

**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday
April 20th 2025**



**+ St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church +
470 Church Hill Road, Ferndale, PA 18921**

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Worship – 10:00 a.m.

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*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever.
With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may
feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb.*

*But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the
liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we
celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with
all the world. Alleluia!*

The Entrance Rite

***Prayer & Prelude**

Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as
the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ✝ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured before or during the thanksgiving.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,
make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.
Amen.

Opening Hymn: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

LBW 151 vs 1,2&4

The Liturgy of the Word

The Apostolic Greeting

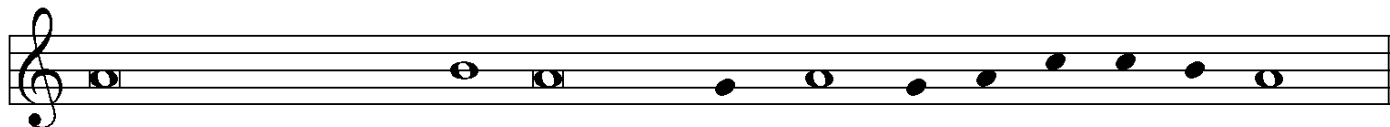
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C *And also with you.*

The Kyrie



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



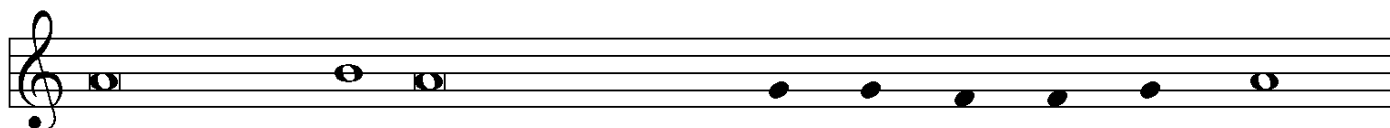
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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

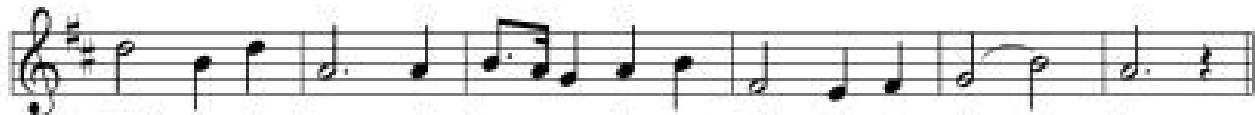


let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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

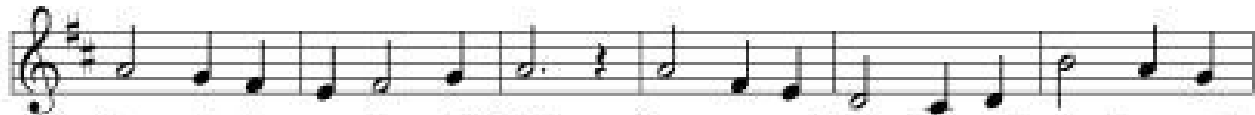
The Hymn of Praise



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



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



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



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



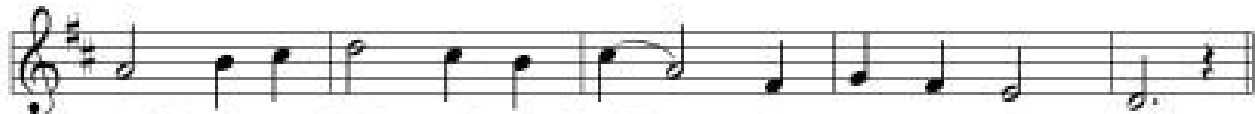
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



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



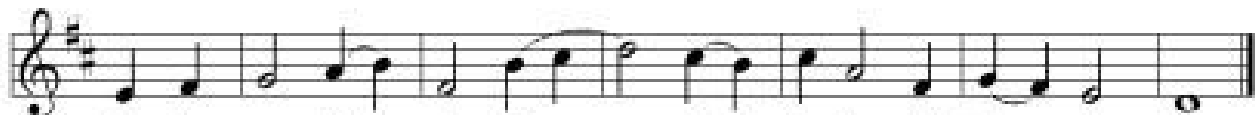
hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

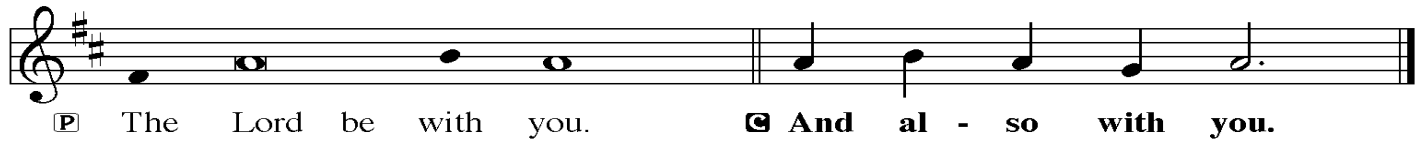


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

The Prayer of the Day



A Let us pray, 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.

