

## Sunday, April 9, 2023 Resurrection of Our Lord

Announcements

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

#### Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city. through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood: You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.

**Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today** 



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

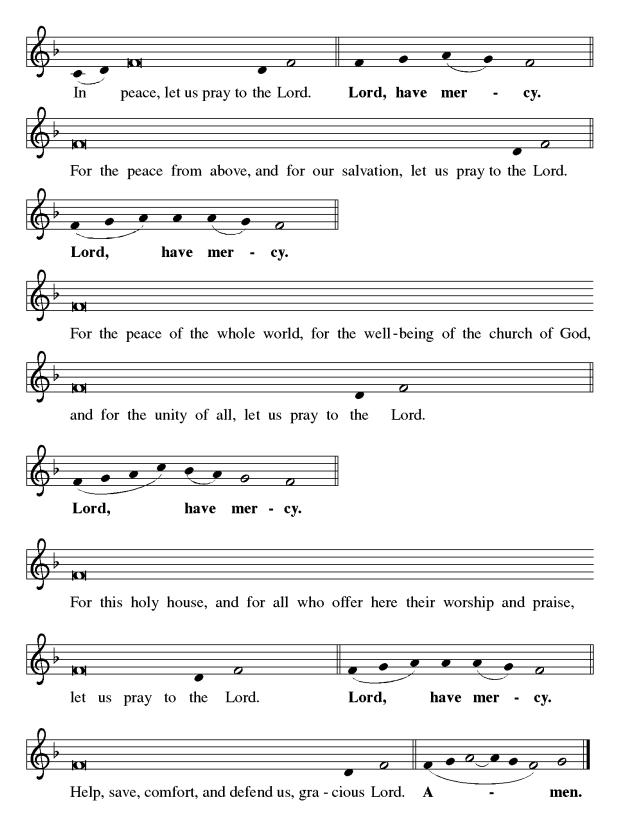
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#### Greeting

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, the love of Christ that guards our hearts and minds, and the joy and consolation of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

#### And also with you.

#### Kyrie



#### This is the Feast





#### Prayer of the Day

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.** 

#### First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

<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."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

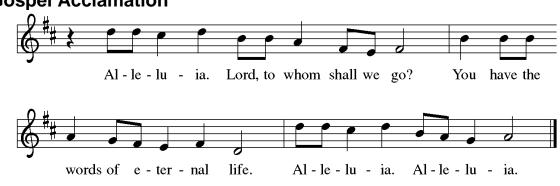
<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever." <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly! <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!" <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter." <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits. then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.



#### **Gospel Acclamation**

#### Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go guickly 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." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb guickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and

worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Thine Is the Glory

No. 376



### Thine Is the Glory

### 376



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759 JUDAS MACCABAEUS 55 65 65 65 and refrain

#### **Apostles' Creed**

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 was 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 to the living and 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**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

#### A brief silence.

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for (*Dietrich Bonhoeffer and*) all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or humanmade divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world (*places of concern or conflict may be named*) that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

#### hear our prayer.

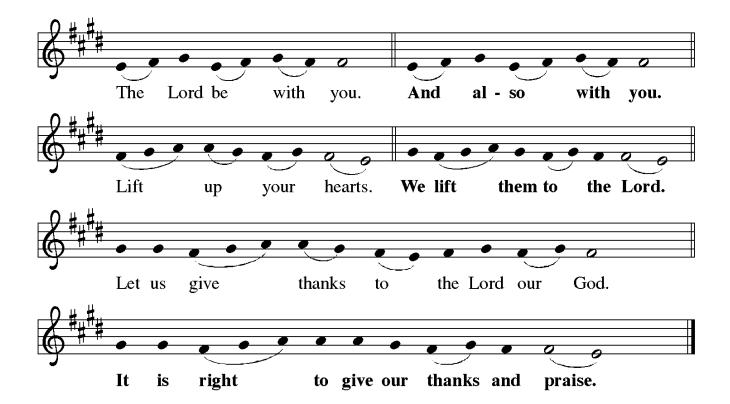
You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized (*especially*) and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

#### Here other intercessions may be offered.

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise (*especially*), free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** 

