

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELLS**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

**C Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

*LBW 128 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"*

## EASTER DIALOGUE

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain!  
Alleluia!

**C He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!**

P Rejoice then, even in your distress.

**C We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.**

P God has claimed us as his own.

**C God has called us from darkness into the light of his day.**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

# 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 people of God and join in the



hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

**C Amen**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

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

*(Refrain: This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.)*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

**C <sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**C 15** Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

**C 17** I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. *(Refrain)*

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

**C 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.”

**C 21** I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. *(Refrain)*

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

**C** <sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**C** *(Refrain)*

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**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

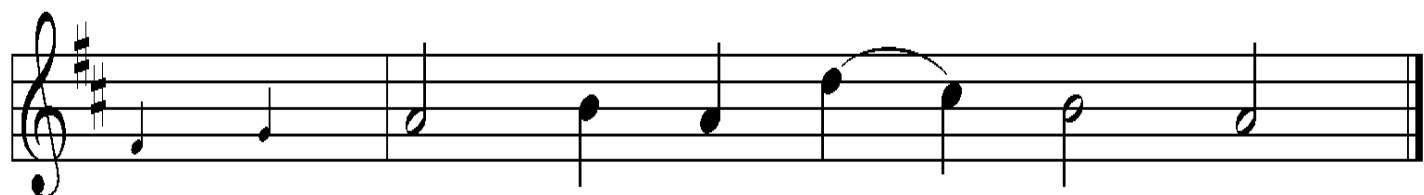


Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

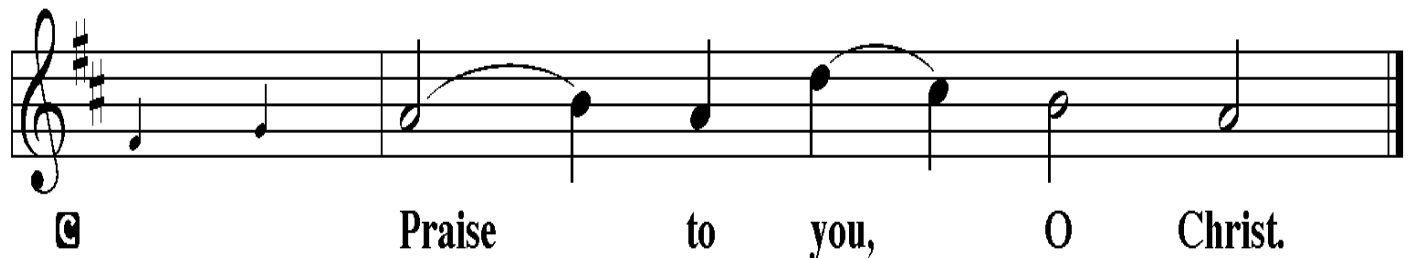


Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here,

for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.



## CHILDREN’S SERMON

**SERMON**      *Pastor Timothy Holt*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*LBW 130 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”*

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and

fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. *(We pray especially for Brenda, Donna, Ely, Katrina, Wilma Buchta, Amy DeKemper, Connie Hall, Elizabeth Hansen, Alice June Harker, Lana Hoffman, Mary Ann Jerger, Carol Keller, Zach Leinenbach, Barb Mehringer, Logan Musgrave, Bob Nugent, Christine Probst, Annette Schepers, JoAnn Schnarr, Jim Seitz, Kaine Seitz, Patricia Sendelweck, Bob*

*Shelton, and all those we name before you either silently or aloud.)* Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. We pray that you guide the military serving to protect us. Grant them safety and wisdom to carry out their assigned duties. *(We pray especially for Austin Breitwieser, Luke Himsel, Cooper Uebelhor, and Devin Wilson.)* Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**



fed with the bread of life. Gather 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.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

**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.**

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNION

*All who are baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Children who have not yet received instruction about Holy Communion are invited to come forward for a blessing. As you approach the*

*communion assistant, the first will hand you the bread. Take and eat it. Then take a communion cup from the tray. After you have taken the wine, place your empty cup in the tray table beside the pillar.*

## **RECEIVING FIRST COMMUNION**

May you feel the presence of the Lord now and forever as you receive him at your First Communion.