C *Amen*

*The First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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.”

***The Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

¹Give 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.”

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 pun- | 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 | answered me**
and you have become | my salvation. R

²²The stone that the build- | ers 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: I Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

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

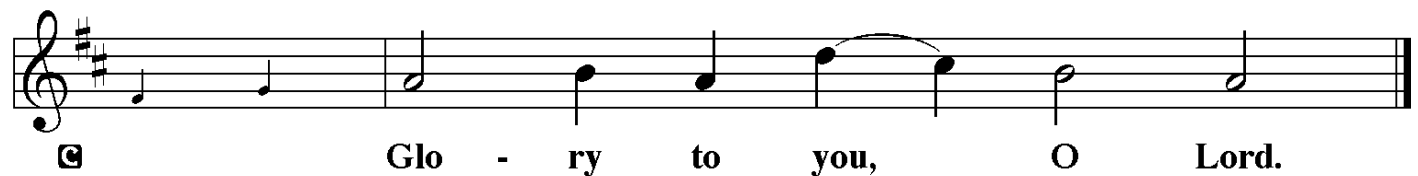
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: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

The Verse



The Gospel Lesson: Luke 24:1-12

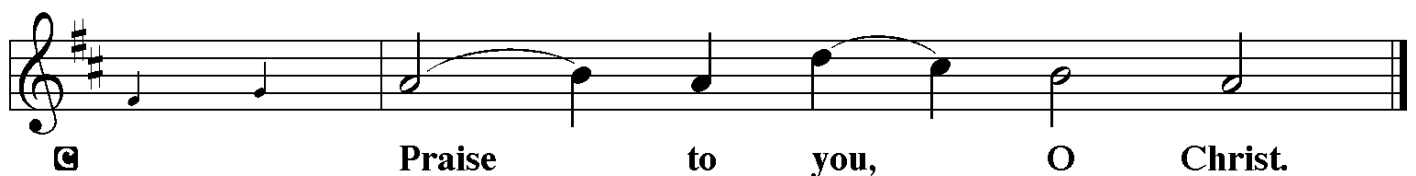
P (The Gospel Lesson is announced)



Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

(after the completion of the Gospel reading)



***The Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day: "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
LBW 135 vs 1-4**

The 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.**

*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.

The Prayers

A United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each petition the congregation will respond: Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

C *Amen*

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C *And also with you.*

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

*** Offering**

*** Anthem**

Allelu

Junior Choir - *Miles Bergen, Stewart Berk,
Claudia, Emma and Katie Page*

Easter Is Here

Mark Klingbeil and Donna Reiss

The Offertory

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 dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Generous God,
in this meal you offer your very self.
We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.
In the breaking of this bread
reveal to us the Risen One.
In the pouring of this wine
pour us out in service to the world;
through Christ our Lord.

C Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

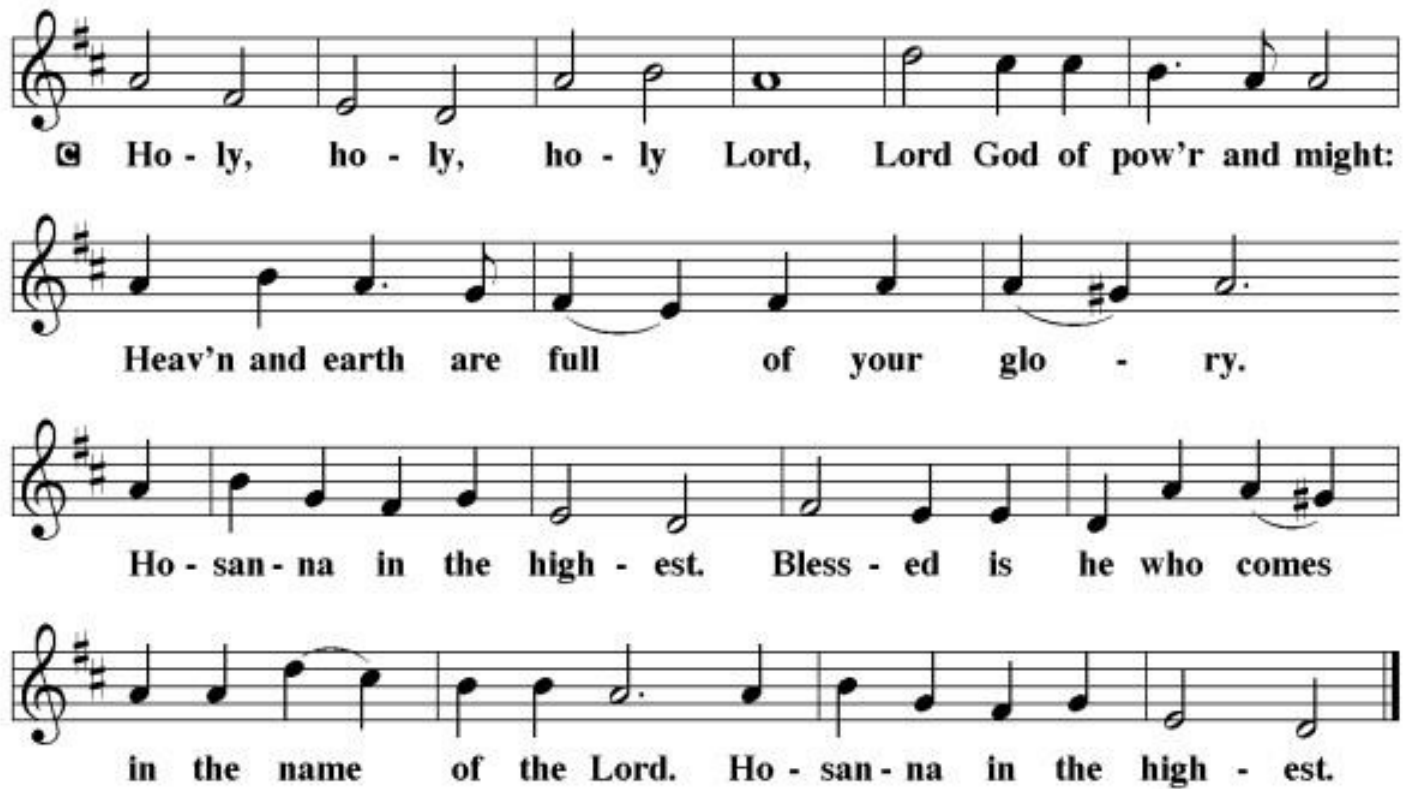
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God,

