



ASCENSION  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

*The  
Resurrection of  
Our Lord*

# EASTER SUNDAY

*Divine Service*

*Alleluia!* Christ  
Jesus abolished  
death and brought  
life and immortality  
to light through the  
gospel. *Alleluia!*

2 Timothy 1:10b

APRIL 9, 2023 ✝ 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

# SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are so glad that you are here! This is God's House and He put the wiggle in children, so please feel completely at home and try these tips from parents who've gone before you:



**Sit towards the front:** That's where children can easily see the procession, note the colors and watch the pastor and leaders.

**Help your child look and listen:** Tell them key words that will be used often. Point out crosses, banners and other reminder of Jesus and His Good News.

**Participate joyfully!** Sing, fold your hands for prayer, stand and kneel. Bring them to the Communion rail for a blessing. Your child will model your actions. He or she watches everything that you do.

**Involve your child:** Encourage them to say and pray their parts: "*Amen. Lord have mercy. I believe... Our Father...*" Ascension at Prayer allows you to learn songs and prayers ahead of time so that children recognize them as their own.

**If You and Your Child Must Leave:** There is a nursery for emergencies, but please come back. What we do here promises to engage your children little-by-little and shape them powerfully and forever.

If you need help, just ask! We are here to serve Jesus who said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Luke 18:16)



## ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Our greatest desire is to share in the blessing of the Lord's Supper with you! Since this meal unites us spiritually by faith in the Word of God, we ask that you come having prepared your heart. Please read the following questions. If your answer to each is "Yes" then joyfully receive the Lord's gift in His Sacrament.

- ☐ Do you come to the Lord's Table for assurance of forgiveness, healing from doubt and shame, and to receive God's gift of a holy life and reconciliation through Jesus?
- ☐ Have you been baptized and confirmed (or otherwise made public confession of your Christian Faith)?
- ☐ Do you believe Jesus' words, that the bread and the wine are, in fact, His own body and blood, given and shed for you?

If your answer to a question is "No", we invite you to join our study of God's Word between services and please approach our pastors anytime for clarification or direction. In the meantime, we invite you to receive a blessing by folding your hands over your heart when you come forward. If you choose to remain seated, please join us in praying for the day when God removes all our division.

# Gathered Together...

## PRELUDE

arr. David Cherwien

## Let All Things Now Living

## EASTER GREETING

Luke 24:6-7; Romans 6:9

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Greet one another with the Easter Blessing. Say "Christ is Risen!" and reply, "He is risen indeed!"*

*Children are invited to join the procession of the cross, to wave alleluia signs and to sing.*



## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 endured, 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 ye 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!

## INVOCATION

1 Kings 8:27-30; Matthew 18:20; 28:18-20

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The 8:30 AM service will continue with Confession and Absolution on page 9.*

Baptism takes us into the Church; and the Church, by taking us to Christ's table, makes us—now, in this world, in this life!—partakers and witnesses of the salvation prepared by God and fulfilled in Christ.

**Alexander Schmemmann**  
Of Water and the Spirit



# Holy Baptism

+ **Madison Ann Tarnacki** +

Born December 22, 2022

Jay & Valerie Tarnacki, parents

Anthony & Jennifer Sanctis, sponsors

- P** Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, “Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.” And the apostle Peter has written, “Baptism now saves you.”

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

**Sit. The pastor addresses each candidate:**

- P** What name have you given your child?  
**R** *Madison Ann Tarnacki*  
**P** What do you ask for Madison Ann?  
**R** *Baptism into Christ.*

**The pastor makes the sign of the holy cross upon the forehead and heart of each candidate while saying:**

- P** Madison Ann Tarnacki, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✝ forehead and upon your ✝ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Madison according to Your boundless mercy and bless her with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in her which has been inherited from Adam and which she herself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that she be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, she would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

**P** Anthony and Jennifer, is it your intention to serve Madison as sponsors in the Christian faith?

**R** Yes, *with the help of God.*

**P** God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C** Amen.

*Stand.*

**P** Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to Jesus that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the candidate, and the congregation joins in praying 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.

