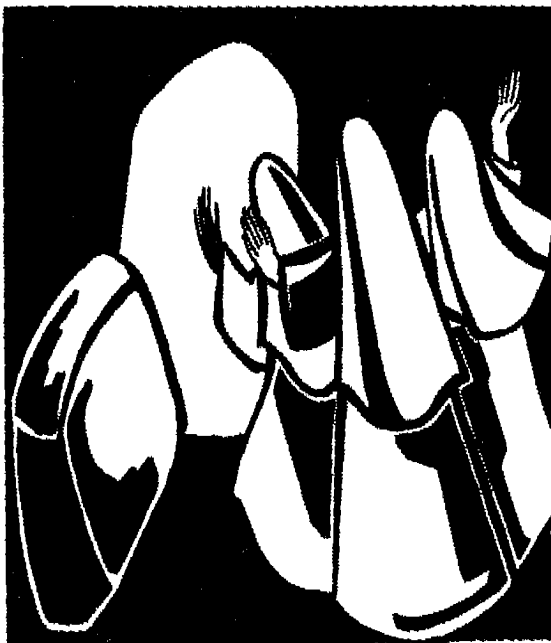


You're Welcome...



The Festival of the Resurrection- Easter March 31, 2024



Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky,
Heaven thunders forth its victor's cry;
The glad earth shouts its triumph high,
And groaning hell makes wild reply.

While he the King of glorious might
Treads down death's strength in death's despite,
And trampling hell by victor's right,
Brings forth his sleeping saints to light.

Hell's pains are loosed, and tears are fled;
Captivity is captive led;
The Angel, crowned with light, has said,
"The Lord is risen from the dead."

We pray thee, King with glory decked,
In this our paschal joy, protect
From all that death would fain affect
Thy ransomed flock, thine own elect.

LATIN HYMN, FIFTH CENTURY

**Our thanks to all who have given so very much for this resurrection celebration!
Have a blessed Easter!**

THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY E.L.C.A.

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The Liturgy of Holy Communion
9:00 AM
The Festival of the Resurrection
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Announcements

The Prelude: Handbell Choir: *Thine Is the Glory*, arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

The Easter Greeting:

P. Christ is risen!

C. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Entrance Hymn: #365 JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

The Apostolic Greeting:

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.

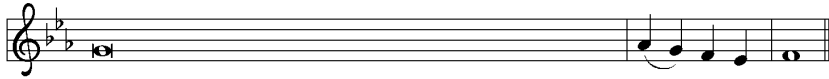
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



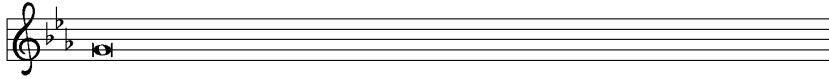
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



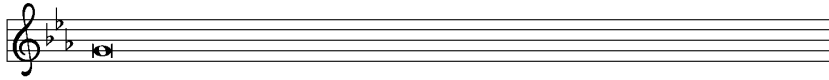
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