*Camden Werner*

*RaeLynn Ely*

*Jume Stemle*

## **DIALOGUE**

The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

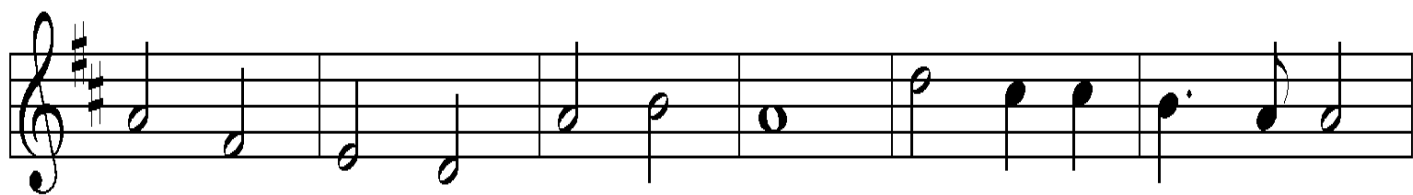
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

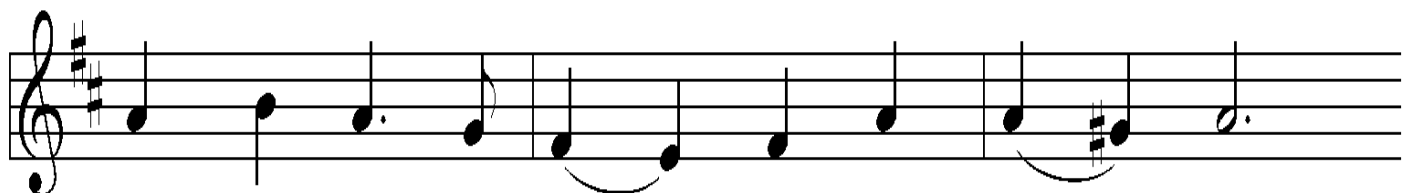
## PREFACE

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 ever-living God, but chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all 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:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.





Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## HANDBELL ANTHEM *“Risen, Hallelujah”*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

*LBW 148 “Now the Green Blade Rises”*

*LBW 135 “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”*

*WOV 801 “Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise”*

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

**C Amen.**

### POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

☞ 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.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray

**Gracious God, 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.**

## BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

**C Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN**

*LBW 352 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives!"*

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Mission Statement:** *Worship Boldly, Empower for Discipleship,  
Cultivate Spiritual Maturity, Strengthen Community, Serve.*

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# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR YOUR SERVICE TODAY:

**Greeters:** Tony & Deann Mann  
**Comm. Asst:** Tina Terwiske  
**Video:** Lori Keller  
**Organist:** Arlene Vonderheide  
**Lay Reader:** Doug Wiseman  
**Audio:** Keith Keller  
**Acolytes:** Hudson Stemle  
**Altar Guild:** Brandi Dodd and Erin Kalb

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 215 SS: 13**

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> – Apr. 12<sup>th</sup>

Sun. April 5 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir Practice
	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday Worship Service <i>(with First Communion)</i>
Tues. April 7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 PM	WELCA Meeting
Wed. April 8 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 AM	Archive Meeting
	6:30 PM	Handbells
Thurs. April 9 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Blanket Tacking
Sun. April 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:30 AM	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 AM	Chancel Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday Worship Service <i>(Sunday School following communion until 10:30 AM)</i>



## *Easter Flowers*



<i>Sue Striegel and family</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Wanda &amp; Larry Krodel</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>June Harker</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Marvin &amp; Vicky Eisenhut</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Don &amp; Arlene Vonderheide</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Cheryl Hauser</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Mary Bauer and family</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Dennis &amp; Dorothy Hautsch</i>	<i>In memory of loved ones</i>
<i>Joe &amp; Brenda Pfister</i>	<i>In memory of Edward and Irma Wening and loved ones</i>