**P** The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even ✠ forevermore.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor addresses the following questions to the candidate's family, sponsors and congregation:*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**C** Yes, I renounce him.

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** Yes, I renounce them.

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

**C** Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

**C** Yes, I believe 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, died and was buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

*Sit.*

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of the candidate while saying:*

**P** Madison Ann Tarnacki, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✝ everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*A baptismal candle is kindled from the paschal candle and given to the newly baptized.*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

**L** Madison Ann, in Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and filled you with His Holy Spirit, to receive and share the gifts of His Kingdom so that together we might hear and declare the wonderful deeds of Him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**C** Amen. We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you in Jesus' name, into His new life as our sister in Christ, a child of the same heavenly Father, and a worker with us in the Kingdom of God.

*Stand.*

**P**

Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Madison Ann Tarnacki the new birth in Holy Baptism and made her a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom.

Look with kindness upon the father and mother of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift You have given them. Enable them to be teachers and examples of righteousness for their children. Strengthen them in their own Baptism that they may share eternally with their children the salvation You have given them;

Hear the prayers of this congregation for Madison, that You would keep her in her baptismal grace, so that, according to Your good pleasure she may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C**

Amen.

**P**

May the Almighty God, the Father, ✠ the Son and the Holy Spirit bless you. Peace be with you.

**C**

Amen.

*All return to their places.*





The 11:00am service will continue with the Kyrie below.

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord, *Psalm 124:8*  
**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared. *Psalm 130:3-4*

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *Luke 18:13*

*Kneel or sit forward. Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. *John 20:19-23*

**C** Amen.

## KYRIE

*Mark 10:47; Luke 17:13*

*Refrain*

*"Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison" means "Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy."*



1. Lord Jesus, You came to gather the nations into the peace of God's Kingdom. *Refrain*
2. You come in word and sacrament to strengthen us in holiness. *Refrain*
3. You will come in glory with salvation for Your people. *Refrain*

# GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

## Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to His peo-ple on earth.



1. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fath-er, we



wor-ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. *Refrain*



2. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fath-er, Lord God, Lamb of God,



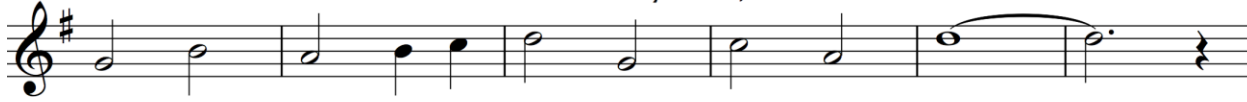
You take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us;



You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fath-er: re-ceive our prayer. *Refrain*



3. For You a-lone are the Ho-ly One, You a-lone are the Lord.



You a - lone are the Most High Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho-ly Spir-it in the glo-ry of God the Fath-er. A- men. *Refrain*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT

*Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**L** Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit.*

*...Around the Word...*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

*JEREMIAH 31:1-6*

**A** The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

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

Thus says the LORD:

"The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest,  
the LORD appeared to him from  
far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting  
love;

therefore I have continued my  
faithfulness to you.  
Again I will build you, and you shall

be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with  
tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of  
the merry-makers.

Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when  
watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

'Arise, and let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.'

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done....

**Psalm 74:8**

## ANTHEM

Chancel Choir & Christian Broome, trumpet

### I Know that My Redeemer Lives

arr. Stan Pethel

*I know that my Redeemer lives! What joy this blest assurance gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!*

**All may sing with the choir:**

*He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save. He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his church in love.*

*He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly friend; He lives and loves me to the end. He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!*

*He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Savior, still the same. What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!*

