

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 20, 2025



Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

WF'RF GLAD THAT YOU ARE HERE!

Navigating Worship

Congregational responses are written in bold.

AED Available Downstairs

In case of an emergency, an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is located in the stair tower on the first floor.

Nursery

The nursery is available downstairs—please wipe down toys used.

Streaming Video

We extend our worship from our building into our community on Facebook, and YouTube. The front two pews and chancel are visible on the video.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Presiding: Sister Marianne Brock Greeter/s: Betty Hollenbach Lector: Nancy Morgan

Acolytes: Nancy Morgan & CarolAnn Miller

Cantor/s: CarolAnn Miller
Music Dir: Frank Shue
Video Operator: Kay Trick

Communion Set Up: Paul Kaler and Ginny Engel

Communion Baker: Miriam Milbrand

Altar Flowers: Alicia Saxon & Aaron McMichael

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Ф GATHERING Ф

PRELUDE CHOIR INTROIT

FRANK SHUE BECAUSE HE LIVES

WRITTEN BY WILLIAM AND GLORIA GAITHER

*Affirmation Of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and we come before God to make public affirmation of baptism into Christ.

Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

*Profession Of Faith

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*AFFIRMATION

You have made profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. **Amen**.

*GATHERING SONG

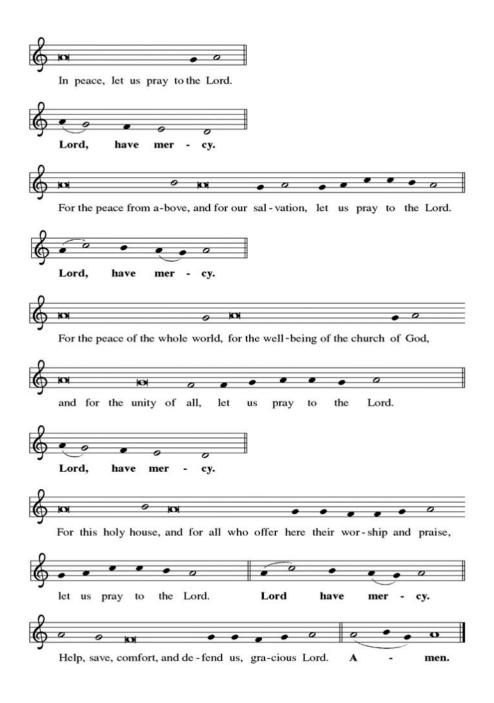
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Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds

*GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

ФWordФ

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 65:17-25

A Reading From Isaiah

- ¹⁷ For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
 - ¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem
 - for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
 - ¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

- No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
- for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
 - ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
 - ²² 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.
- They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD and their descendants as well.
- ²⁴ Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE

Refrain (sung twice at the beginning and once at the end)



Psalm Tone



- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good; God's mercy en- | dures forever.
 - ² Let Israel | now declare. "God's mercy en- | dures forever."
 - ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength I and my song, and has become | mv salvation.
- ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:
 - "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
 - ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD ¹ is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
 - ¹⁷ I shall not | die. but live. and declare the works of the LORD.
 - ¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun- ¹ ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- ver 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 righ- | teous may enter."
 - ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have I answered me and you have become | my salvation.
 - ²² The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.
 - ²³ By the LORD has I this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
 - ²⁴ This is the day that the | LORD has made; let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R (Repeat Refrain)

SECOND READING

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in the proper order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when Christ hands over the dominion to God, the Father, after destroying every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For Christ must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

*Gospel acclamation



The holy gospel according to St. John Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, 7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. 8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; 9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that Jesus must rise from the dead. 10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that Jesus had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Children make their way up to the front when called

HOMILY
*HYMN OF THE DAY

SISTER MARIANNE BROCK
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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION

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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plants seeds that flourish. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, hear our prayer.

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving God of grace, hear our prayer.

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, hear our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

*PEACE

Feel free to shake hands during Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

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OFFERING

An offering is collected in the plates located in the narthex and by the elevator. You may give electronically at http://newberlinlutherans.com/give.

