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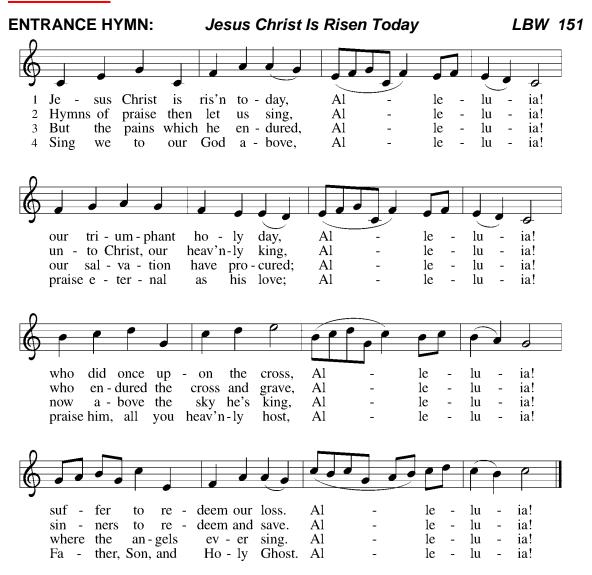
Welcome to worship! Masking is optional but recommended while indoors.

PRELUDE Concerto for Two Trumpets in C, RV 537 Antonio Vivaldi *Allegro*

Reggie Pittman, Trumpet Sarah Davol, Oboe

- P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
- C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please stand.



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

GREETING

- P Alleluia, Christ is Risen!
- C The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A

men.



HYMN OF PRAISE





PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to the Gentiles just as it had to Jews.

A A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter.

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- A The word of God. The Word of life.
- C Thanks be to God.



PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

REFRAIN: Sung first by the Choir, repeated by ALL thereafter.

Aaron David Miller





The Psalm Verses are sung responsively to the following tone.



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¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the I LORD is good; God's mercy en-I dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare.

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

¹⁴The LORD is my strength ^I and my song, and has become ^I my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous: "The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD I is exalted!

The right hand of the I LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works of the Lord. REFRAIN

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- I ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- I ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the [|] gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks [|] to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate ^I of the LORD; here the righ- ^I teous may enter."

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

Psalm continues on next page....

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

²⁴This is the day that the ^I LORD has made; let us rejoice and be ^I glad in it. *REFRAIN*





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SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

A A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of God. The Word of life. C Thanks be to God.

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

Please stand.

GOSPEL PROCESSION The Easter Sequence (Choir) LBW 136 Victimae Paschali Laudes, Wipo of Burgundy, 11th c.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises. A Lamb the sheep redeeming, Christ, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the prince of life who died reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring.

The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you.

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

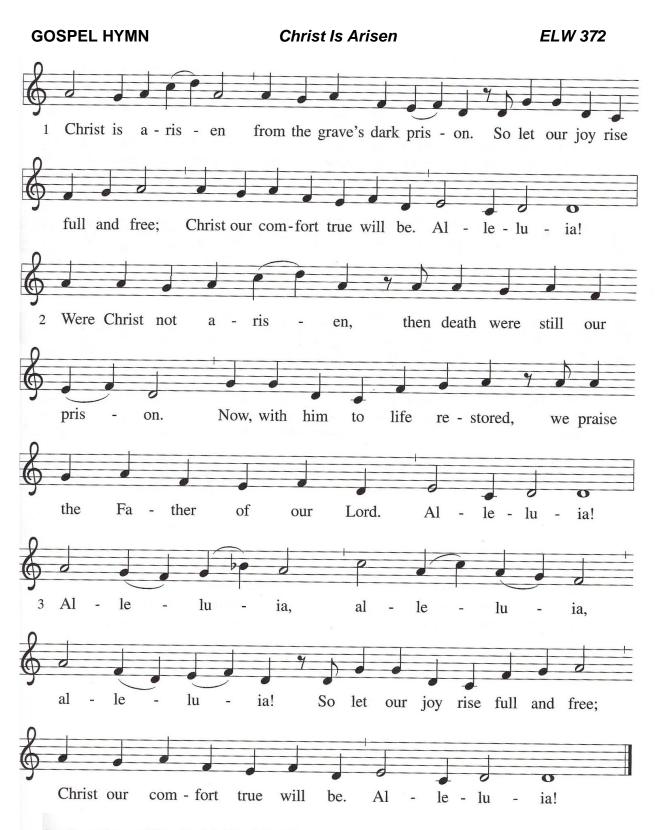
The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

- P The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.