## EPISTLE READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

**A** The Epistle is from Colossians, the third chapter.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you

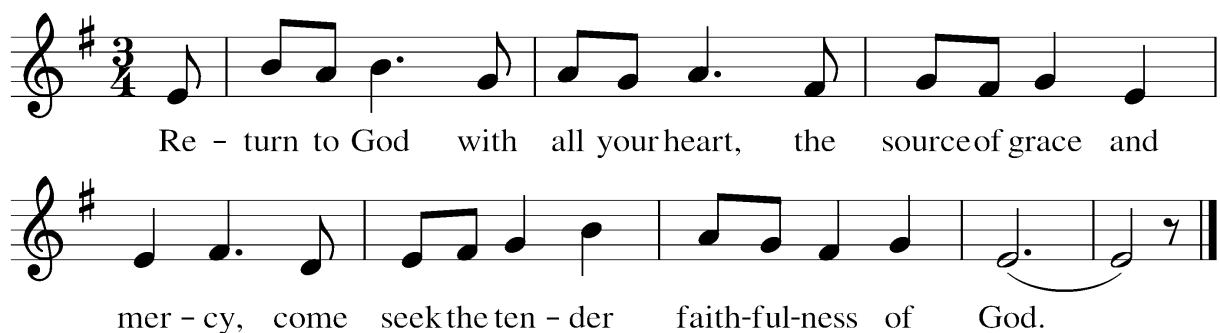
have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## GOSPEL PROCESSION

**The Gospel Acclamation is sung twice.**



Re - turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and

mer - cy, come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

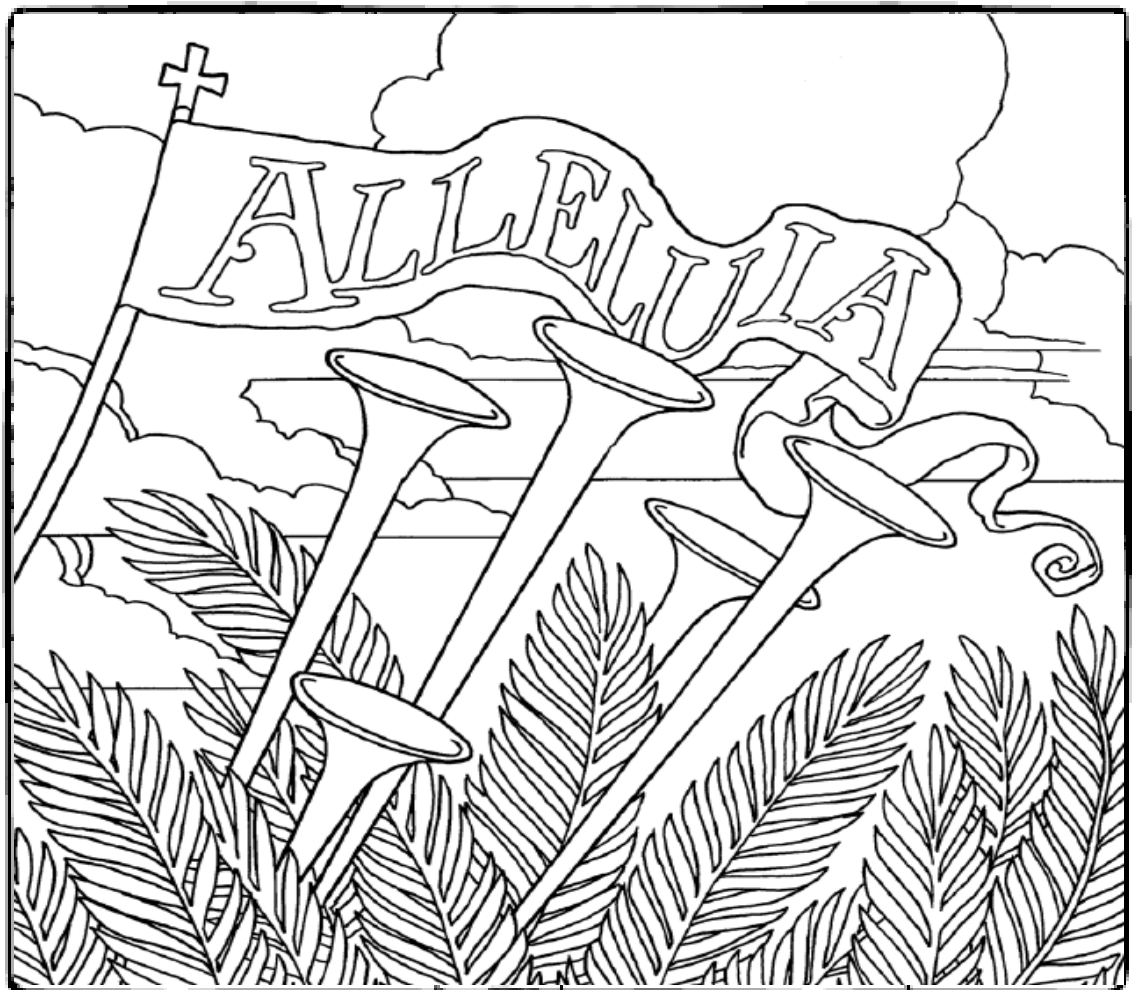
**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said.

Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.





## NICENE CREED

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Us men means all people.  
Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole  
Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian doctrine.*

*Sit. The children may be invited forward for a children’s message.*

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,  
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
He has put all things under his feet.

**Gradual for Easter,** Mt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

## HYMN OF THE DAY

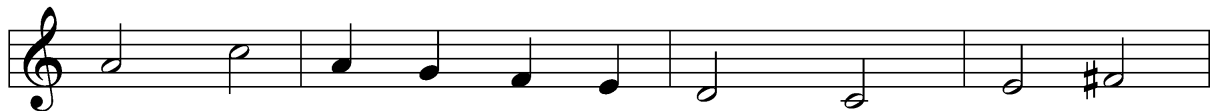
### 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
giv - en, I shall go where He is gone,  
liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
sev - er, Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

## SERMON

*Jesus Unites Body and Soul. New Life!*

*Stand.*

## SUPPLICATION OF THE FAITHFUL

- P** Heavenly Father, strengthen us, your unworthy servants, for Your service with the power of Your Holy Spirit.
- C** Now let us, the faithful, proclaim the death of the Lord, confess His resurrection, and await His coming with joy. Amen.

# ...and Blessed

## OFFERTORY

### 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

vv. 1-2

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## OFFERING

*Tithes and offerings may be placed in the plate at the rear of the sanctuary.*

*The Lord's Supper is joyfully received here today. Those who have publicly confessed this sacred gift and its blessings are encouraged to prepare their hearts (see page 2) and to commune with us.*

*Those who do not wish at this time to drink from the chalice may take an individual cup from the table to their place at the rail. (Grape juice is available in the center.) The pastor or minister holding the chalice will invite you to "take and drink".*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

1 Timothy 2:1-4; Philippians 4:6

**L** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O Lord, our strength and song, You have become our salvation. Receive our thanks for Your gracious deliverance in Christ Jesus, crucified and risen. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection and made us citizens of Your kingdom. Move our hearts to repentance, that we would set our minds on things above and be directed by Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Almighty God, when doubt and fear weigh us down, console us with the certainty that Christ is risen from the dead and that He rules over all things for our good and greets us with life in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Gracious Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**L** Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Grant that all in authority would govern according to Your will, maintaining order and curbing evil, that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Righteous Lord, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember those afflicted with illness and injury. Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day. We pray especially for...

our members:  
**Hertzog Family**  
Mark Parnow  
Kylie Kreun  
Matt Kreun  
Elaine Elston

those at home:  
Helen Gounis  
Hazel Peek  
Mary Seiler

**Jackie & Richard Elam**  
**Bob & Louise Nordman**  
Ann Weers  
Mary Keefauver  
Doris Falconieri

those dear to us:  
**Gillan Family**  
Doug Beehler  
**Millen Family**  
Paul Iwanski  
Robert Bradley

**Gloria Bueschel**  
**Hermione Moul**  
**Moul Family**  
Jason  
**Jacqueline Haene**  
Kenny Treat  
Patricia Krekeler  
Joan Lee  
Bob Miller  
Andy Foster

Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

- P** Look with favor on all communicants at Your table. Grant that, sharing Your forgiveness and victory, one with another, we might ever be renewed in joy and love. Hear our special thanks for:

our family birthdays:

**Lindsey** Cousins

**Bradley** Rockenfield

**Nicole** Haynes

**John** Henry

**Kelley** Delozier

**Julie** Conlin

**Brittany** Hatfield

praise & thanksgiving:

**Madison** Tarnacki

- Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.

