



Welcome to
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Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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*By the love of Christ,
our vision is to work together,
reaching out to all people,
through the Gospel,
in our various activities and events.
As we encourage each other to worship
and grow in God's Word,
we will be a Christian influence
in our community.*

April 2, 2023

Palm Sunday

Preacher: Rev. Ken Bernthal

ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

We welcome all who gather here today! We are blessed to celebrate together the mercy, grace, and love we have from God through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Children: Families with children are *very* welcome here. Having children in church is important so they can begin to learn about their faith in Jesus, and it's good for the whole congregation to see. *Please feel comfortable keeping “squirmy” kids in the service. This is where they belong, too!*

Pew Cards: Guests and Members, please fill out the Guest/Member card located on the back of the pew in front of you and pass it to the end of the aisle. If you forget you can put it in the offering plate on your way out.

If standing is difficult: Please feel free to remain seated during any portion of the service. Please let an Elder or Usher know if you need communion in your pew seat.

About our celebration of Holy Communion: We celebrate the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood contrary to that which is stated above do so to their great harm, and also because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with Pastor. Those not communing are still invited to come forward for a blessing from Pastor, and you may indicate this by crossing your arms over your chest.

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GREETING

P Peace be with you.
C **And also with you.**

+ ORDER OF SERVICE +

(The liturgy is from Divine Service Setting four LSB pg. 203ff)

Opening Hymn

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed Mid an ex - ul - tant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing;



Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The love - ly an - them rang.
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing And chant-ing clear and loud.
For Christ is our Re - deem-er, The Lord of heav'n our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, Close fold - ed to His breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice



The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim-plest and the best.
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid-ding wait.
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re-joice!

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

LSB 203

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

LSB 203

- C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

Prayer for Forgiveness

- P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Introit

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless you from the house of the LORD.

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

C The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

P Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors,

C that the King of glory may come in.

P Who is this King of glory?

C The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

C We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Kyrie

LSB 204

C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 50:4–9a

⁴The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
⁶I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.
⁷But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
⁸He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

Come and See, We Bow Down

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

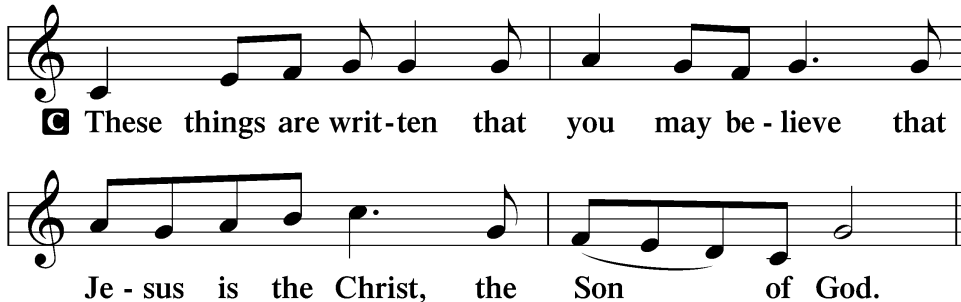
⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

LSB 205



Holy Gospel

John 12:12–19; 11:38–44

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

^{12:12}The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. ¹³So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” ¹⁴And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

¹⁵“Fear not, daughter of Zion;
behold, your king is coming,
sitting on a donkey’s colt!”

¹⁶His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. ¹⁷The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. ¹⁸The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. ¹⁹So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

^{11:38}Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

C **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

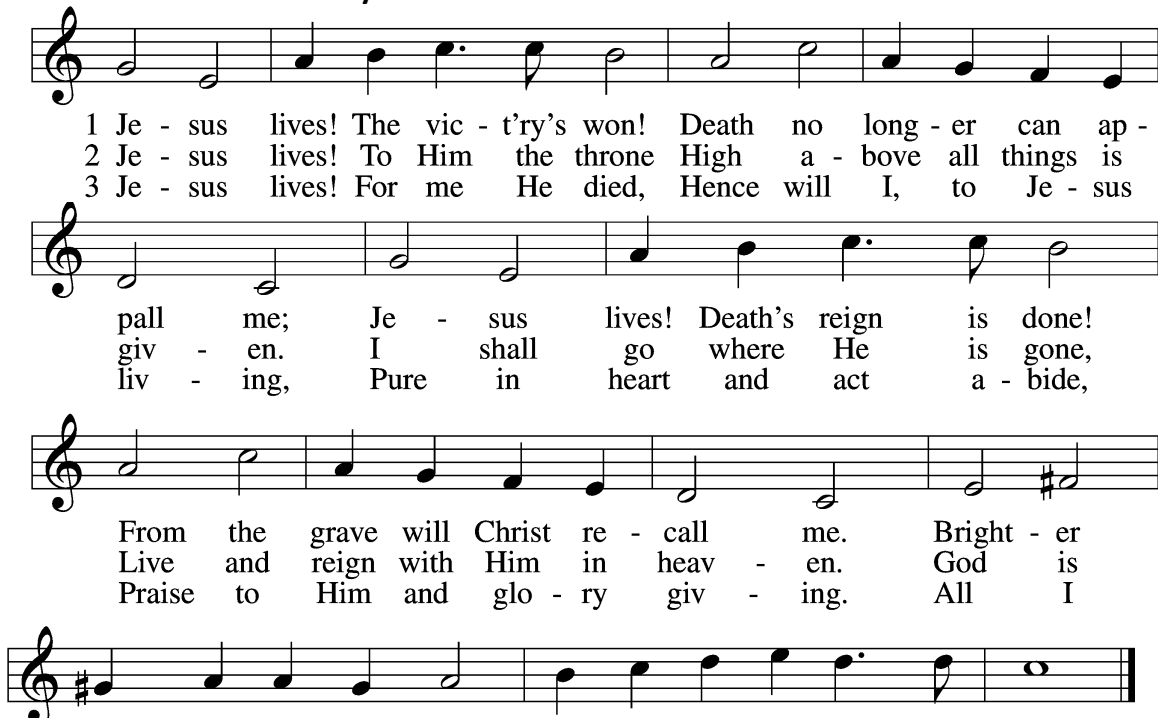
**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn

490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus

pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,

From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I

scenes will then com-mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt-ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each Segment:

P Lord, in Your Mercy,

C Hear our Prayer.

P In Your Name we Pray

C Amen

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

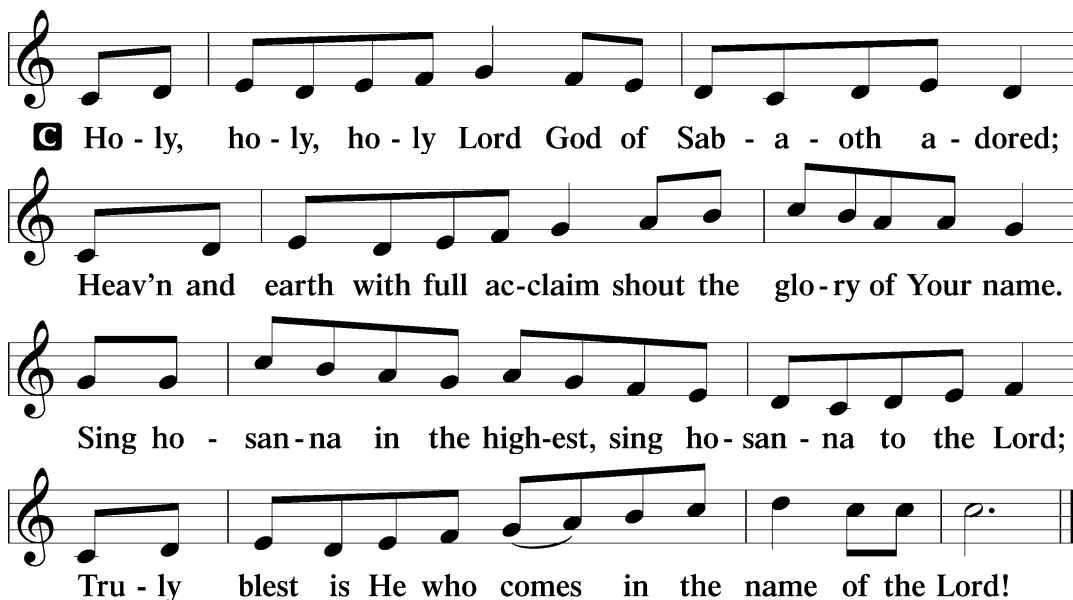
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many.

As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Hear us as we pray in Your name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Sit

Distribution

543 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be-
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary



- 1 "Come un - to Me, ye wea - ry, And I will give you rest."
- 2 "Come un - to Me, ye wan - d'rers, And I will give you light."
- 3 "Come un - to Me, ye faint - ing, And I will give you life."
- 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, Which comes to hearts op-pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer-ing voice of Je - sus, Which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, Which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, Of par-don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, And we had lost our way;
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, The fight is fierce and long;
 Which, though we be un - wor - thy Of love so great and free,



Of joy that hath no end - ing, Of love that can - not cease.
 But Thou hast brought us glad - ness And songs at break of day.
 But Thou hast made us might - y And strong - er than the strong.
 In - vites us ver - y sin - ners To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;

A light as to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is

to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Closing Hymn

490 Jesus Lives The Victory's won



4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -

sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath

Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall

be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Second Reading Col. 3:1-4

Holy Gospel: Mark: John 20:1-10



Reminder about inclement weather and church functions: Our policy for bad weather cancellations has been to cancel morning Bible studies, etc. when local schools close. Evening meetings and events will probably continue, as long as road crews are out and a storm is not intensifying.

Sunday services, as well as Advent and Lent midweek services, are seldom cancelled. However, do not attempt to drive if your local conditions are poor and you are uncomfortable driving in the weather!