## ***Easter Flowers***

*John & Judy Wessel*

*In memory of loved ones*

*Glenn & Marie Neukam*

*In memory of loved ones*

*Wilma Hoffman & family*

*In memory of loved ones*

*Darlene Ziegler*

*In memory of loved ones*

## ***Palms on the Cross donated by***

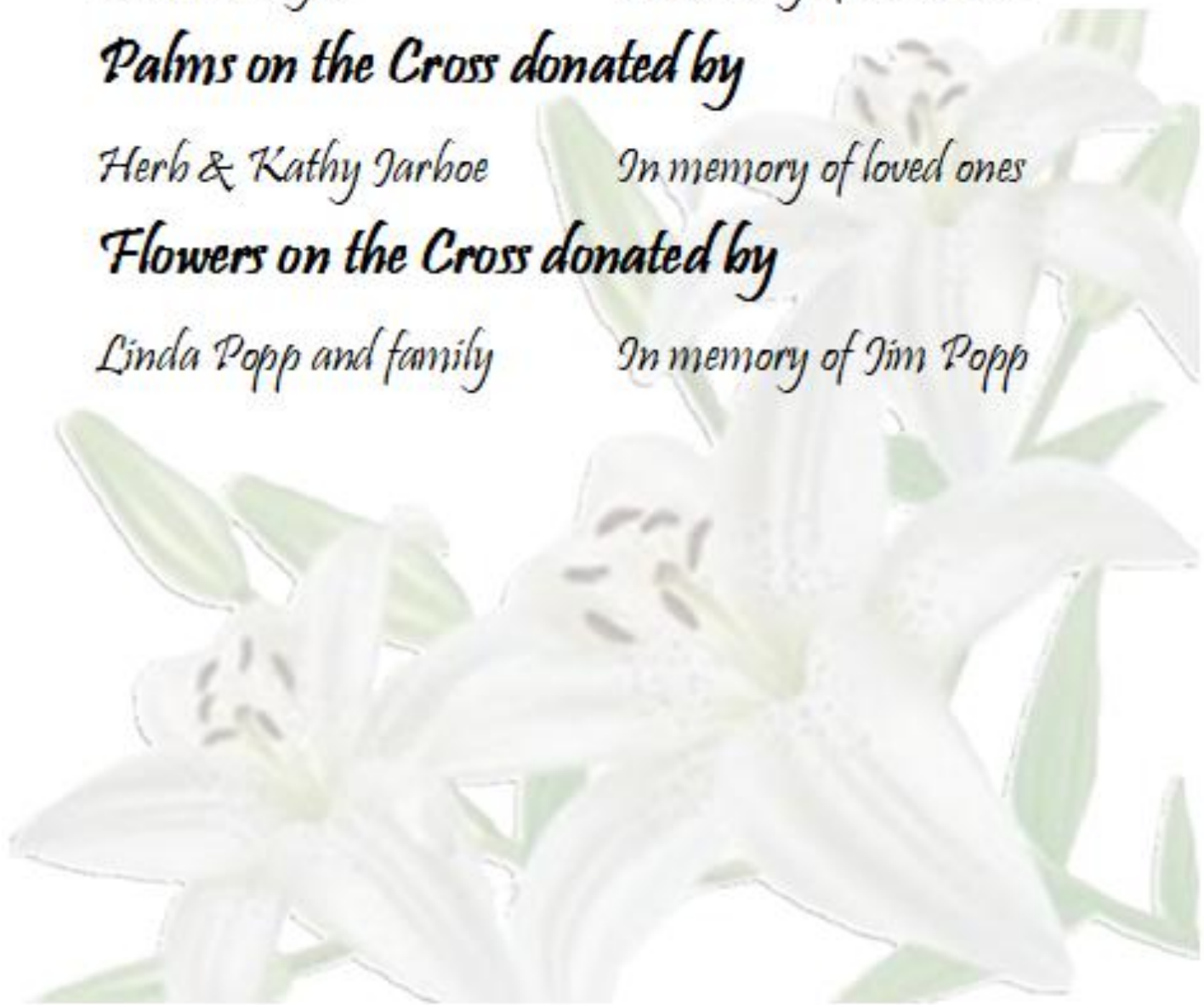
*Herb & Kathy Jarboe*

*In memory of loved ones*

## ***Flowers on the Cross donated by***

*Linda Popp and family*

*In memory of Jim Popp*



# ST. PAUL'S ANNOUNCEMENTS



## BRIGHT FUTURES

**SCHOLARSHIP** Scholarship applications for seniors are located at the visitors Center. Due on May 10<sup>th</sup>.

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St. Paul's will be doing the **SENIOR SPOTLIGHT** section again this year in the June newsletter. If you have a high school or college senior graduating in 2026, please submit a small article with a picture by May 10<sup>th</sup>. Pictures and articles can be submitted by hard copy or email. Please bring them to the church office or email them to:

[secretaryst.paul@frontier.com](mailto:secretaryst.paul@frontier.com)



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The next **WELCA** meeting will be on April 7<sup>th</sup>. The program will be making a paper flower arrangement with Marcie (*from church office*). Please bring a pair of scissors and a glue gun; if you have one. All other supplies will be provided.