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Preface/Sanctus

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:



Thanksgiving

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

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 Invitation

P Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Lamb of God



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



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



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



grant us peace, grant us peace.

*The Communion

P The body of Christ, given for you.

P The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Post Communion Blessing

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

C Amen

Post Communion Canticle



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.
Let ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.
He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy
with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Post Communion Prayer

P 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.

C *Amen*

Benediction

P 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.

C *Amen*

Closing Hymn: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

LBW 128 vs 1,2&4

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One

C *Thanks be to God.*

Prayers and Postlude

*A very special “Thank You” to all of our musicians
for adding to the service in a heartfelt and inspirational way.*

**** Use of the (*) Means: Please Be Seated***

Mission & Vision Statement

The purpose and mission of St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church:
We are to be “Christ Centered Servants”.

Sharing Communion

Our Communion Practices include all who have been baptized. We celebrate the free Gift of God’s forgiveness when we come to his table. No one is forced to receive the sacrament but all are invited. If you chose not to receive the sacrament, please remain seated and pray.

***We Welcome You,
Who Are Visitors To Our Worship!
Please Join Us Regularly!***

If you have an announcement you would like to share, please give it verbally during the announcement period at the beginning of the service.

Easter Flowers are presented to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

- Given by The Berk Family (4 tulips)
in memory of Rose & Stewart Bear;
Robert & Marilyn Klingbeil
- Given by Lee Boytim (4 tulips)
in memory of Paul & Dorothy Boytim,
Jeff Boytim; Roni Klingbeil
- Given by Mary Fontenot (2 tulips)
in memory of my sisters and brothers
- Given by Alan Klingbeil (4 tulips)
in memory of Bob & Marilyn Klingbeil
- Given by Carol Lehr (1 lily)
in memory of Larry Lehr
- Given by Barbara McLaughlin (2 daffodils)
in memory of Joseph Szollosi
- Given by Donald Strouse (1 lily/2 tulips)
in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Strouse
- Given by The Page Family (2 tulips/2 daffodils)
in memory of Charles & Lorrain Brown;
Lois & August Sherner; Thomas Farthing;
Anna & David Warrick
- Given by Susan & Daniel Taber (2 tulips)
in memory of Donald & Mary Bottiger;
George & Carol Taber
- Given by Marie Wismer (1 lily)
in memory of Mark Wismer; Herbert & Ruth
Melchor; Oliver & Maryemma Melchor
- Given by Pat Young (1 daffodil)
in memory of Carl Young
- Given by Sandra & Paul McHale (1 daffodil)
in memory of Joseph G. Apoldo
- Altar lilies are given by The Gaibler Family (2 lilies)
in memory of Walter & Rosemary Gaibler

In Honor of:

- Given by Alan Klingbeil (2 lilies)
in honor of Ryan Fisher; Tommy Fisher
- Given by JoAnn Klingbeil (2 tulips)
in honor of Robert & Stewart Berk;
Zachary, Abigail & Hannah Chapman
- Given by Carol Lehr (1 tulip)
in honor of Michael, Donna, and Erik Lehr
- Given by Susan & Daniel Taber (2 daffodils)
in honor of Phoebe Mulvenna; Mia Mulvenna
- Given by Pat Young (2 daffodils)
in honor of Duane and Bruce Young and their
families; my sisters – Carol, Betty, Jan

To The Glory of God

- Given by Donna Love (1 daffodil)