HOLY WEEK

Worship Services

Maundy Thursday Service

5:00pm

Good Friday Service

5:00pm

Easter Sunday Service

11:00am

SERVING in GODS HOUSE TODAY

Pastor: Re. Ken Bernthal

Elder: **Jeff Pregler**

Ushers:

Greeters:

Coffee:

Counters:

Altar Care: **Martha Pregler**

Piano/Organist: AJ Stancil / Claudia Albright

Bible Study:

PRAYERS

*Please contact the office with updates to the prayer list. People will remain on the prayer list for **4 weeks** before being removed. If they need to remain on the list, please keep Lynn informed and of any updates. This will help us to have a more accurate list. Thanks for your cooperation.*

Those who continue to grieve the passing of loved ones: Members: *Friends:* Ethel Stevenson, Evelyn Albright, Bill Burrick, Dave Sabin

Those with upcoming surgery and medical procedures: Members: *Friends:* Chris Flores

Those recovering from surgery and medical procedures: Members: Dave Lauria, Pete Albright, Bill Woodman, Sharon Hopkins ***Friends:***

Those with health concerns: Members: Terry Tody, Alyssa Wohn, Bill Richmond, Ruth Stocker ***Friends:*** Reggie Riske, Kim Mendoza, Karen Sperry

Those diagnose with Cancer: Members: Dave Lauria, Lynn Richmond, Paul Smith, Barb Mauro, ***Friends:*** Don Kernstock

In Military Service: Members: *Friends:* Christopher Dysinger, Kevin Krokosky, Darin Nicholas, Jeremiah Hose, Travis Kulak, Andre' Miller, Keil Clough, Trevor Clough, Todd McCarver, Victoria Doster, Conrad Weissenborn, Rick Dillenbeck

BIRTHDAYS:

Jim Hatfield~1st

Mike Shields~1st

Alyssa Wohn~2nd

Joyce Kalicki~3rd

Kristie Wilkens~4th

ANNIVERSARIES:

none

MESSAGES

MEMBER & GUEST CARDS: If you have not filled out a member/guest card, please take the time to fill one out and place it in the plate behind the back pews in our sanctuary.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY, the Tuesday morning Bible Study with Pastor Schneider meets from 9:30-11:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome!

THANK YOU *to the musicians for their contribution to the service*

If you have a 7th-12th grade student (or know of one) who is interested in the **occupation of serving the church**, please contact Pastor Paul for educational opportunities.

If anyone is interested in **ushering, greeting or doing coffee hour**, please contact Pastor Paul. He will provide the information and training you need.

NOISY OFFERING: Noisy Offering for April, May and June will go to the Crawford County Christmas Program.

DATABASE MEMBER CHECK AND UPDATE On the Sundays of March 26th and April 2nd, there will be two tables in the narthex and fellowship hall where people can check all of their information that we use to communicate with you (names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.) Please take a look and make any changes please!

PHOTOS FOR DIRECTORY: Just as we took pictures on March 26th, we will continue with pictures on Sunday, April 16th.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: will reconvene Tuesday, April 11th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. It will continue the following Tuesdays of April (4/18 and 4/25).

YOUNG ADULT/YOUTH BIBLE STUDY for April will be held on Sunday's, 4/16 and 4/30 at 9:30 a.m.

POTLUCK: will be held April 16th, right after services. Always lots of food and conversation! Hope to see you there!

FAMILY NIGHT: for April will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on the 10th. Bring a friend(s) for games, fun and pizza!

FAMILY FARE RECEIPTS: The Family Receipts are no longer being collected due to the program being cancelled.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!: Adopt-A-Highway starts again for 2023. The first pick up will be Saturday, April 29th at 10:00 A.M. We will meet at the church. In case of rain, we will meet right after church service on the following day, the 30th.

THANK YOU: for all of your prayers, cards, calls and emails during the past month. I am feeling good and doing well. Surgery went well, so now, we wait to see what is next in God's plan. Again, thank you. Dave and Chris Lauria

THIS WEEK AT MT. HOPE

<i>April 2</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
10:20am	Choir Practice
11am	Worship Service w/Communion
<i>April 3</i>	<i>Monday</i>
<i>April 4</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>
9:30am	Bible Study
10:30am	LWML Quilting
6:30pm-8pm	Cub Scouts
<i>April 5</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Thursday</i>
<i>April 7</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<i>April 8</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
<i>April 9</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
10:20am	Choir Practice
11am	Easter Worship Service w/Noisy Offering
	Potluck

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Bible Study:

EASTER LILLIES FOR THE ALTAR

We will be accepting orders for plants to beautify our altar on Easter, until Sunday, April 2nd. You can fill out the form and either place it in the offering plate or turn it into the church office along with your payment.

Lily \$10.00

HOW MANY: _____

The plants may be picked up and taken home after the 11am Worship Service on Easter morning. Thank you for helping us to glorify our Risen Savior with the beauty of flowers.

Name: _____

Phone No. _____