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.** 



#### The Meal

#### Preface

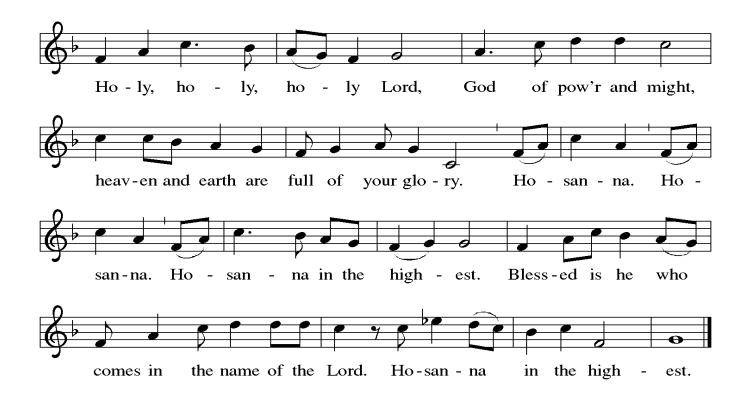
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death,

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:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.** 

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.** 

#### The Lord's Prayer

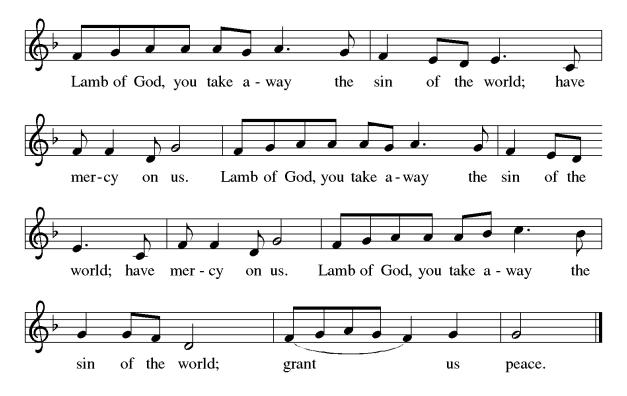
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. 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 forever. Amen.

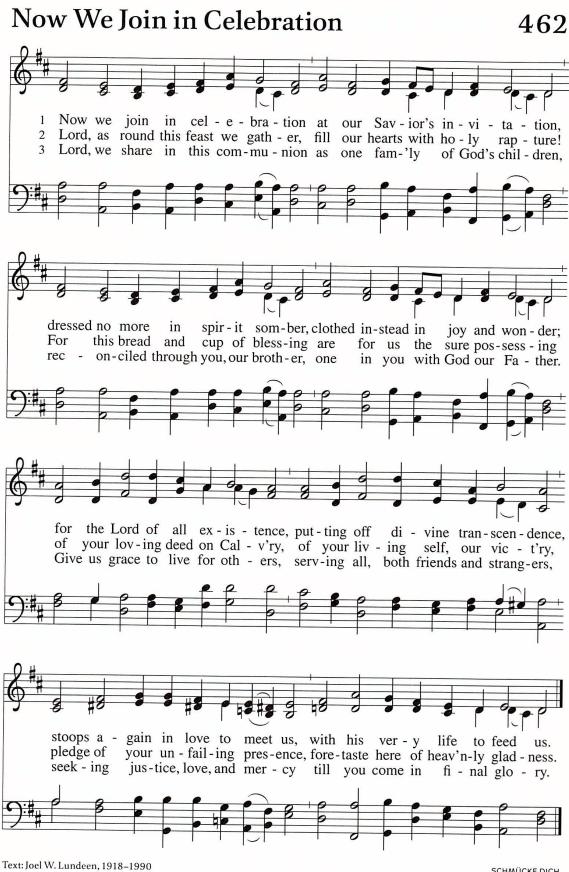
All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

#### Communion

#### Lamb of God



#### Communion Hymn: Now We Join in Celebration No. 462



Music: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662 Text © Joel W. Lundeen, admin. Augsburg Fortress SCHMÜCKE DICH



#### **Table Blessing**

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

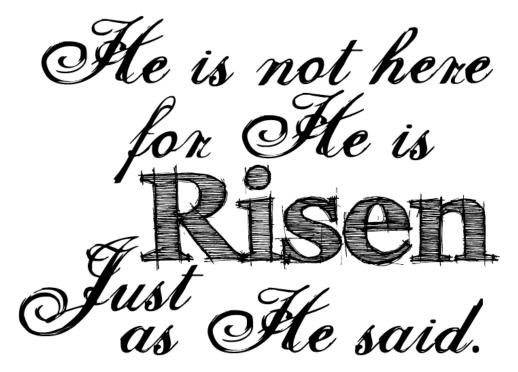
#### **Prayer after Communion**

We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

#### Blessing

#### **Closing Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

No. 367



Matthew 28:6



#### Dismissal

## Go in peace. Serve the Risen One. Thanks be to God.

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#### AT WORSHIP THIS MORNING:

At 8:00...