Text: German hymn, c. 1100; tr. Martin L. Seltz, 1909–1967 Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543 Text © 1969 Concordia Publishing House

CHRIST IST ERSTANDEN

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Peggy Niederer

Silence for Meditation

Please stand.



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni P. da Palestrina, 1525–1594, adapt.



NICENE CREED

- A Let us confess our faith with Christians throughout the world by using the 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 INTERCESSION

Lynn Buckingham

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of community, we pray for our partners in ministry here in Teaneck, in the Meadowlands Cluster, the Northern Mission District, Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey, the New Jersey Synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, the wider Christian community, our friends from the Light & Peace Mission in Haiti, and people of faith everywhere. as they live out their callings to serve. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Liberating God, we pray for the hostages held in Gaza and other places in the world, and for Christians being persecuted for their faith. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Loving God, we pray for this community of faith and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer**.

Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death (especially Laurie, Walter, John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith). Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace, hear our prayer.

- P Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
- C Amen.

PEACE Stay at your seat as you share a sign of peace.

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

Please be seated.

OFFERING Please place your offering in the plate located on the table

at the back of the sanctuary before or after Worship.

SOLO AT THE OFFERING

Lasset dem Höchsten ein Danklied erschallen, BWV Johann Sebastian Bach From Cantata 66, Erfreut euch, ihr Herzen (Rejoice Ye Hearts!)

Robert Prowse, Baritone Sarah Davol, Oboe

Recitative

Es bricht das Grab und damit unsre Not Our mouths proclaim God's deeds;

Der Heiland Lebt, so ist in Not und Tod

The Savior lives, so in distress and

death

Den Gläubigen volkommen wohl geraten. All things work together for good for

believers.

Aria

Lasset dem Höchsten ein Danklied erschallen Let a song of thanksgiving

resound to the Almighty

Vor sein Erbarmen und ewige Treu.

For his mercy and everlasting

faithfulness.

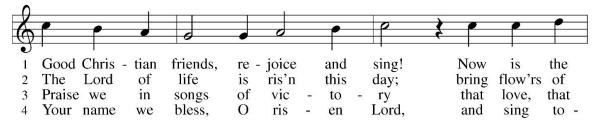
Jesus escheinet, uns Friede zu geben, Jesus appears to give us peace,

Jesus berufet, uns mit ihm zu leben, Jesus calls us to live with him,

Täglich wird seine Barmherzigkeit neu. His mercy is new every day.

Please stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoiee and Sing! LBW 144







Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, c. 1570-1615

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Risen One,

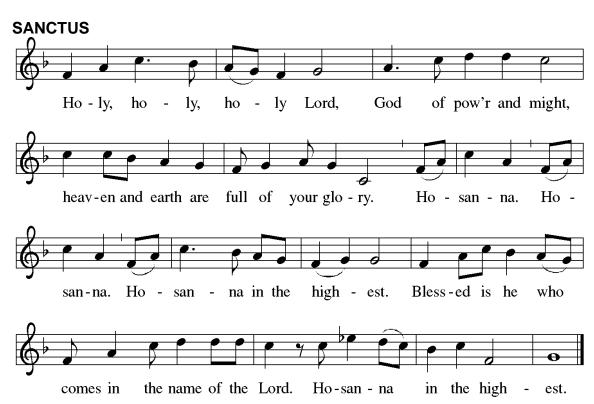
you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our savior Jesus who is the Christ. Who, through the Spirit, brought life where there was only death and emptied the tomb so the world would have the hope of eternal life, and so with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and all of the witnesses of the resurrection, and the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P 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:

C 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.

C 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.

C 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.

C Amen.

LORDS PRAYER

- P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we say the prayer Jesus has taught us:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

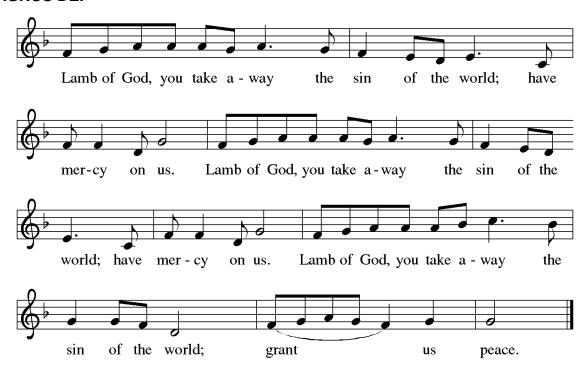
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, Now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table where all are welcome.