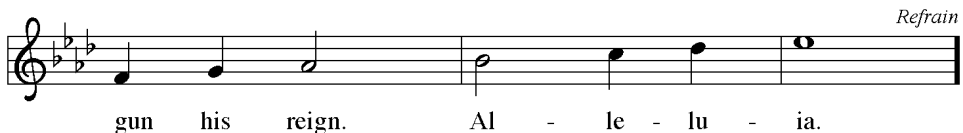
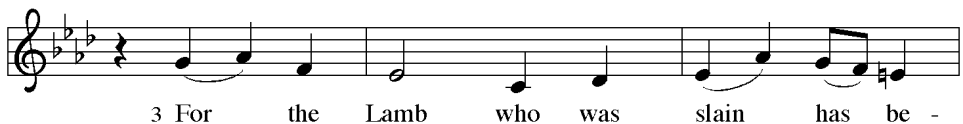
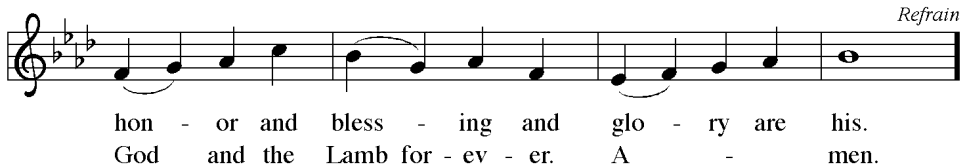
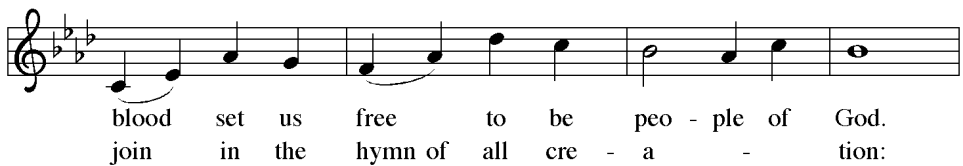
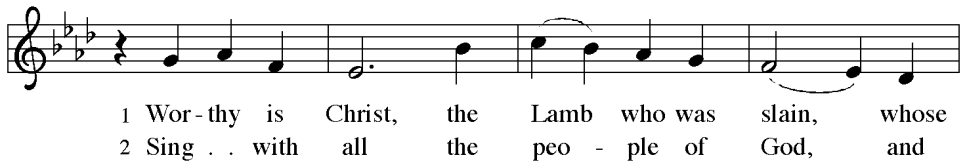
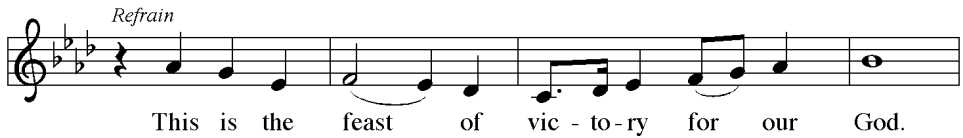


Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

This Is the Feast



The Prayer of the Day:

P. O God,

C. you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

[Please be seated.]

The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then 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."

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

(The congregation sings the Psalm Antiphon, and the verses in bold type.)



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

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

¹⁵**Shouts 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 is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. R**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

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

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

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.

L. The Word of the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

[Please stand at the conclusion of the lesson.]

The Gospel Procession: *Festival Alleluia*, James Chepponis

The Easter Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

P. The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C. Glory to you, O Lord, (spoken)

¹When the sabbath was over, 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. 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.

L. The Gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

The Gospel Recessional: *Festival Alleluia*, James Chepponis

The Sermon: The Rev. Mark Luscombe

[Silence for reflection follows the sermon.]

[Stand]

The Hymn of the Day: #367 NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

Nicene Creed

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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,* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The Prayers (*kneel*)

A. 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.

(after each petition, please respond)