CHANCEL CHOIR

CHRIST AROSE

BY ROBERT LOWRY

NARRATION BY DEB WETZEL

*Offertory # 184

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

*OFFFRING PRAYER

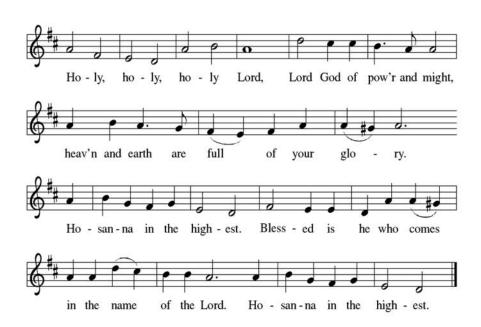
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water.
You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation.

We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful one, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love.

Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food.

Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb: through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us.

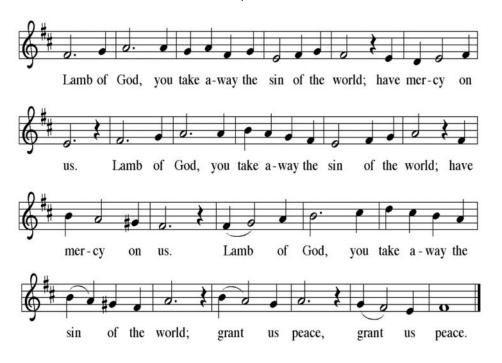
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

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.

*COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Both sides process forward simultaneously by the center aisle. At the front pew are empty cups for wine. The cups that are filled are grape juice. The Common Cup is also available.



COMMUNION SONGS

THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE IS WON # 366
GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING # 385

*Prayer After Communion

Please stand as you are able.

Let us pray.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

Ф SENDING Ф

*BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

We hear "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" as we go forth to
LIVE GOD'S GRACE; SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE; SERVE THE LORD
All are invited for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the parish hall.

The flowers on the altar were placed to the glory of God by Alicia Saxon and Aaron McMichael In memory of Mary Bowersox



The Spring Flowers that Decorate Our Sanctuary this Easter Morning are placed to the Glory of God by...

Frank Shue in memory of his wife Judy,

Clyde and Diane Walter in memory of their parents,

Margaret and Russel and Mary and Floyd.

Ronald and Frances Blatchley in memory of their mothers,

Audrey Thompson and Gertrude Blatchley.

Miriam Keister in memory of her husband Gene.

Mary Spangler in memory of her husband Harold and their son, Doug.

Tom and Miriam Milbrand in honor of their grandchildren, Miriam,

Romona, Griffin, Lilyana and Lincoln.

Kay Trick in memory of Loved Ones.

Mike and Deb Wetzel in memory of Calvin Wetzel.

Robert and Jean Sauers in memory of their parents.

Fellowship After The Service

Join us for fellowship every second, third, fourth and fifth Sunday of the month after the Worship Service.

Today's Fellowship Hour is hosted by Tom and Miriam Milbrand

7
2:30 pm





















Volunteers Needed to fill Candles with Oil. Training is Available

Any Questions? See Tom Milbrand





Thursday, May 8th @ 6 pm

New Berlin Fire Hall

Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings

"Just Folks" will entertain us

Ticket sales:

Adults: \$13.00

Children: \$ 6.00

As we have done in the past, we will be collecting items for the Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief. Please consider donating one or more of the following items:

4 oz. bars of soap metal nail clippers a lightweight cotton or cotton blend bath size towel, in a dark color adult toothbrushes

Purchase your tickets from Mim Keister by Sunday, May 4



Mifflinburg Back Pack Program

Please consider supporting the Mifflinburg Back Pack Program with a monetary gift. This program is for those children who

receive a free school lunch.

Unfortunately, if school is not in session, they often go hungry. Last year we had corporate sponsors but this year we do not. If you know of a business that may want to help those in need locally, please let Bill Hauck or Miriam Milbrand know. Thank you for blessing those in need.



Do you have a child or grandchild in College?

W.E.L.C.A will be packing goody boxes for our college students in April. Please let Miriam Milbrand know if you'd like your college student to receive a box. These are wonderful to receive during the stressful week of finals. The yummy treats are fun and the boxes let our students know that they are not forgotten, but rather, well thought of.