AGNUS DEI





CONTINUOUS COMMUNION

Please come forward for Communion following the Cantor/Choir, beginning with those in the back pews, from alternating sides, leaving adequate space between you and the person in front of you.

Masking is optional but recommended as you come forward to receive the wafer & cup until you step away from the communion tray.

A tray with individual cups is located in front of each pew section.

The center contains purple grape juice.

White wine is in the remainder of the tray.

After use, please deposit cup in receptacle at the end of pew section. Baptized Christians who recognize the presence of Christ in the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life are welcome to receive communion. If you have not yet been baptized or have never before received Holy Communion, you may come forward to receive a blessing. Fold your arms across your chest to let the Pastor know you wish to receive a blessing.

COMMUNION MUSIC

On Earth Has Dawned This Day of Days" (Choir) MY DANCING DAY Trad. Cornish Tune, arr. Hal Hopson

On earth has dawned this day of days, whereon the faithful give God praise. For Christ is risen from the tomb, and light and joy have conquered doom. Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. *Christus surrexit*, alleluia.

At early morn with spices rare, the women three assembled there, All to anoint fair Mary's Son, who over death had vict'ry won. Sing alleluia, vict'ry won. Sing alleluia. *Christus surrexit*, alleluia.

"Whom seek ye here?" the angel said; "The Lord is risen from the dead; See where he lay; let joy begin, the tomb is empty; enter in!" Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. *Christus surrexit*, alleluia.

So let our songs to heaven wing, the vault with alleluias ring, In praise of Christ, our risen Lord; new life to all he doth afford. Sing alleluia, vict'ry is won. Sing alleluia. *Christus surrexit,* alleluia.

Nikolaus Hermann, c. 1480-1561

Please stand.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in Christ's grace.
- C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Thankful Hearts & Voices Raise ELW 204



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Shepherding God,

you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always.

Please be seated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.



Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.

Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en

from the

dead!

DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Concerto for Two Trumpets in C, RV 537 Antonio Vivaldi Allegro Moderato

> Reggie Pittman, Trumpet Sarah Davol, Oboe

OUR SPECIAL THANKS TODAY TO

Reggie Pittman, Trumpet
Sarah Davol, Oboe
Robert Prowse, Baritone
Elselore Borstelmann, Julie Buckingham, Sarah Davol, &
Marise McNeeley, Zulema Suárez, Choir
Crucifer, Jack Martinez
Fred Lewis, Greeter
Sue Papera, Liturgist & Reader
Lynn Buckingham, Prayers of Intercession
Women of the Altar Guild



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In The Commons immediately following Mass

BIBLE STUDY
THURSDAY, APRIL 4th AT NOON
Via Zoom
Topic & Readings
will be emailed



Easter Memorials and Thank-offerings

To the glory of God and in celebration of our Lord's resurrection, flowers decorating the sanctuary were given by:

Julie Buckingham, in loving memory of her friend Courtney and in grateful thanksgiving for Courtney's niece, Saylor Courtney, born in February;

Lynn Buckingham and Thom Mongelli, in loving memory of *Chris Trizis* and *Laurie Wahner*.

Jackie Costello, in loving memory of *members of the Thomas and Costello families*;

Catherine Keohane, in loving memory of Cynthia Keohane, Beatrice & Milton Abrahamson, Elaine Abrahamson, and Elsie Keohane;

Joan Koehler, in grateful thanksgiving for Carol Weber and Doris Baumann;

Donna Maxwell, in loving memory of her husband Richard and members of the Nuetzmann family,

Pastor Peggy Niederer, in grateful thanksgiving for the gift of Jesus and God's eternal love and grace;

Sue Papera, in grateful thanksgiving for faith, family, and Grace;

Gisela Schroeder, to the glory of God;

Lorli Steffen, Jeanne Howell, John Steffen, and the Steffen family, in loving memory of *Daniel Steffen*;

Zulema Suárez, in loving memory of Inéz and Hugo Suárez;

Janet Thalmann, in loving memory of Margaret Thalmann;

Carol Weber, in grateful thanksgiving for her mother Doris Baumann, in honor of her 104th birthday, and in loving memory of her father Robert Baumann and Hans Weber.