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler	
Lectors:	Millie McCready	
Communion Assistant:	Millie McCready	
Usher:	Guy Miller	
Acolyte:	Emma Killingsworth	
At 10:30		

Interim Pastor:	Pastor Cathy Schibler	
Lectors:	Cathy Wobser	
Communion Assistant:	Gail Thompson	
Usher:	Bill Bertsch	
Acolyte:	Claire Conner	
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April Altar Care: Pat Wiedenheft

**ALTAR FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Larry and Pat Wiedenheft in celebration of The Resurrection of our Lord! He is Risen! Alleluia!

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS** are presented to the glory of God by Betty Roeser in loving memory of her husband Donald and daughter Debbie.

#### **PRAYER CONCERNS**

For all directly or indirectly effected by earthquakes, blizzards, tornadoes, and flooding, Covid, Mass Shootings happening nationwide and Ukraine Crisis; FAITH members, including; Judy Welser; the people of Zion, Sandusky, and their Deacon Carolyn Steinfeldt; the ministry of Project Share, helping people in need in Margaretta Township.

#### ATTENDANCE

April 2: 57 + 34 = 91

**PLEASE JOIN US THIS MORNING** for coffee, juice and donuts in the fellowship room upstairs following the 8:00 am service.

**DONATIONS TO OUR "PENNY JUG"** support the global relief and habilitation efforts of ELCA World Hunger, a mission of our Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

**THIS MORNING'S LOOSE CASH OFFERING** (money not in an envelope or given without other designation) benefits Current Expenses Fund. **LOOSE CHECKS** will support our Current Expenses Fund unless designated otherwise on the check memo line.

**THE CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE** is trying to discover new events or gatherings for our congregation. Please complete the survey at the back of the newsletter and return the survey to Kathy Bango or the box in the office hallway as quickly as possible, but no later than Monday, April 17. Please complete one survey per adult member. The survey can be completed using the paper copy of by accessing the anonymous survey online. There is a QR code to scan at the top of the survey or visit: <u>https://www.surveylegend.com/s/4tol</u> If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Bango, Congregational Life Chairperson. Thanks for your help! We are looking forward to exploring new ideas for the upcoming year.

**Unity Sunday - April 30 - One service - 9:00 am** Our confirmation students and the Sunday School kids will be participating in this fifth Sunday service by doing the readings, prayers, and a short skit in place of the sermon. Centered around then 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, the children will help us to see a different side to the meaning of this Psalm. A 23rd Psalm challenge will take place during the month of April amongst the kids and it may be a good time for everyone to brush up on learning or re-learning the 23rd Psalm. So, on this UNITY SUNDAY, let's all come together to worship and praise God for all that He has done and continues to do for us daily!

#### This Week at Trinity

TODAY	Easter Sunday Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am
MONDAY	Carol on Vacation	Office Closed
WEDNESDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	7:00 pm
SATURDAY	"We All Belong" (Narcotics Anon.)	11:00 am
SUNDAY	Worship Services Sunday School	8:00 am & 10:30 am 9:00 am



Devotions for the Resurrection of our Lord Called to Resurrection

Texts: Matthew 28:1-10 (Acts 10:34-4; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43)

Theme: Going ahead of you

Christ is risen! Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia! Who would have thought that joy would come out of sorrow - for you, hope out of despair - for you, life out of death - for you? But here we are. We know that our Redeemer lives and at the last, Christ will stand upon the earth, and we shall see God! Alleluia! And so now we truly live in the space between no longer and not yet. No longer does death have the final word. Not yet is this fully realized. In this unfinished time, we who are cross-marked and Spirit-sealed live our lives practicing resurrection in everyday life. We dwell as the presence of Christ amid this broken and hurting world. We proclaim the good news of God whose love is unconditional and unending. We strive for justice and peace in all the earth in all that we do, all that we say, and all that we are. And in and through it all, Jesus back from the grave, risen to die no more, goes ahead of us along the way, giving us the assurance that there is nowhere we will go where Jesus is not there with us and nothing we will experience that Jesus will not experience too. With this hope and this promise, we daily live this unfinished life, trusting that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, so too shall we walk in newness of life, day in and day out, until the "not yet" is no longer and all will be as God has promised.