Membership Information/Update Form

Your Secretary would like to clean up and update our membership list. Please fill out the Update Form. I just need a general idea of when you were baptized, confirmed or transferred in. Also, please add your email address. Thank you for all your help.

Worship Leaders for Sunday, April 27, 2025

Presiding: Beverly Hoffman

Greeter/s: Jean Sauers Lector: Deb Wetzel

Acolytes: Emma Mitchell and Audrey Resseguie

Cantor/s: Alicia Saxon
Music Dir: Frank Shue
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Communion Set Up: Paul Kaler and Ginny Engel

Communion Baker: Miriam Milbrand

Altar Flowers:

Last Week 4/13/25

Attendance: 40 Giving: \$1270.00

Have a prayer request?

Fill out the yellow Prayer Request card and drop it in the offering plate or put it in the secretary's mailbox.

Need immediate prayers? Contact Tom Milbrand (272-305-0058), Diane Walter (570-966-0333), or Frances Blatchley (570-966-0288) to have prayers shared on the prayer chain.

Please remember to give Christine Rowe an update on the status of those on our prayer list.

Remember to fill out at least one Communion card each year.

Can't make it to church in-person?

Attend remotely on Facebook, YouTube and the phone. To listen in on the phone, call 570-989-8899.

In our **pr**ayers

Healing, wholeness, and encouragement

Long Term

Alicia Saxon, Noah Navickas, Matthew Myers, Steve Boonie, Lori Haines, Jeffrey Ames, Oliver Auman, Aimee Erdley, Bev Fausey, Christine Koons, Darrell O'Bryant, Robert "Butch" Hestor, Betty Reber, Michael Callahan, Angela Golfieri, Todd Miller, John Hollenbach, Eric Brosious, Kay Fleming, Taryn Myers, Brantley Herman, Timothy Shomper, Jane Ohlidia, Weston Treas, Trudy Livingston, Mick Hauck, Lark Springer, Logan Roush, Katelyn Mattison, Tena Decker-Norman, Mary Hoover, Laurie Thomas, John Wagner, Beth Ann Troutman, George Hauck, Sandy Raymond, Kathy Spangler, Dianne Bailor, Doug Aikey, Loretta Weatherill, Melissa Boonie, Adam Guzenski, Julia Hauck, Ellie Crane, Jami and Dylan Crane, Tracy Sassaman, Paul Burkholder, Sue Ulrich, Charlie Stabler, Shawna St. Claire, Stanley St. Claire, Larry St. Claire, Daytona Wentzel, Tim Walsh, Ted Kolvich, Ron Trick, Cameron Osgood, June Bingaman, Michelle (Pam Erdley's friend), Dick Devett, Grant Snyder

Short Term

Mary Wagner, Ken Walter, Janice Reaser, Carole Jacka, Deb Wetzel, Clay Powel, Diane Walter, Logan Hollenbach, Randy Rim Fultz

Providence and Protection for first responders and military service men and women Stanley Miller, Benjamin Pilko

Companionship, Prayer and Support for our Homebound Carol McJilton, Valda Sassaman, Julia Fetter, Mick and Mary Hauck, Nancy Hummel, Carole Jacka

Comfort for those who Grieve

For the family and friends of Dick Devitt, Bill Roush, Ralph "Zip" Geiswite Jr., Harold Spangler

This Week

Sunday, April 20

9 am Service of Holy Communion

Fellowship

Happy Resurrection Day!

Sunday, April 27

9 am Service of Holy Communion

Fellowship Sunday School

READINGS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Psalm for Monday-Wednesday is Psalm 118:1-2,14-24

 Mon.
 April 21
 Joshua 10:16-27
 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

 Tues.
 April 22
 Judges 4:17-23;5:24-31
 Revelation 12:1-12

 Wed.
 April 23
 2 Samuel 6:1-15
 Luke 24:1-12

Psalm for Thursday-Saturday is Psalm 150

Thurs. April 24 1 Samuel 17:1-23 Acts 5:12-16 Fri. April 25 1 Samuel 17:19-32 Acts 5:17-26 Sat. April 26 1 Samuel 17:32-51 Luke 24:36-40

Sunday, April 27 Acts 5:27-32

Psalm 150 Revelation 1:4-8 John 20:19-31