PRAYERS

Joan Costello (Jackie's mother-in-law & Kaitlin's & Lindsay's grandmother); Carol Weber; Doris Baumann (Carol's mom); Katie Wolfe (Carol's cousin with vision issues); Darla Lambson (Carol's sister's sister-in-law, suffering from an aggressive form of leukemia); Brad Gohmann and his family (Carol's nephew's uncle-in-law with cancer); Donald Lazlear and his family (Zulema's friends); Katie (Zulema's niece), Surella (Katie's mom); Rose Davis (Surella's friend with cancer): Marc & Bella Yaffe (Leslyn's and Michael's children): Leslyn Cooke: Melanie M. (Julie's friend); The cousin-in-law of Julie's coworker, undergoing rehab for injuries sustained in an automobile accident; Susan Bethke (Lynn's cousin undergoing chemo and other treatment for a brain tumor); Marion Soohoo (Will's Mother-in-law recovering from surgery); Arlene Rizzo (Sue's friend undergoing cancer treatments) and Arlene's family; Chris Palmer (Sue Papera's friend who has health concerns); Caleb (Sue's friend with mental health issues); Jenny L. (Sue's friend with health issues); Carol Mulvaney (Sue's friend with breast cancer): Edward Foley (back surgery, father of Nancy who does the payroll for Grace); Jason and Paul Thalmann (Janet's nephew and brother); Beverly Philip (a friend of Janet's sister-in-law with severe dementia): Kathy O'Brien (a co-worker of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Bert Maltz (a friend of Janet's sister-in-law. Several health concerns); Michele Rusciano (a friend of Janet Thalmann's sister-in-law); Mark Crovatto (Al's son); Susan Beever (Mary Ellen's friend); Dominick Capalba (Mary Ellen's 6 year old friend with brain cancer); Patty Fitzgerald (Mary Ellen's sister with terminal lung cancer); Jessica and Casey O'Neil (Kay Roseen's daughter and son-in-law) who work for the State Department; John Steffen (Lorli's brother with health concerns); Tammy (Lorli's niece who has an immune disorder); James Ilgenfritz (Erika's son); Peter Schelbli (Erika's nephew with cancer); Kevin (a friend of the congregation undergoing treatment for cancer); Chris Niederer (Pastor's son with immune system disorder): Doris Feirer (a friend of the congregation): Dennis Keohane (Catherine's uncle); Charlie and Mary Lewis (Fred's brother and sister-in-law with health concerns); Donna Maxwell with health concerns; James Mingo (Donna's grandson with health concerns); Arouss Darpinian (friend of the congregation with health concerns); Hana Kim (health concerns); Mary Sue (health concerns): Marcia & Chuck Hendron (Kay's parents); US citizens imprisoned in Russia: Paul Whelan (in prison for over six years) and Evan Gershkovich (a Wall Street Journalist detained since March 29, 2023); the hostages in Gaza; Christians under persecution and all experiencing violence, captivity, or war: the people of Israel, Gaza, Palestine; Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Afghanistan; Sudan; organizations and individuals who are providing resources and care for refugees: front line workers, medical researchers; health care workers, national and regional relief officials; those affected by natural disasters and wildfires.

Recently transitioned to heaven....The following people celebrated Easter before us: Walter Byrne (friend of the congregation) and Laurie Wahner (Lynn's sister). Rest eternal grant them, O Lord. Let your perpetual light shine upon them.

Let Lynn or Pastor know of any changes needed in the prayer list.



COMMEMORATIONS FOR THE WEEK

John Donne, poet, died 1631 Sunday, March 31, 2024

After finishing his education at Oxford University, Donne seemed headed for a career in the English public service. But a series of circumstances led him into the ordained ministry. He is well known as a writer of both secular and sacred poetry.

Benedict the African, confessor, died 1589 Thursday, April 4, 2024

Born into slavery on the island of Sicily, Benedict lived as a hermit until the pope ordered all hermits to attach themselves to a monastery, at which time Benedict joined the Franciscans. Though illiterate, he was highly respected as a confessor and later superior of his community.

Albrecht Dürer, died 1528; Matthias Grünewald, died 1529; Lucas Cranach, died 1553; artists Saturday, April 6, 2024

These great artists revealed through their work the mystery of salvation and the wonder of creation. Dürer's work reflected the apocalyptic spirit of his time. Though he remained a Roman Catholic, he was sympathetic to Martin Luther's reforming work. Grünewald's paintings are known for their dramatic forms, vivid colors, and depiction of light. Cranach's work includes many fine religious examples and several portraits of Martin Luther. Cranach was also widely known for his woodcuts.

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