

Sunday, April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



He is risen. Alleluia!

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
2000 West Sixth St. Racine, WI 53405
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love, and Serve

The beautiful flowering plants in our sanctuary this morning are in honor or memory of:



In memory of Dolly Johnson, given by William Johnson
In honor of her friends and family, given by Susan Anderson
In memory of Don Dobrowski given by Gloria and family with love
In memory of Ken & Bill Desens given by Aunt Gloria Dobrowski
In honor of the Ayotte & Dobrowski families, give with love by Gloria
In memory of Ed & Mary Larsen, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen
In memory of Jim Larsen, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen
In memory of our dad, Allen Carlson, given with love by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney
In memory of our parents, Joe and Kathy Cuccio, given with love by Jim, Joleen, and Courtney
In loving memory of Tom Lajiness, given by his wife Evelyn
In loving memory of Sarah Lajiness, given by her mom, Evelyn
In memory of George & Naomi Hahner, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra
In memory of William & Gertrude Komistra, given by Heidi & Mark Komistra
In honor of Amelia, Cooper, and Adeline Komistra, given with love by Grandma & Grandpa
In memory of Judy & Earl Born, given by Sally Born-McReynolds
In memory of Sandy Bisotti, given by Sally Born - McReynolds
In memory of Pastor Walter Hermanns, given by Mike & Kim Ackley
In memory of Domingo Chavez, loving husband and beloved father and grandfather, given by the Chavez family
In memory of Bill & Josie Beckett, loving parents and grandparents, given by the Chavez family
In loving memory of Vernon Riekana, given by his wife, Carol Riekana
In memory of Bill & Josie Beckett given by the family
In loving memory of Faith Rose Haluska, given by Grandma & Grandpa Bequeaith
In loving memory of Dawn Barootian, given by her family
In memory of Florence Svendsen, given with love by her family
In memory of Viggo Svendsen, given with love by his family
In honor of Alice and Joakim Barootian, given by Grandpa
In memory of Dick & Effie Reitsma, given with love by their family
In memory of Art, Evy, & Dave Fox, given with love by their family
In memory of Jean Veltman, given by Kate Potter-Barrow
In honor of her delightful grandkids, Pixie, Spitfire, and Whippersnapper, given by Grandma Kate
In loving memory of her sister JoAnn Schwartz, given by Lynn Sinclair
In memory of our loved ones, given by the Sinclair family
In memory of her husband Pete, given with love by Barb Maier
In loving memory of her father, Ronald Schindhelm, given by Christine Monreal
In memory of Edna & Kenneth Sorensen and Ione & Ben Holmquist, given by Linda & Wayne Holmquist
In memory of Cliff & Vera Rolfson, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litau
In memory of Henry & Olive Maier, given by Cathie Rolfson and Lynn & Chris Litau
In loving memory of her mom, Eleanor Samarzea, given by her daughter, Lori Neu
In loving memory of Joe & Kathy Cuccio, given by Kevin & Joan Watson
In loving memory of Teresa Simmons, given by Kevin & Joan Watson
In memory of Oscar & Mabel Krause, given with love by Kay Krause

*Please stand if you are able where there is an asterisk * in the bulletin*

PRELUDE

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Easter Again” (GB) Senior Choir

(The lyrics are printed on the back of the bulletin)

*Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed!**

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Christ is Risen! **He is Risen indeed...ALLELUIA!**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today hymn 365

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

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

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC “*And This Is Why We Sing*” (GB) Sunday School & Youth Choir

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PSALM 118 (GB) Sung by the Senior Choir

***GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

This Joyful Eastertide

This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
sprung to life this mor - row. Had Christ, who once was
slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our faith had been in
vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -
ris - en; but now has Christ a - ris - en!

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934
Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

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***GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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 he 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 he had said these things to her.

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

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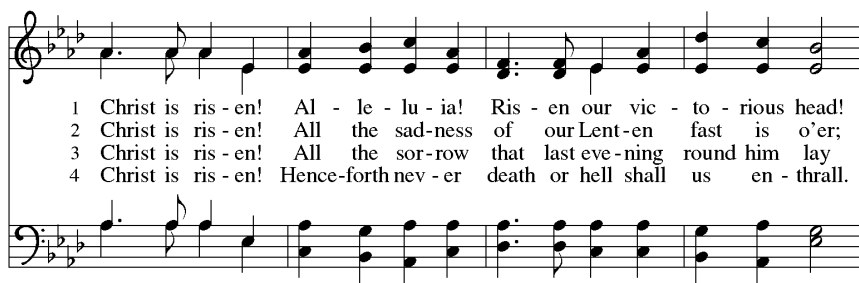
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SPECIAL MUSIC “Resurrection” (GB) Senior Choir

