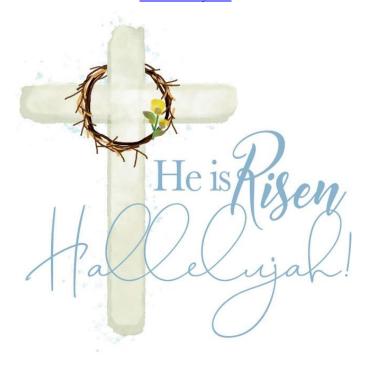
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The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord

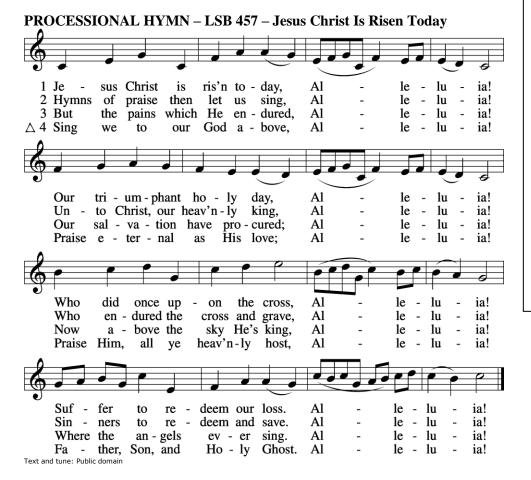
March 31, 2024
Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167
8:00 & 10:30*am, 5:00 pm
*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

At last! The day of Easter is finally here!

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! The darkness of death is now overwhelmed by the light of Christ's resurrection victory. Satan stands defeated, and death is destroyed. The enemy no longer has power over Christ Jesus, nor does he have claim over your life either! As you bow in faith before Jesus and rise to sing your praises to Him early this Easter morning, may the joy of this day inspire you to find joy in your Savior every day. New beginnings start at the empty tomb, and there's no better way to begin our Easter celebration than at the break of day, joining together to sing the praises of Him who died yet was raised to life again. "This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

+++GATHERING+++

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Prelude in E-flat Major (J. S. Bach)



Easter is not about us. It's not about celebration of the human spirit. Neither is it a celebration of the changing seasons—a kind of "spiritual" arrival of spring. Easter is about what God has done for us in the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. **Easter is** the Good News that Christ, who was dead and buried, is now forever alive. He is Risen! Alleluia!

INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- 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.

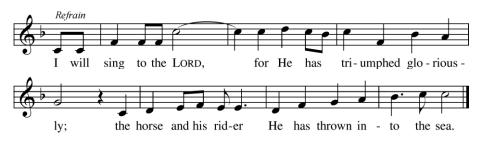
(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

+++ WORD +++

INTROIT - Exodus 15:2, 6; antiphon: Exodus 15:1

The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats it. The congregation repeats the antiphon after the verses.



The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. Refrain

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain**

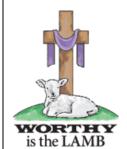




HYMN OF PRAISE – **This is the Feast** – *Revelation.* 5:12-13; 19:5-9 *Choir*: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







The Savior of sinners is Christ, the Lamb of God. His holy blood shed for us frees us from bondage to sin, death and the power of hell. His death—which looks like defeat—leads to resurrection. In His victory, we celebrate our victory.

SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY- 2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,

"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for Him;

let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

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

GRADUAL - Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

Choir: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

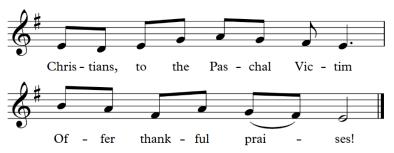
¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, 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 at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. 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, unworthy 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 was not 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 preach and so you believed.

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

EASTER SEQUENCE - Victimae Paschali Laudes

The choir sings the refrain once and the congregation repeats it. The congregation then repeats the refrain as indicated.



