communion – For those who are homebound and are not able to see the Facebook live service, Pastor will bring home communion to them in an outdoor setting such a porch or deck. The person can even remain inside by the door, if necessary. (Can you tell we are hoping for warmer weather?!) All covid safety guidelines will be followed. Please call the church office to arrange a visit.

Thank you! Thank You! Thank You! Your participation in our Lenten ministry project to assemble Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief was simply awesome! On Palm Sunday we blessed 131 kits (a record) around the cross. We also had additional items donated that day. Our goal is to have 150 completed kits for LWR and we have several people who have volunteered to help us reach that goal. These kits will be sent with other Parish projects of our Jolly Quilters to the June Ingathering for LWR.

Each box of Personal Care Kits will have a tracking code so we may follow where these kits will travel to share the love of God with others in need. Thank you again for your generous support.

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Christian Education Committee was held last Sunday, March 28th. We had 19 children participate. Because of Covid restrictions each family had their own socially distanced table to work on crafts and then the children gathered in 3 groups for the egg hunt. The rain held off long enough for the oldest group to hunt outside. Many thanks to Reba and the Christian Education Committee for being creative in these times and to our youth Kylie, Carly, Aiden, and Logan who hid the eggs.

Online Bible Study meets Thursday nights at 7 pm using ZOOM. We are currently studying the book of Job. Contact Charles Hawk or Pastor Kathy for the information to connect with the group. Please join us!

Attendance for March 28, 2021: 62 physically present, 610 virtual views, 10 shares as of 3/29/21. Thank you to everyone who joins us virtually and shares our service!

Sponsoring bulletins and flowers is a great way to honor a special event in your loved ones' lives or to remember a loved one who has died. (Please only two vases of flowers per week.) If flowers are not sponsored, this is an added cost to the church. Many dates are available in 2021. **Weekly mailings may also be sponsored.**

The statements for 2020 are available. In order to limit the number of hands touching the statements and offering envelopes for 2021, Eva will have statements and/or offering envelopes available at the door, if you are signed up to attend an in-person service. If you are not attending an in-person service, please call the office to make arrangements to pick-up your statement and/or offering envelopes. Consider requesting statements and/or envelopes for other members of your family.

Student Loan Applications will be available the beginning of April for the 2021-22 school year. Student Loan Applications may be picked up on the table in the narthex, from a Student Loan Committee member, or by downloading the application from the website. Student Loan Committee members include Jeff Freeman, Charlene Egan, Marlene Troxell, Trish Krause and Mike Troxell. Completed Student Loan Applications should be returned to a committee member no later than 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, April 25, 2021.

Calling all graduates! We will be honoring all our graduates at the worship services on the weekend of June 6th. Please contact the church office with name of your graduate by May 16th. Please include where they are graduating from and their future plans.

May /June newsletter articles are due April 15th.

Pastor will be on vacation next week, so there will be communion offered next weekend, April 10th and 11th.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR ONLINE GIVING/MAIL-IN/DROPPED OFF FOR LAST WEEK

Synod/ELCA Benevolence	\$54.45
Local Benevolence	\$233.45
Current	\$1216.59
Building	\$40.00
Lenten	\$20.00
Plate	\$1.00

QR CODE FOR ONLINE GIVING



Total Received

\$1565.49

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:1-19; 1 Corinthians 15:35-49
Tues: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Genesis 1:20—2:4a; 1 Corinthians 15:50-58
Wed: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Song of Solomon 3:1-11; Mark 16:1-8
Thu: Psalm 133; Daniel 1:1-21; Acts 2:42-47
Fri: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:1-23; Acts 4:23-31
Sat: Psalm 133; Daniel 2:24-49; John 12:44-50

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday: 6 am and 10:30 am Holy Communion
9:15 am Sunday School