Reflect upon how God is calling you to practice resurrection

- How do my values inform how I practice resurrection?
- How does practicing resurrection invite, encourage, or challenge me to be open?
- In what ways am I called to practice resurrection?
- How does practicing resurrection inform my attentiveness?
- In what ways does practicing resurrection impact my regrets?
- How does practicing resurrection influence where and how I experience God's presence in everyday life?
- Who am I called to be? What am I called to do? Why am I here?
- What do I need for this season?

Prayer: Give me courage to practice resurrection every day of my life. In the name of +Jesus, Amen

The Community Mission Committee is holding a non-perishable food drive for

Grace's Food Pantry

for the month of April

Some suggested items are:

Cans of Soup Canned Pasta (like SpaghettiOs, Ravioli) Pasta Noodles Peanut Butter Jelly Cereal Tuna/Hamburger Helper

There will be a basket to place your items in the education hallway.



## Easter Flowers

adorning our chancel have been donated to the glory of the risen Christ by:

Roy & Joyce Patterson in memory of their parents

Carol & Robert Dahs in honor of Joe, Jodie, Caleb, Elaina, Mike, Chris, and Devin Dahs

Gregory, Susanne & Carrie Lemert in memory of Edward and Ada Grahl

Wendy Wiedenheft in honor of Godson Henry Michael Shine

Millie McCready in memory of Larry McCready

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of parents - Bob & Alice Bertsch

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in memory of Loved Ones

Nancy Vollmer

Ken, Carrie, Emma, & Drew Killingsworth in honor of their Parents, Grandparents, and Godparents

Guy & Laura Miller & Family in honor of all their past and present Loved Ones

Rosemaríe Canter

Paul, Andrea, Zane, and Noah Warner in memory of Loved Ones

David & Cathy Wobser in memory of father, Ralph Alderman

Mark, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie, & Ryan Wiedenheft in honor of their parents & grandparents, and in memory of Loved Ones

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Wilcox in honor of Patricia Nielsen and in memory of Carolyn & Russell

# Easter Chicks

Don & Alice Kuns for all their loved ones who have gone before them.

Jím & Nancy Yantz

Larry & Pat Wiedenheft in honor of their grandchildren

Nancy Vollmer



Rhonda Neíll

Rosemaríe Canter

David & Cathy Wobser in memory of father, Ralph Alderman

Rich & Sheryl Miller in memory of Henry Kurth

Rích & Sheryl Miller in honor of Bobby, Teddy, Louis, Brandon, Luke, Ada, Cassie, Levi, Carly, Cora, and Zane

Mark, Carrie, Tyler, Carlie, & Ryan Wiedenheft in honor of their parents & grandparents, and in memory of Loved Ones

Chríssíe Níelsen

Zane & Noah Warner in honor of their Sunday school teachers Carrie Killingsworth and Shelby Koch

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Wilcox in honor of Patricia Nielsen and in memory of Carolyn & Russell

Zoe Koch in honor of Nana Char & Papa Rex, Grammy Stierhoff, and Grampy & Grammy Moses

Shelby & Zoe Koch in memory of Grampy Stierhoff, we love and miss you!

*Zoe Koch in honor of her Godparents: Jacob & Amy Stierhoff, and Madeline Pugh* 

Shelby Koch in honor of Carson Mayo, and Charlee, Brynlee & Jameson Stierhoff

Shelby Koch in honor of her parents Rex & Charlene Stierhoff

Shelby Koch in honor of her grandparents Ruby Stierhoff and Tom & Lois Moses



# Easter Memoríals

*Tom & Peggy Kingsborough in memory of Robert Sessler* 

Larry & Linda Velliquette in memory of Loved Ones

*Rex & Charlene Stierhoff in memory of their beloved Dad—Norm Stierhoff* 

Rex & Charlene Stierhoff in honor of our beautiful Mom—Ruby Stierhoff

Tom & Shirley Sigman in loving memory of John & Viola Liptok

Wesley & Betty Miller in honor of all their children and grandchildren