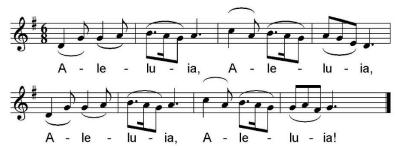
Christians, praise the paschal victim! Offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory; the Lord of life who died reigns glorified! **Refrain**

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day. "The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored! Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side! Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously. He goes before you into Galilee." **Refrain**

Share the good news, sing joyfully: His death is victory! Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy. Amen. Alleluia! **Refrain**

On certain feasts of the Christian Year, a **Sequence** is sung in addition to the Alleluia Verse. These non-Biblical texts have very ancient roots and are the forerunner of the Lutheran "Hymn of the Day." The Easter Sequence portrays Christ as our victorious King who has defeated death and calls us to follow him in a new life.

ALLELUIA and VERSE – Romans 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10

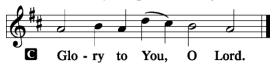


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN**

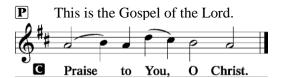
Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **REFRAIN**

HOLY GOSPEL - Mark 16:1-8

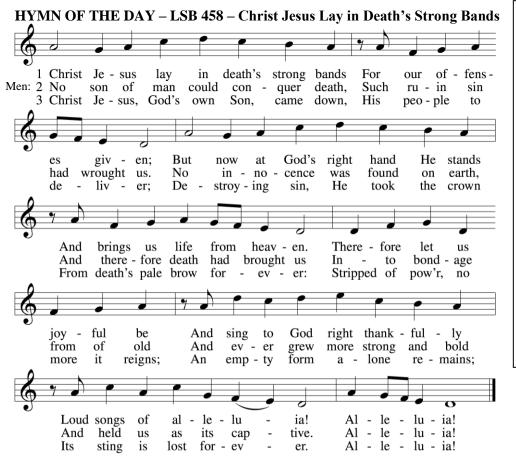
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.







The tune and text of the **Hymn of** the Day are Martin Luther's adaptation and expansion of the Easter Sequence. Over the course of seven verses. we are presented with a picture of Jesus Christ as a warrior who has destroyed sin, death, and the devil. The final verse brings this victory into the present by focusing our hearts on the Sacrament of the Altar.

Choir: 4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

Women: 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us, Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

A ...let us pray to the Lord: **C** Lord, have mercy.

A ... one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

OFFERING – *Sing, Choirs of Heaven* (arr. Richard Shephard)

Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing.
Around God's throne exult in harmony.
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave.
Salute your King in glorious symphony.

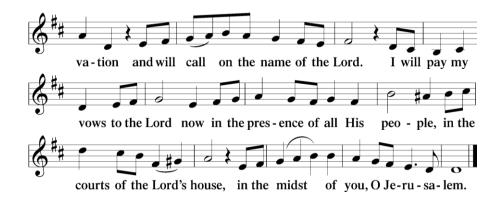
Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come! The glory of the Lord shines radiantly. Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered earth.

The night is past: the day of life is here.

Sing, church of God! Exult with joy outpoured! The gospel trumpets tell of victory won. Your Savior lives: he's with you evermore. Let all God's people shout the long Amen.



It is a privilege to have each of you with us today to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Please take a moment to indicate your presence in the clipboard located near the aisle.



The **Offertory** is sung as the gifts are presented and helps the congregation prepare to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Our response to all of God's benefits is to lay hold of the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in Christ's Body and Blood.

++ + SACRAMENT +++

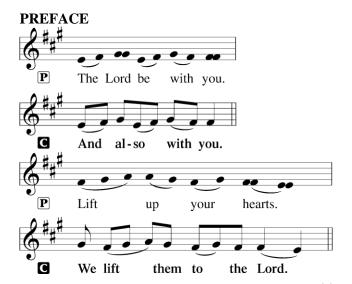
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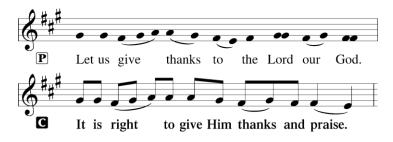
For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is *truly* present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

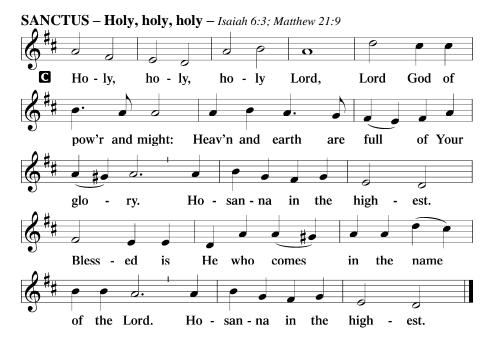
Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.





