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*Luke 24:12*

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**The Resurrection of Our Lord**  
April 17, 2022

# WELCOME

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES**

Apr. 24 – Second Sunday of Easter

May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS**

Assistant Minister / Communion Assistant – Dcn. Arica Demme

Crucifer – Nathaniel Cuff

Acolyte – Joshua Cuff

Lector – Kim Wittel

Ushers – Ken & Joan Hollinger

Musician – Rosemary Keller

Altar Guild – Rosemary Keller

Sound Technician – Chaz Stroup

Offering Counters – Ken Hollinger

Beth Birchall

Livestream – Ray Kneisley

Lee & Judy Mills

**April 10, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE -**

## **“CRY ROOM AVAILABILITY”**

For parents with children younger than one year, there is a “Cry Room” near the front entrance if you would need to use that during the worship service.

***Please maintain silence for meditation as soon as the candles are lit until the beginning of the service.***

## RESURRECTION GREETING

P: He is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** – *Resurrection Medley*

arr. Erinn Jarrell Schwarz

*The assembly stands (if able)*

## BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

**C: Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.**

ENTRANCE HYMN

# 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!

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

EASTER HYMN  
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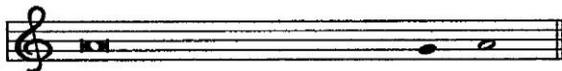
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: Christ is Risen

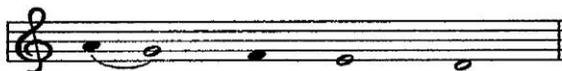
C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

## KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



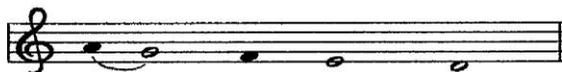
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



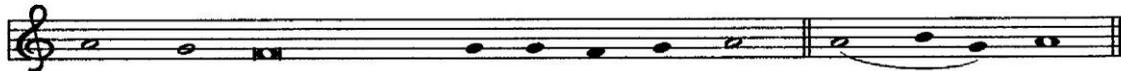
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and

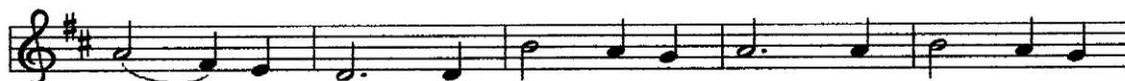


strength, and hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **SALUTATION**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have overcome death through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech you that as you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

*The assembly is seated.*

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

The  
Word  
of God

The First Reading is from the 65<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah

### **First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup>“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the Lord.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The Psalm is read responsively.*

## **Psalm 16**

<sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

<sup>2</sup> **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord;  
I have no good apart from you.”**

<sup>3</sup> As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup> **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup> **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

<sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
in the night also my heart instructs me. [d]

<sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup> Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;  
my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
or let your holy one see corruption.**

<sup>11</sup> You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

*Brief silence for reflection.*

The Second Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians

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

<sup>19</sup>If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the

firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule 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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Brief silence for reflection.*

*The assembly stands (if able) to welcome the Gospel.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



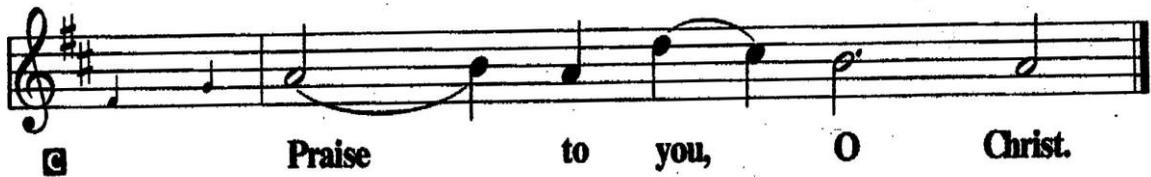
**G** Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

### Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, {the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee} went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he

was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*The assembly is seated.*

## **SERMON**

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The assembly stands (if able).*

HYMN OF THE DAY

# Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,  
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,  
 4 For to - day a - mong the twelve Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing

God has brought his Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
 And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;  
 With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;  
 His deep peace, which ev - er - more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.

Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
 All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing  
 Comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion  
 Nei - ther could the gates of death, Nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

Led them with un - moist - ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
 From his light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.  
 Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
 Nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, Hold him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry  
 To our King immortal,  
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars  
 Of the tomb's dark portal.

Come, you faithful, raise the strain  
 Of triumphant gladness!  
 God has brought his Israel  
 Into joy from sadness!

## NICENE CREED

**C: 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;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the  
virgin Mary, and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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 THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all  
people according to their needs.