Tuesday: 6:30 pm Bell Rehearsal

Wednesday: 7 pm Church Council

Thursday: No Bible Study this week

Saturday: 5 pm Worship Service

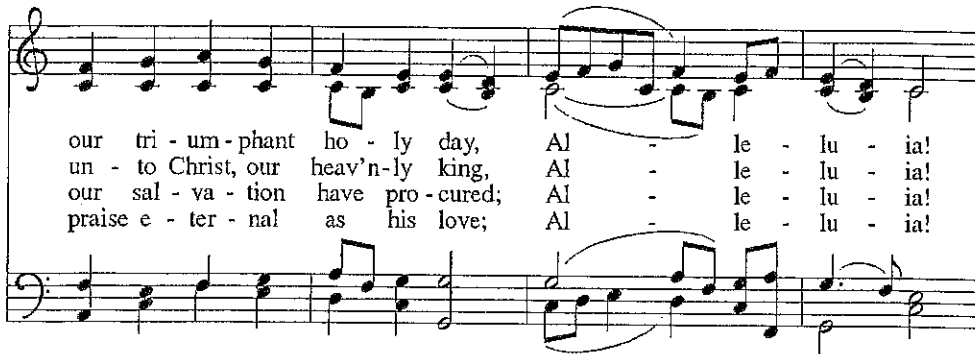
Next Sunday: 8 am and 10:30 am Worship Service
9:15 am Sunday School; no Confirmation Class

Keep in your prayers: Richard Paxson, Dennis Ryan, Ron Boris, Jr., Gary & Shirley Krammes, Irene Peiffer, Arlene Lickman, Betty Freeman, Thelma Brensinger, Chester Johnson, Shirley Fessler, Barbara Pennypacker, Angie Lewis, Mark Fidler, Hayley Moyer, Helen Runkle, Eleanor Jamison, Adam Brink, Glenn & Linda Curtis, Arlene Moyer, Charles Wernert, Stephen Curtis, Brayden Crews, John Strauch, Jr., Dianna Curry, Fern Staller, Pat Stevens, Lawrence Latsko, Rosemary Meade, Tyler Boland, Ray Yeich, David Axtt, Greg Phillips, Gaylene Ebling, Connie Klinger, Stacey Rao, Betty Strauch and John Strauch, Sr., Helen & Glenn Miller, and Robert & Joyce Zeledonis. Those serving in the military: Brandon Felty, Karen Hall, Tom Leganza, Tyler Weller, Edward Hossler, Nick Lentz, Jake Schaeffer, Scott Aungst, Tyler Wolfe, Michael Hamilton, Kristian Svenson, Mark Weinus, Jr., Justin Weller, Jeremy Weaver, Cameron Lutz, Stephanie Boyer, and Brad Renninger

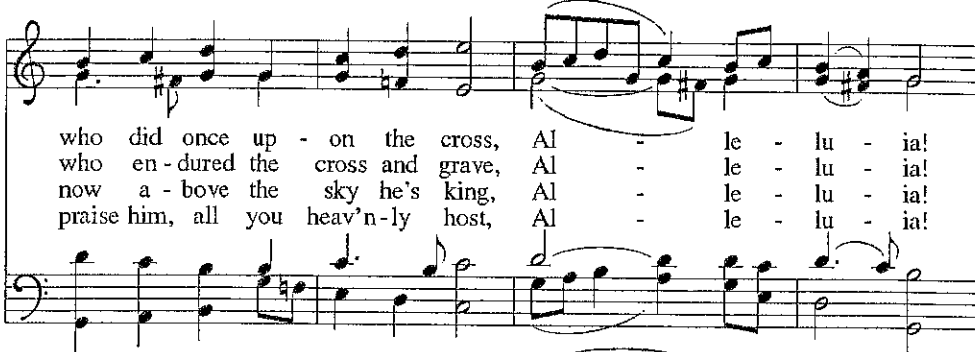
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