# SUNDAY SCHOOL

*April + May 2026*

4/5

Easter Egg Hunt: No Class

4/12

PreK-1st: Jesus the Good Shepherd

2nd -6th: John the Baptist

4/19

PreK-1st: Go and Tell

2nd -6th: Jesus Heals the Sick

4/26

PreK-1st: Go and Tell

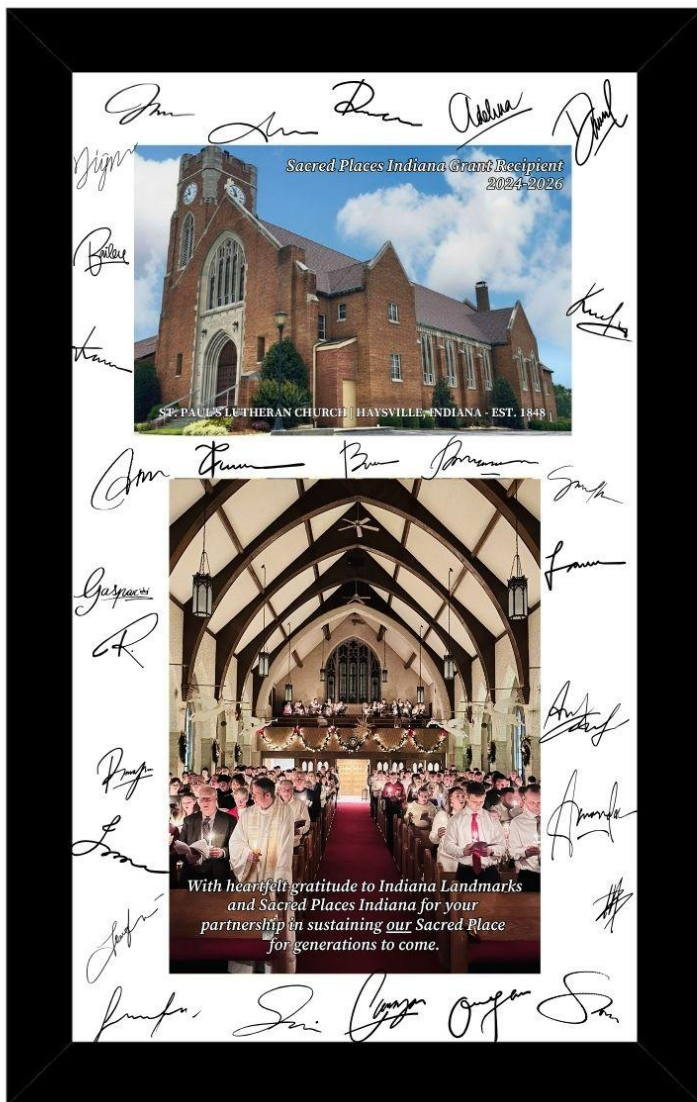
2nd -6th: Zacchaeus

5/3

Backpack Buddies + End of Year Party



**ST. PAUL'S MEMBERS (OF ALL AGES!):**  
**THE SACRED PLACES GRANT IS**  
**NEARING COMPLETION - THANK YOU**  
**FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL!**  
**PLEASE SIGN THE PHOTO MAT**  
**LOCATED IN THE LOBBY THAT WILL**  
**BE PRESENTED TO INDIANA**  
**LANDMARKS /SACRED PLACES**  
**INDIANA IN GRATITUDE FOR**  
**SUPPORTING ST. PAUL'S.**

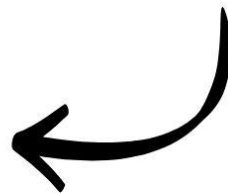


**PLEASE** only use the  
**black "Mr. Pen"**  
**pen to sign.**  
**Thank you!**

**All members** are  
**invited to sign their**  
**name!**

**This gift will soon be**  
**presented to the**  
**Sacred Places Indiana**  
**team during their final**  
**walk-through.**

**Example of how we**  
**hope the gift will look -**  
**only a lot more**  
**signatures!**



**THANK**  
**YOU!**



## In Service to Our Country

Austin Breitwieser

Redzikowo, Poland

AMC Luke Himsel

Virginia Beach, VA

Joshua Hoffman

San Diego, CA

Cooper Uebelhor

Colorado Springs, CO

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*He is risen*