*A brief silence.*

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these or similar words:*

P: Lord, in your mercy,                   **C: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting  
in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.   **C: Amen**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

### OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles-sing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that



we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of



all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble



with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



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



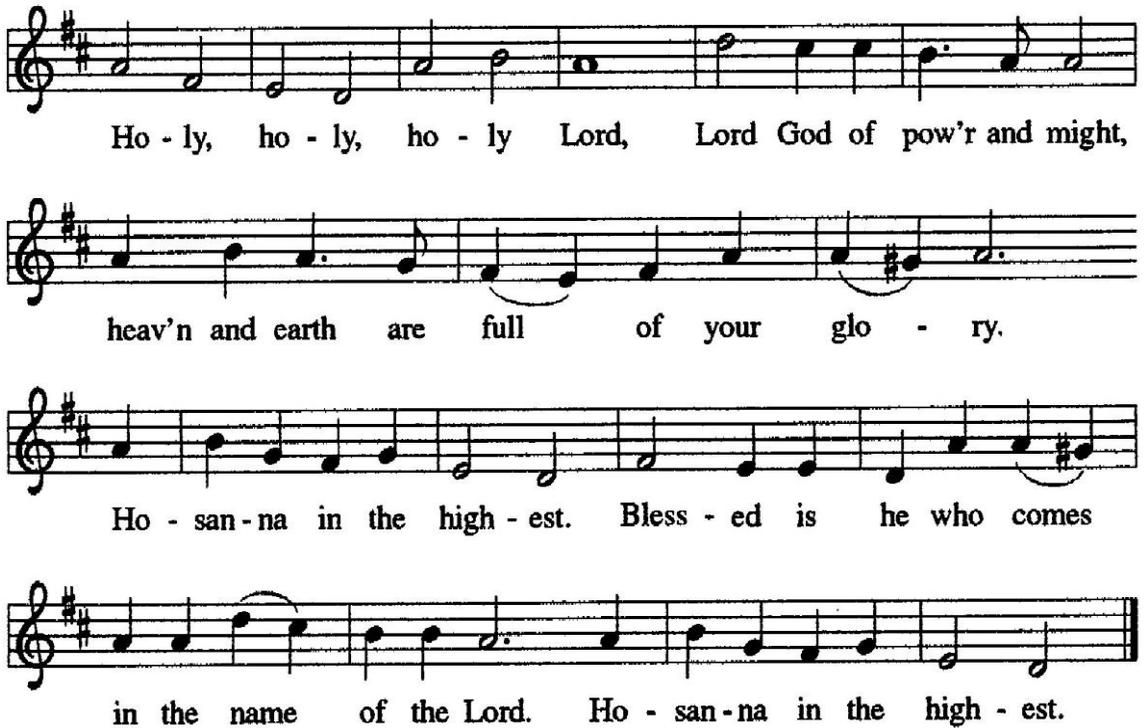
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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

## PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave our only Son, that all those who believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: 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:

**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 assembly is seated.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine.*

*HOW WE COMMUNE: When you come forward the pastor will first give you bread to eat. Then, take a cup from the tray. The assistant will pour in wine to drink. Afterward, you will place the empty cup in the water in the plastic container at the side aisle, and return to your seat.*

*If you are unable to consume wine, you may commune with only the bread. Unbaptized and those who have yet to receive first communion may come forward to receive a blessing. Signify by holding your hands to your chest instead of reaching out for the bread and wine.*

*The assembly stands (if able) when everyone has received the sacrament.*



## BLESSING

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

**C: Amen**

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen**

## 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**

SENDING HYMN

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n - ly

still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;  
 bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"

Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song  
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres -  
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives  
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,

of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!

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

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## PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

**Prayer edits for published names in the Sunday bulletin:** Aside from our homebound, names remain published for one month. If you would like to continue another month, or have new persons added, or desire to have a name removed from the list please contact Rose Keller at (717) 333-1448 or email [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) OR contact Pastor Mark at (717) 947-4284.

## AROUND THE WORD DEVOTIONS



Around the Word publishes a weekly devotion with daily meditations. These devotions include a Psalm, Verse, Prayer, and Hymn of the Week, as well as the order of devotion from the Small Catechism. You can download the most recent devotion by going to our website ([www.reformation-nalc.org](http://www.reformation-nalc.org)) and clicking on the link, or sign-up to receive these devotions by email.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcements for the bulletin about upcoming events should be emailed to [rose.a.keller@gmail.com](mailto:rose.a.keller@gmail.com) **AND** [pastor@reformation-nalc.org](mailto:pastor@reformation-nalc.org) or you can call Rosemary Keller (717-333-1448) or Pastor Mark (717-947-4284) no later than **Sunday** by 6:00 pm. The events will then be added to the bulletin. It is always helpful to let us know how long you want the announcement to run. See Rosemary Keller with any questions.



## STEWARDSHIP



Offering plates are not passed during the service, they are located on a table in the back of the nave. You may also mail checks to Sandy Tippett, 3377 Horizon Drive, Lancaster PA 17603.

## COFFEE TIME

Enjoy coffee, snacks and fellowship after worship and before Sunday school. If you would like to sign-up for a Sunday to host Coffee Time, it's as simple as bringing store bought snacks, If you like to bake, homemade goodies are always welcome! If you have any questions about Coffee Time, see Joan Hollinger or Rose Bennett for the details. See you at Coffee Time!