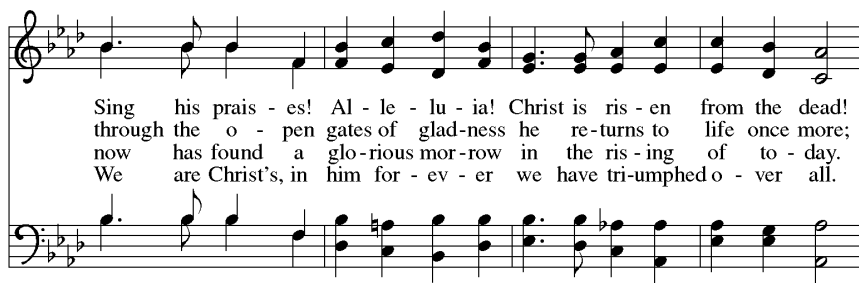
SERMON Pastor Laura Fladten

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

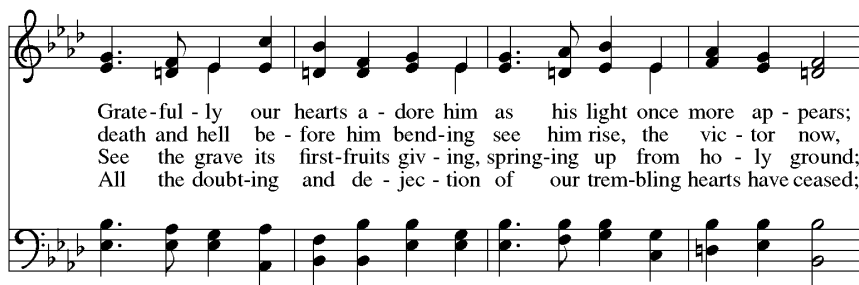
Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;
now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Refrain
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



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

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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**

MEAL

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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LAMB OF GOD

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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.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

*PEACE

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

OFFERING

*OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

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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.

Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray. (brief silence)

Risen Christ, You are the source of all joy, and in Your resurrection from the dead, You demonstrated how light can emerge from darkness And life and good can emerge from even the darkest difficulties of life. Help us to experience joy - and to generate joy wherever we live, work, or play - even amid life's challenges. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Risen Christ, You show us what it means to be fully alive, to claim the promises of Your abundance, and to be awake to all that this life has to offer. Foster in us true and profound thankfulness for all of the ways in which we have been blessed beyond our deserving, that we in turn might be a blessing to others. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Risen Christ, Your death and resurrection remain an unmistakable sign of your unconditional love for all of Your children. Open our eyes and hearts to see and appreciate the common humanity that all people share. Give us a love for others that supersedes differences in race, ethnicity, social class, sexual orientation, or anything else we erect as a barrier between ourselves and others. Help us love one another with a love without reservation or hesitation. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Risen Christ, Your resurrection from the dead reminds us of the wonder and beauty of springtime - and of the amazing earth you have fashioned for us to inhabit. Help all of us to make our way through the world with greater mindfulness of the fragile beauty all around us- with greater awareness of the damage we have done and continue to do - and with greater determination to restore our planet's health for those who come after us.

Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Risen Christ, You are with us from our first breath to our last breath, upholding us and sustaining us even through life's most painful challenges. Continue to walk with all who are struggling with troubles in mind, body or spirit - contending with depression or addiction - feeling discouraged or lonely - or mourning the death of a loved one. Today we pray for..... Bestow Your amazing grace upon them and upon those who care for them.

Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Risen Christ, even as we throw off the gray seriousness of Lent for the Alleluias of Easter, continue to remind us of the importance of clinging to your word, of holding fast to your promises, of discarding unnecessary distractions, and of living lives of compassion and kindness, that we may taste life's greatest joys. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, that we might continue to experience the full measure of Your light and love and grace, made manifest in Christ Jesus, our Risen Lord and Savior,
AMEN.

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.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Thine Is the Glory

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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

JUDAS MACCABAEUS
5 5 6 5 6 5 and refrain

***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!

Happy Easter!

Special thanks to greeters Joellen Childs and Aaron Childs, assisting minister Jim Black, communion assistants James, Alyssa, James & Luke Ricchio, Amy Larsen, and Danielle Simonovic, ushers Jim Carlson, Roger Degerman, David Leisner, and Gary Wood, altar guild Susan Barbee, Val Conner, and Barb Salvo, audio visual technician Barb Salvo, council person in charge Kylee Albright, Gregory Berg and the Senior Choir, Kate Potter Barrow and the Sunday School and Youth Choir, and organist Randy Fischer for sharing their time and talent with us this morning.



Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of Ed Larsen on his birthday, given by Amy Larsen and Bob & Karen Larsen.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Easter Plants

Thanks to all who purchased a plant for our Easter garden and to the Worship & Music team who arranged them so beautifully. If you purchased a plant you can pick it up after worship this morning, or next week, Tuesday through Friday, when the office is open. If you don't remember what kind of plant you ordered, there is a list on the piano.

Save the Date! Stained Glass Presentation June 1st

Come hear about stained glass window artistry, interesting facts about our stained glass windows and an overview of what will be happening with our windows! Enjoy some light refreshments and a presentation by a representative from Willet Studios in Winona, MN. RSVP to church office via email, office.hclc@gmail.com or phone 262-632-8802 with the number attending please!

Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Lynn Helmke for sponsoring this month's Diaper Depot delivery in memory of Walter Hermans. The Depot provides available diapers in varying sizes for \$30/month. Sponsorship is a huge help in providing diapers and wipes to serve families in need. If you would like to sponsor a month in honor or memory of someone, please let us know. Also, if you have children's books at home you no longer need, please bring them in for the Diaper Ministry.

Our next distribution dates are April 23rd from 4PM – 6PM and May 14th from 11AM – 1PM. Contact Kylee Albright kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions or if you would like to volunteer. Thank you!

Holy Communion Honey Do List

Are you looking to volunteer without having to attend meetings? Do you like to do things on your own time? Do you enjoy light painting, clean up and fixing things? If so, you are the perfect fit for tackling things on the Holy Communion Honey-Do list. We could use some help with the following:

- painting
- light wall repair
- general cleaning
- organizing

If you are interested, please contact Gregg Albright at 262-989-6432 or kygregg@mac.com. Thank you!

Finance Update

February Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$42,898.84
Expense: \$44,134.23
Net Income: \$(1,295.39)

Year to Date Finance Numbers
Revenue: \$ 99,796.50
Expense: \$103,945.99
Net Income: \$(4,149.49)

In person attendance Sunday, April 13 - 153 online attendance - 27

Cooking With Class, April 29th

Staci Joers will be back to HCLC on at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 29th with another cooking class. The 151st running of the Kentucky Derby will take place on Saturday, May 2nd. Can't make it?!? Well, let's try our some of these Southern favorites that will make you fee like you're right there. The menu will be: old fashioned pimento cheese with crackers, shrimp-n-grits, jalapeno cheddar cornbread with hot honey, and chocolate pecan pie with bourbon whipped cream. The class is \$25 and must be paid before April 22. Get your reservation in to the church office soon, before the class sells out! Contact Marianne Jensen with questions - marjen722@yahoo.com

Food Pantry

In April the food pantry asked for donations of spaghetti sauce, mixed fruit, spaghettiios, side dishes, instant potatoes and tuna. If you have greeting cards, pens or pencils you will no use, the pantry clients would be happy to receive them. They always need clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags and brown paper grocer bags to pack food in. Thank you to all of you who donate and volunteer. We could not do it without you!

Ketchup Club Breakfast, Tuesday, April 29

Come join us for breakfast at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 29th at Douglas Avenue Diner, 5121 Douglas Avenue. These casual get-togethers are a wonderful, relaxed way to catch up with old friends and make some new ones! Please let Pastor Laura or the office know if you will be there (pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com or office. hclc@gmail.com) so we can reserve the right size table. If you unexpectedly find yourself free that morning, please come and join us and we will happily make some extra room at the table for you!

Upcoming Worship, Education, Fellowship, and Service Opportunities

Monday, April 21 - Office Closed
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, April 22 - 1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, April 23 - 4:00-6:00 Diaper Ministry
Friday, April 25 - 12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, April 27 - 9:30 Worship
Monday, April 28 - 10:00 Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, April 29 - 9:30 Ketchup Club at Douglas Ave. Diner
6:00 Cooking With Class
Friday, May 2 - 12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, May 4 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
First Communion Celebration

Lyrics to the Senior Choir's Choral Call to Worship "Easter Again"

Forty days of somber gray. forty days to watch and pray.
Forty days when all our joy was put away.
Forty days we wandered lost. Forty days to count the cost.
Forty days we were frozen in winter's frost - but now we lift a new song aloft!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Let all our joyous blend!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Easter Again!

Forty days have slowly passed. Forty days we kept the fast.
Watching, waiting, praying to the very last.
Forty days of desert sands, wandering through barren lands,
Forty days of empty and outstretched hands- but now in gardens of grace we stand!

Alleluia

Forty days of dark and doom. Forty days of pain and gloom.
Forty days imprisoned in sorrow's tomb.
Forty days give way to spring. Love awakens everything!
Flowers bright and beautiful we bring- and this is the Easter song we sing!

Alleluia