

*I know that my
Redeemer lives.*

JOB 19:25 (NKJV)



ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

"Alleluia"

Theodore Dubois

WELCOME

Liturgist

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

OPENING PROCLAMATION

Rev. Kaul

Alleluia-the Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia!

THE CHRIST CANDLE IS LIT

Debbi B

G

and Robert D

People: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness will not overcome it!

Pastor: The Lord is Risen!

People: The Lord is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

HYMN #123 *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Kaul

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Liturgist

Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unflinchingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy, and lead us once again in your ways.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Kaul

God says to us, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Christ says to us, Do not be afraid.

We need not fear; we are forgiven, we are loved, we are redeemed!

Alleluia!

*GLORIA PATRI

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART (Children's Time) Rev. Kaul

ANTHEM *"Hallelujah! He Is Risen"* P. Bliss/B. Buda

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Liturgist

FIRST READING Liturgist
Jeremiah 31:1-6 O. T. pg 733

31 "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

2 This is what the LORD says:

"The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel."

3 The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;

I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

4 I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful.

5 Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit.

6 There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

GOSPEL READING Rev. Kaul

Matthew 28:1-10

N.T. pg.33 ☺

SERMON *"The Ultimate Surprise"* Rev. Norlita Kaul

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN #119 *"The Strife Is O'er"*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended

into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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. Amen

THE EUCHARTIST

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Offertory *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"* arr. David Johnson

*Doxology

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION/THANKSGIVING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN #104 *"Christ Is Risen Shout Hosanna"*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BENEDICTION

**May the Lord watch between me and thee while we are absent,
one from another. Amen.** *(Mizpah Benediction)*

POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Lass tuns Erfreun"* Gilbert Martin

SYMBOLS:

- * - Those who are able, please stand.
- ☺ - Older children leave for Sunday School



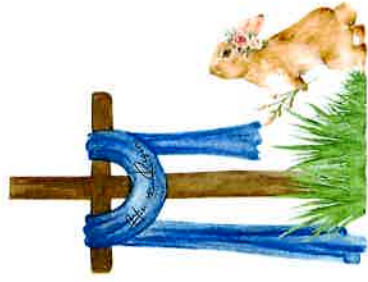
LITURGIST- John A

USHERS- TEAM #2

COFFEE/FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Worship Committee

COUNTERS- WEEK B

FLOWERS- In loving memory of our mother, Margaret "Mickey" Lundgren given by her children.



Easter Surprise Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 2/3 cup sugar
- 1 cup Butter, softened
- 1 large Egg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 48 jelly beans
- Glaze (Topping)
 - 1 1/2 cups powdered sugar
 - 5 to 6 teaspoons milk
 - 1 1/3 cups sweetened flaked coconut
 - Food coloring, if desired

DIRECTIONS:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Combine all cookie ingredients except flour and jelly beans in bowl. Beat at medium speed, scraping bowl often, until well mixed. Stir in flour until well mixed.

Shape rounded teaspoons of dough into 1-inch balls. Place 1 jelly bean in center of each ball making sure candy is covered with dough. Place cookies 2 inches apart onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 15-18 minutes or until edges are lightly browned. Cool completely.

Combine powdered sugar and enough milk for desired glazing consistency in bowl; stir until smooth. Tint coconut with food color, if desired. Dip tops of cookies in glaze; sprinkle with coconut.

Announcements

Sunday, April 9

Resurrection of the Lord/Easter Monday



THE DEACONS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youth and young at heart after worship. Come and join us!

Easter Monday, April 10 - Office Closed

Deacons Meeting in Bonham Hall @ 7P.M.

Board of Deacons



**Thursday, April 13 - Session Meeting
in Bonham Hall @ 6:30 P.M.**



Sunday, April 16, 2023- Holy Humor Sunday



**Monday, April 17, 2023- Trustee Meeting
In Bonham Hall @ 7:00 P.M.**

SAVE THE DATE

TIME OUT TUESDAY

"Celebrate Spring Make N Take"

Date: Tuesday, April 18 @ 12:00 P.M. in Bonham Hall

Lunch will be followed by an easy project, with all necessary materials provided.

Please RSVP to the office (856)455-0809 by April 14.



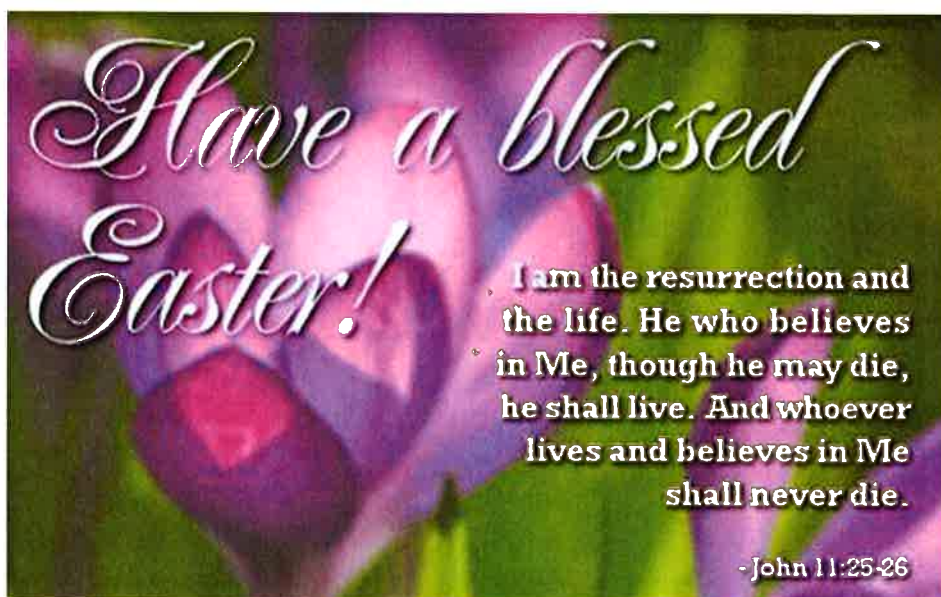


Music Sunday: Together!



Help us keep our Installation Weekend party going!
On **Sunday April 30th**, we'll be having a "**Music Sunday**" full of several musical selections, during our worship service. We'd like to include 3 Hymns that our congregation would like to sing. **Please submit the titles/numbers of your favorite hymns to our church office by April 15th.** The 3 most requested hymns will be included for this day. We'll keep the list of hymns submitted for future times of worship, such as this.

We're so blessed to have so many talented musicians in our midst, along with our choir. We praise and thank God for them, and our ability to praise our God through the gift of music!
~Thanks for your help, The Worship Committee



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