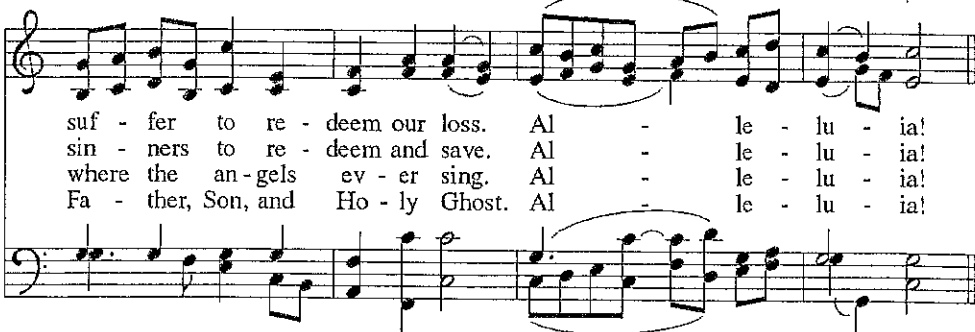
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

A Brief Look At Some Summer Hill History
By Harry Schwenk

This month we will take a look at a man who lived in the 1800's, was an active member of our church, and some of our current members are his descendants.

Christian Meyer was born in Europe on February 2, 1803 and was baptized on February 8, 1803. Young Christian attended excellent schools in his homeland, and by hard and studious labor, he obtained an excellent education. Also as was custom then, he learned a trade, which was a stone worker. Christian heard about the opportunities that were being offered in the United States. When he was 18 years of age, Christian left Germany, and traveled by ship to America. Being a strong, husky, and energetic young man, he found success in the United States.

In 1829, Christian Meyer was traveling through Schuylkill County and stopped at the Black Horse Hotel, in Wayne Township, for something to eat and drink. The former hotel is presently a residence and is located at the corner of Reedsville Road and Schuylkill Mountain Road, just behind the Wayne Township Municipal Building. At that time, the hotel was owned and operated by Valentine Brown, a member of our church. Mr. Brown enjoyed talking to this young German man and was impressed with his educational background and knowledge of the world. On learning that Christian was a school teacher, Mr. Brown offered him free board and lodging at the hotel if he would open a school in the township, since there was no school in that section of the county. Christian Meyer accepted the offer, and Valentine Brown began talking to his neighbors about building a schoolhouse. The result was the building of a small log schoolhouse on the western part of the Summer Hill (between present-day Route 183 and present-day St. Mark's - Brown's Church.) The small private school was built on the farm owned by George Brown, brother of Valentine. The Brown family and other residents donated the materials for the construction of the school. In this building, Christian Meyer began his teaching career as the first private school teacher in the first school erected in Wayne Township. At first, Christian Meyer was paid by the parents of the children attending the school. When Wayne Township adopted the system of public schools in 1841, he continued as a teacher in the free public schools of the township, a position that he held for 41 years.

Accepting the proposal to be the teacher, also led Christian to meet his future wife, Catherine Feick, the daughter of Jacob and Maria Magdalena Feick, who lived on a farm in present-day Lutz Valley. Christian Meyer was also a member of our congregation, was the organist of our church for seven years, and was locally known as the "Singing Meister." Christian and Catherine lived on his father-in-law's farm. In addition to being a teacher, Christian was also a farmer and engaged in the business of cutting tombstones. He and his wife were the parents of 13 children: Frank, Amelia, Sarah, Kitty, Maria, Susan, Emma, Cornelius, Christiana, Florenda, Augustus, Lewis, and Ellen. The couple remained living on the homestead, with Christian passing away on December 3, 1882 and Catherine on March 17, 1885. They are buried in the Summer Hill Cemetery. The homestead remained in the family for several generations until about 10 years ago. Over the course of time, the family's German surname of Meyer became known as Moyer. The members of our church of whom I know are descendants of Christian Meyer are Elaine Moyer, Marvin Moyer, Rita Lehman, Thelma Brensinger, Beverly Trumbo, Tyler Brensinger, and maybe some others of whom I do not know their family history.