P It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:



Distribution Notes:

If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

Non-alcoholic grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

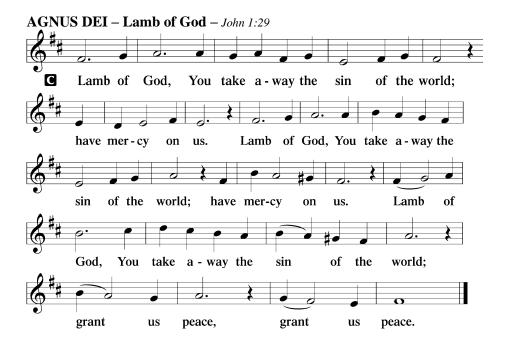
- **P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord – John 20:19

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





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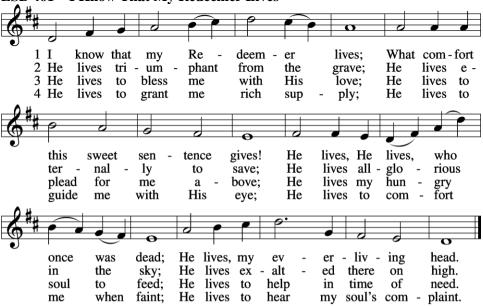
Anthem: Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn (J. S. Bach) Joseph Ittoop, tenor Parastoo Heidarinejad, violin

> Jesus Christus, Gottes Sohn, An unser Statt ist kommen Und hat die Sünde weggetan, Damit dem Tod genommen All sein Recht und sein Gewalt, Da bleibet nichts denn Tods Gestalt, Den Stach'l hat er verloren. Halleluja!

This aria comes from one of Bach's earliest cantatas, composed for Easter Sunday based on our hymn of the day, *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands*. Here in verse three, the violin illustrates Christ's slashing at the enemy, with the music stopping suddenly on the word "nothing." A melodic cross motif during the word "death's" and a jubilant hallelujah finish the movement.

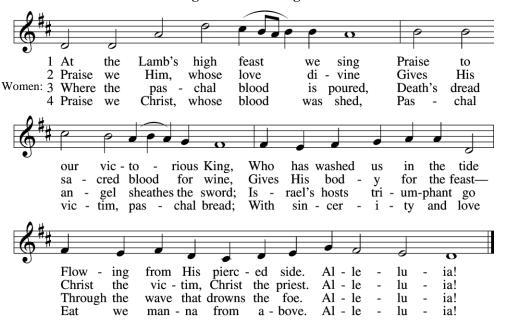
Jesus Christ, God's Son, in our place has come, and with sin has done away, thereby from death taking all his rights and power, now there is nothing but death's form; His sting has he lost. Hallelujah!

LSB 461 – I Know That My Redeemer Lives



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death;
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

LSB 633 - At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



Men: 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia! 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

 \triangle 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.

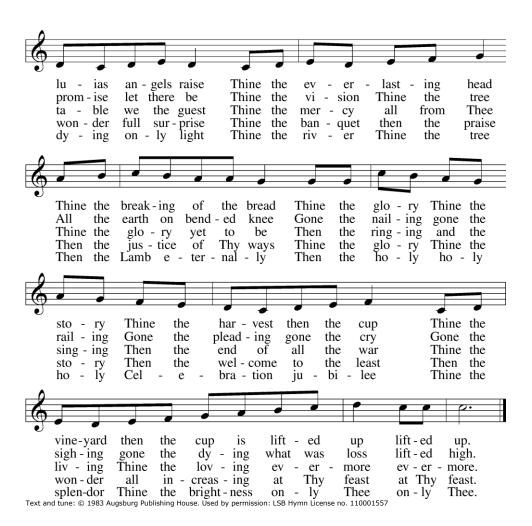
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LSB 464 – The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done



POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise



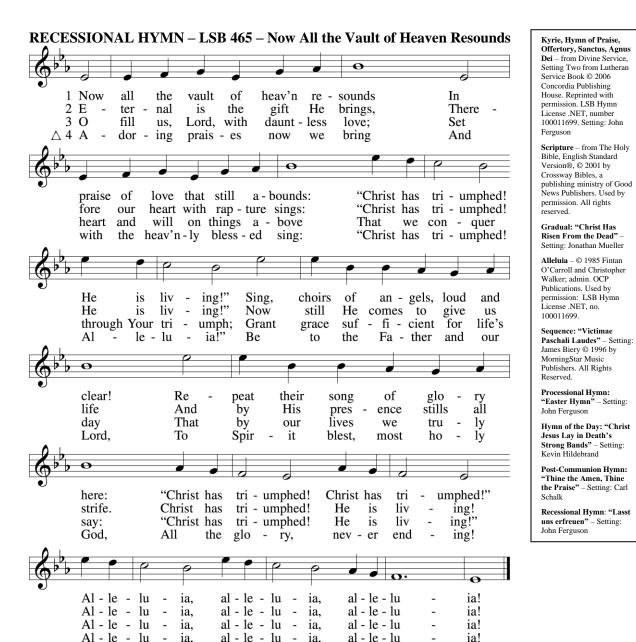


POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

- **P** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

BENEDICTION – Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 - The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Fugue in E-flat Major, "St. Anne" (J. S. Bach)

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SERVING IN WORSHIP

Preacher – Rev. Eric Edwards

Celebrant – Rev. Christopher Beck

Lector – Rev. Liwei Sui

Cantor – Dr. Priscilla Gabriel

Instrumentalists – Joshua Grimes, Noah Grimes, Parastoo Heidarinejad, Evan Huang, Leo Illari, Nate Poage, James Starkey

Festival Choir – Ruth Engs, Lauren Gaskins, Robert Gilbert, Shirin Hassan, Joseph Ittoop, Kelly Johnson, Trevor Jones, Chelsea Kaminski, Carl Lenthe, Lois Paul, Meera Popkin-Tarack, Kathy Powell, Vern Rogers, Tori Vilches, Gary Wohlafka, and Louise Wohlafka



Easter flowers were provided by the Altar Guild again this year. We invite you to take a plant home sometime this week, *this evening through next Sunday*, either for yourself or to share with someone else.



COMING UP Mark your calendars!

MONDAY, April 1

Church office CLOSED

Campership applications DUE (visit faithbrown.org)



THURSDAY, April 4

6:00pm Health & Human Care lecture: "The Optometrist's Guide to Safely View the Total Solar Eclipse" (signup up on the podium or via Friday@Faith)

SUNDAY, April 7

9:15am Special Presentation on recent tour tracing St. Paul's 2nd missionary journey

WEDNESDAY, April 10

10:00am Spring Men's and Women's Bible studies begin

FRIDAY, April 12

6:30pm Ladies' Night Out

SATURDAY, April 13

8:45am-12:30pm Christian Babysitter Class (students 12 and older)

9:00am/12:00pm Generosity Feeds sign up for a "wave" (shift) at faithblown.org

SUNDAY, April 14

Endowment Recipients announced

WEDNESDAY, April 17

11:15am Lunch & Learns begin (4 weeks, topics vary)

SATURDAY, April 20

9:00am LWML Zone Gathering (Shepherd of the Hills, Morgantown)



SATURDAY, April 27 – Confirmation Examination & Fellowship SUNDAY, April 28 (10:30 am) - Rite of Confirmation

WEDNESDAY, May 1

6:30-8:00pm Created Male & Female watch party & discussion

SATURDAY, May 18

Ladies' Tea

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