## **Mission District Annual Convocation**

Our Central Mission District Annual Convocation will be Saturday April 30 at Vinemont Community LC in Reinholds, PA from 8:30-12:30 pm. Pr. Mark, Lee Mills and Dcn. Arica will be attending as delegates. Lee will make a presentation on our Atlantic Mission Region Renewal and Discipleship Ministry Team. Pr. Brad Hales will make a presentation on Revitalizing the Small and Rural Church. If you are interested in attending the Convocation and riding with Pr. Mark, Lee and Dcn. Arica let them know.

## **Vacation Bible School**

# VBS

The Christian Education Committee is working on planning a VBS this year at Reformation, but we need your help to make it happen! It will be held every Wednesday evening in July (6th, 13th, 20th, 27th) from 6-8pm. We will be holding a meeting in April to finalize the theme, but we are looking for volunteers to help during these evenings in July. If you are able to help at any or all of these dates please speak to Pastor Mark, Melissa, Crystal or Judi. Thank you!

## **WOMEN OF THE ATLANTIC MISSION REGION RETREAT**

You are invited to a weekend get-away retreat with the Bible study "Beautiful Feet". 6 PM on Friday, May 6 – noon on Sunday, May 8, 2022 at Twin Pines Camp & Retreat Center (3000 Twin Pines Camp Rd., Stroudsburg, PA 18360). Cost - \$175 for a double room, \$200 for a single room. All meals & linens/towels are included! Pre-registration forms are available on the table in the back.



## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



The Church Single Parent Oil/Filter change is being held Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM. It is being held in Church parking lot.

Please Sign up at Church or call Ed Zook at 717-951-4943 to schedule your time, and for more details.

If willing to volunteer, please see Ed Zook, Terry Miller or Jack McCarthy, for more information.

## **LUTHER LAGER LEAGUE**

All men are invited to the next Luther Lager League gathering on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at John Null's home - 578 Northlawn Dr, Lancaster, PA 17603. Come for fellowship, food and beer. Let John or Pr. Mark know if you are able to come.



## April Council Meeting Highlights

1. **Financial Report** - Expenses exceeded income by 6% for March.
2. **Oil Change**- Our Social Committee is hosting a free oil change for single parents on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm. Social Committee is asking for people to help throughout the day, especially people willing to sit and talk with the single parents and children. If you are able to help for all or part of the day please see Bob Thomas, Ed Zook, or Terry Miller.
3. **Community breakfast** is being organized for Saturday May 21<sup>st</sup> 8:30am-10:30am. This will be a community outreach that will hopefully help RLC make some connections with members of our community and serve as a way to help people find out more information about our congregation and NALC as a whole. We are asking for members of our congregation to help as hosts by decorating a table with a personal interest that will help spark conversations with our community guests. Please contact Lee Mills or Pr. Chavez.
4. **Christian Ed** will be having a meeting Saturday April 23 at 9am at RLC. This is open to anyone in our congregation to attend. We will be finalizing a theme for VBS and making some plans on what help will be needed for VBS in July. Even if you are just curious about what is planned, please attend.
5. **Spring Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup> after Divine Service. We will be voting to elect new members of Council and thanking Kandi for her service on Council as her term is up. Kim Wittle and Jack McCarthy have agreed to run for Council.
6. June 4<sup>th</sup> will be our Council Retreat from 9am-12pm.

Next Council Meeting is Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> 9am-10am at RLC

# Thank You!

A big thank you to our congregation for your generous support of the Social Ministry events of the Easter Baskets for the homebound and the Easter Family Food Boxes for ten families in Columbia. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to deliver the very full Easter bags to the homebound. Also, thank you to Bob Thomas, Mark Wisler, Jack McCarthy, and John Null for delivering the very full Easter Family Food Boxes to the families in Columbia last Sunday. The total expense for the two events was \$921.89. Recipients were very appreciative. There are several pictures on the back table of the homebound Easter bags and the Easter Family Food boxes to see how your donations were used. Thank you so much again for your generosity.



## CORE VALUES OF THE NALC

### Christ-Centered

We confess the apostolic faith in Jesus Christ according to the Holy Scriptures. We affirm the authority of the Scriptures as the authoritative source and norm, “according to which all doctrines should and must be judged” (Formula of Concord). We accept the ecumenical creeds and the Lutheran Confessions as true witnesses to the Word of God.

### Mission-Driven

We believe that the mission of the Church is to preach the Gospel and to make disciples for Christ. We believe that making disciples — in our congregations, in our communities and nations, and around the world — must be a priority of the Church in the present age.

### Traditionally-Grounded

We affirm the ecumenical creeds and the faithful witness of the Church across time and space. We endorse the form and practices of the universal Church that are consistent with Scripture, particularly the office of the ministry and the tradition of worship under Word and Sacrament. We seek dialogue and fellowship with other Lutheran churches and with faithful Christians of other confessions.

### Congregationally-Focused

We strive to be a church body that is organized to facilitate the ministries of local congregations in a posture of servanthood and a spirit of partnership, through the provision of resources, connections and information.



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