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Dear Members in Christ,

With this mailing we have combined the Easter Sunday worship bulletin with the April Newsletter. Because Easter this year is at the beginning of the month and many of the announcements would have been in both the bulletin and the newsletter, we have combined them to eliminate duplicate printing.

It's hard to believe that after a year we are still living under Covid restrictions. It's difficult to accept another Easter without singing those joyous Alleluias! At least this year we are able to gather. Yet with vaccinations ramping up, we are getting closer to restrictions easing. This Easter Sunday we are, for the first time in a year, confessing our faith as a community. We are asking people to speak quietly, but we are hoping with everyone's cooperation we will be able to return the Creed and the Peace before Communion as part of our regular service.

Once again, we are beginning to schedule Holy Baptisms under Covid restricted guidance. The pre-baptismal instruction will be held over a Zoom meeting. Only 1 baptism per service will be planned during any worship time. It is exciting to once again welcome new children of God into our faith community. Please contact me or call the church office if interested.

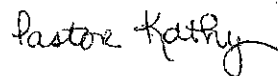
The Easter Season is a perfect time for baptisms as we remember we are baptized into Christ's death and resurrection. Being redeemed of our sins is made possible by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. With Jesus' resurrection, we are assured that we too will rise to a new life.

In this season we remember that because of God's love, God sent his only Son to sacrifice his life on the cross for all people. I think about the sacrifices we have made over the past year and how that sometimes that has been hard for communities of faith to decide. Even now we have churches that have masks optional. Some have continued to sing, while others haven't even had indoor worship for a year. There have been no easy answers for anyone. While we might sacrifice for our children or even our grandchildren. (I know more than one grandparent who just loves spoiling those grandchildren.), generally sacrifice doesn't come easy.

We can give thanks that God doesn't have such difficulty. God's love is poured out on the cross for all people – sinners though we be. We are not worthy of such a sacrifice, and yet God willing gives His Son for us, because of God's abundant, overflowing, and unending love.

May you know that love in this Easter season and give thanks. Have a Blessed Easter!

Serving in the name of Christ,



The Rev. Kathleen Ash-Flashner
Pastor

Happy April Birthday To:

4/1 Grace Bright
4/2 Holly Maldonado; Matthew Chappel
4/3 Landon Koury
4/4 Jonathon Chappell
4/5 Debbie Dowell
4/6 Gary Lehman; Sallie Sandler, Sophia Wisner
4/7 Robert Curtis; William Swiger
4/8 Michael Burcik; Elizabeth Hand; Samantha Jewett;
Bennett Deal
4/9 Lois Sutton
4/10 Jacob Emerich
4/11 Brianna Holmes; Tiffany Fessler;
Cheyanna Middleton
4/12 Bobbi Lea Krammes; Wendy Paxson
4/13 Michelle Hill; Joan Weegar
4/15 Ashley Brown
4/16 Sally Brensinger
4/17 Joshua Iverson
4/18 Rachyl Sholly
4/20 Travis Ulsh
4/21 Eric Williams
4/22 Gregory Raudenbush; Ashley Strausser
4/23 Marvin Blankenhorn, Jr.; Margot Marks
4/24 Michael Troxell
4/25 Zachary Brooker; Kathleen Faust;
Tobias Lileck; Troy Bressler
4/26 Kevin Kahl; George Sholl, Jr.
4/27 Fern Staller; Stephen Felty; Angela Murphy;
Bentley Crossen