A. God of grace, **C. hear our prayer.**

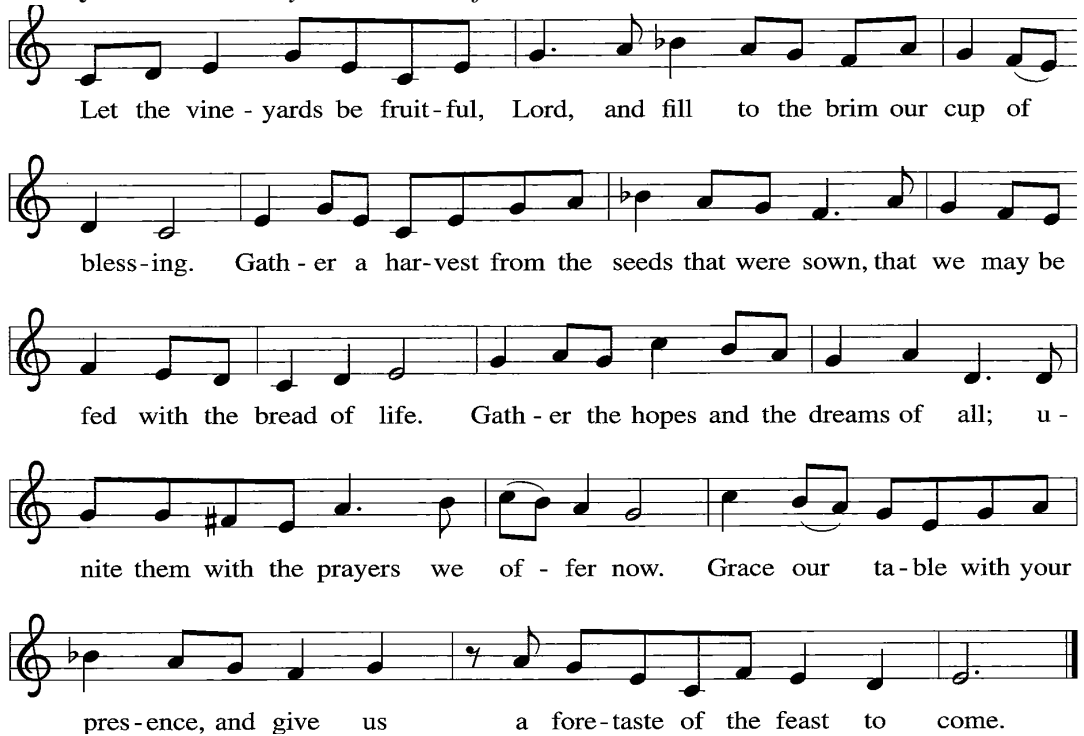
P. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C. Amen

[Please be seated.]

The Offering: Celebration Choir: *Christ is Alive*, Hal H. Hopson

The Offertory: *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful."*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. 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 the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Offertory Prayer

P. Risen One,

C. 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. Amen

The Preface Dialogue:

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.

The Proper Preface for Easter:

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Eucharistic Prayer

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints. To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

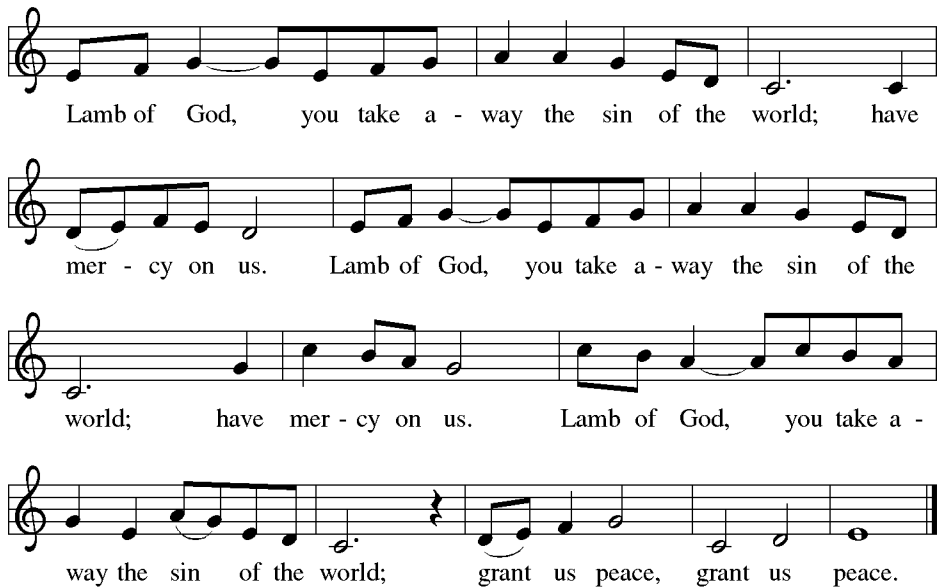
C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Fraction:

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

C. Thanks be to God!

The Agnus Dei - LAMB OF GOD



[Please be seated at the conclusion of this hymn.]

The Distribution:

(All are invited to come to the table, for either the bread, wine and grape juice or a blessing. If you are visiting, please follow the custom of your home congregation regarding participation of children at the table. We use a glass to receive the wine. The grape juice is pre-poured in the trays. Please join in the hymns provided for the communing of the faithful.)

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS (see next page)

#377 ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!