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One lily and one tulip in memory of our parents Earl & Edith Sholl and Harold Miller & Anna Spease presented by Glenn and Helen Miller
One lily in memory of Jeffrey Allen Russell presented by Harry and Suzanne Russell
One tulip in memory of Robert & Ada Hand, Elias & Rebecca Marhon, George & Ruth Moyer and Robert L. Hand, by Donald & Elizabeth Hand and Sherrill Hand.
One tulip in memory Gerald A. Roche, by his children and grandchildren, Sharon Geurrazzi, Sheryl Sanchez, Gerald P. Roche, James B. Roche and his 14 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.
One tulip in memory of all loved ones presented by Matthew, Jennifer, Aiden, Kolton, and Bennett Platt.
One tulip in honor of Glenn and Helen Miller presented by Matthew, Jennifer, Aiden, Kolton, and Bennett Platt.
One tulip in memory of Mary and Joseph Lutz presented by Reba and Lee Llewellyn.
One tulip in honor of Adele Llewellyn presented by Reba and Lee Llewellyn.
One tulip in honor of the Peto Family presented by Reba and Lee Llewellyn.
One lily in memory of our parents Mabel I. and John H. Schwenk presented by Harry, Jack, Carl, Joyce, Jonathon, Justin, Emily and Katelyn Schwenk.
One tulip in memory Hazyl Natasia Anderson presented by Troy and Lisa Hollenbach.
One tulip in memory George & Theresa Nagel presented by Troy and Lisa Hollenbach.
One lily in memory of Charles Joseph Hollenbach and Jacob Michael Mendinsky presented by Troy and Lisa Hollenbach.
One lily in memory of Arlen T. Klinger & Dawn Elaine Klinger presented by Connie Klinger and family.
One tulip in honor of Connie Klinger presented by daughters Debbie, Kathy, Karen and families.
One tulip in memory of Aiden Jonathan Hummel and in honor of Landon Jacob Hummel presented by Nanny and PapPap Hummel.
One lily in memory of Carol J. Sweigert presented by Larry L. Sweigert.
One tulip in honor of Miss Sydnie Harig presented by Larry L. Sweigert.
One tulip presented by Frank Reber.
One lily in memory of Carl "Benny" Mullins presented by Leah, Barrett and Alex Mullins.

One tulip in honor of Betty Heinbaugh presented by great-grandchildren Carly and Tanner.
One tulip in memory of Marty and Courter Mills presented by Don, Becky, Josh and Matt Mairose.
One tulip in memory of Mae, Walter and Rick Mairose presented by Don, Becky, Josh and Matt Mairose.
One tulip in memory of loved ones presented by Casey and Elizabeth Thomas
One tulip in honor of family and friends presented by Casey and Elizabeth Thomas
One lily in memory of Kali Maldonado presented by the Maldonado Family, Mom, Dad and Brothers.
One tulip in honor of Holly Maldonado, Happy Birthday, presented by her family, Confey, Sr., Confey, Jr., and Nicholas Maldonado.
One tulip in memory of all family and friends who have passed away presented by the Maldonado family
One tulip in memory of Ronald Lord presented by Mary Lord.
One tulip in honor of Kohlby, Logan and Grayson Rollman and all other loved ones presented by Jessica and Travis Rollman.
One tulip in memory of Jack Curtis, Jane Nice, Daniel Nice, Sr. and Daniel Nice, Jr. presented by Karen Curtis.
One tulip in memory of Sylvia Hawk presented by the Hawk family.
One lily in honor of Earl and Grace Paxson presented by Elaine Paxson.
One tulip in honor of Wendy Paxson presented by Elaine Paxson.
One tulip in honor of Nancy Paxson Benedict presented by Elaine Paxson.
One tulip in memory of Mahlon & Esther Kachelries.
One presented by Joseph & Beverly Freeman
One lily in memory of Harry & Kathryn Freeman
One presented by Joseph & Beverly Freeman
One lily in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gilbert presented by Mark and Elyse Gilbert.
One lily in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Ross Weller, Sr. presented by Mark and Elyse Gilbert.
One tulip in memory of all loved ones presented by Mark and Elyse Gilbert.
One tulip in honor of our wedding anniversary presented by Mark and Elyse Gilbert.
One tulip in memory of Skip and Betty Miller presented by Brian and Pegi Staller.
One tulip in memory of Sterling Staller presented by Brian and Pegi Staller.