#485 I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

#380 HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

#379 NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES

The Blessing of Communicants:

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

C. Amen

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA, GIVE THANKS

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward:
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

The Post Communion Prayer:

A. Shepherding God,

C. 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. Amen

The Benediction

P. The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always.

C. Amen

The Recessional Hymn: #382 CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA!

The Dismissal

A. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A. Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C. Thanks be to God.

The Postlude: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*, arr. Jonathan Reuss

OUR WORSHIPPING COMMUNITY

Please do not forget to fill out a Communion Card. A communion and contribution of record necessary each year for confirmed Members to maintain their voting status.

ASSISTING MINISTERS

9:00 Kathy Kuhns

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

9:00 Lori Spitzer

LECTOR

9:00 Wendy Young

COUNCIL TEAM

9:00 Kathrin Baltz, Christy Boos

ACOLYTES

9:00 Anya Gilbert, Lillian Doughty
Joey McGinty, Natalie Mull

USHERS

9:00 Steve Sweigart, Carl Rentschler,
Andy Sweigart

AV

Live Stream

Deliver Flowers: Jo Hurst

ALTAR GUILD

9:00 Brenda Wangman, Heather Zimmerman,
Lisa Garrett

Launder Linens: Lori Spitzer

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR OUR FLOWERS/WORSHIP APPOINTMENTS TODAY:

✠ To the glory of God; by Les Doremus,
Marti Nissley and Dan Doremus.

Prayers of the People

Henry Perella – great-nephew of Judy Williams
The family of Michael Bowers – Dave Bower’s brother
David Albright – son of Betty Albright
Matthew – relative of Betty Albright
Les Doremus – Dan Doremus’ and Marti Nissley’s brother
Christina Clement – Judy Williams niece
Matt Dickersheid – Tom & Kitty Dickersheid’s son
Sue Rentschler – 116 Barn Owl Rd. Lititz, PA 17543
Judy Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522. Carpal tunnel surgery on February 1
Michael Williams – 921 N State St. Ephrata, PA 17522. Hip replacement surgery on Feb. 12
Phyllis Peters – c/o Brandon Peters 1311 Citlali Sun Ln, San Antonio, TX 78245
Tony Perella – Judy Williams’ nephew
Terry Gehman – 11 Pleasant Road, Gordonville, PA 17529
Brian Sweigart – The Gardens at Stevens, Rm. 313, 400 Lancaster Ave. Stevens, PA 17578
Hank & Pat Kajetzke – friends of Judy & Michael Williams
Alysha Fassnacht – Daughter in law of Sharon and Kurt Fassnacht
Connie Hutchinson – 1010 James Ave. Ephrata, PA 17522
Candice Walker – 270 Stevens Rd. Stevens, PA 17578
All people affected by war
Victims of natural disasters
Shut-ins of the Parish
President Biden and leaders of this nation, Leaders and policy makers of every nation
All outreach ministries, serving those in need
All those who have suffered losses during the current pandemic and all those front line and essential workers keeping us safe.



If for any reason you enter the hospital, whether outpatient or inpatient, please contact the church office and Pastor Mark. If you wish to be on the prayer list or have a friend or family member needing prayers, please contact the church office.

CONGREGATION REQUEST FOR PRAYER

The office staff does not know the current status of many on the list below. If there is a change in their life circumstance making it possible to remove their name from this list, please let the church office know.

Alexander Mulvenna
Emmalyn Mulvenna
Janet Brunner
Andrew Campbell
Michael Spennath
Asher D'Agostino
Paul Naffin

COL. Eric Bowers
Dan Wierbiki
Jacob Hinkle Jr.
Karen Woerner Kim
Kim Harnish
Rick Gerhard
Wyatt Geisthweit

Jim Weik
Heidi White
Johnny White
Jacob Connelly
Sally Wise
Walt & Helen Stever
Sue & Denis Rowe

Brent Stever
Alan & family
Dori Hoch
Cindy Stahl
Grant Hummer
Bruce Snader
Martha Becker
Crystal Perry

John Surdich
Elle Pogreba
Sue James
Ava Berkosky
Amy Pasili
Theresa Cimino
Roy Rettew

He is
Risen