- L** O God, our strength and salvation, You delivered Your people from bondage in Egypt by means of the Passover lamb. As we celebrate Christ, our Passover Lamb, who has been sacrificed and raised from the dead, bless all who partake of His Sacrament. Cleanse them from boasting, malice and evil, and give them repentant hearts to receive Him in sincerity and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

- C** hear our prayer.

- L** Eternal God, thanks be to You for victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember all who mourn. Comfort them with the promise that You love them with an everlasting love, and will raise them and all Your people from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

## PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136*

**P**:

The Lord be with you.



**C**: And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts.



We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the  
Lord our God.



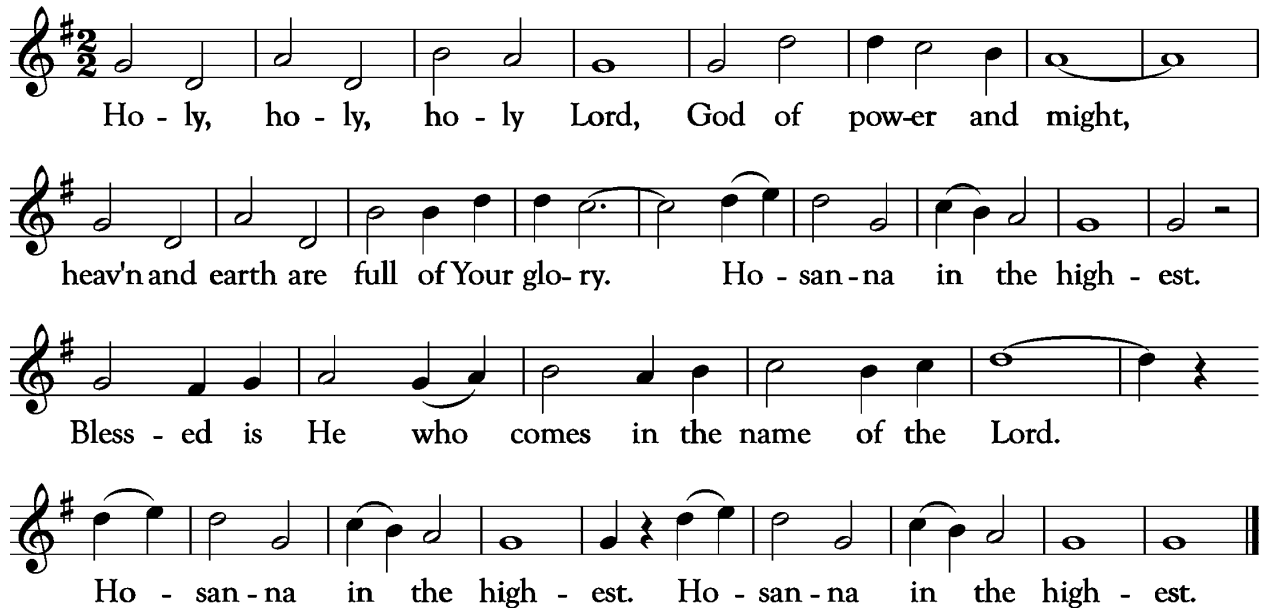
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the saints and the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9; Revelation 4:8, 5:13*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:  
**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 WORDS OF OUR LORD

*Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI

*John 20:19*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## AGNUS DEI

*John 1:29; Revelation 5:6, 12*

1. 2. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the  
world: have mer - cy on us.

3. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sins of the  
world: grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Sit.*

Earthly longings have been crucified; in me there is left no spark of desire for mundane things, but only a murmur of living water that whispers within me, 'Come to the Father.'

**Ignatius of Antioch, AD 108**

On his way to be martyred in Rome.

## DISTRIBUTION

### 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

*Refrain* Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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| 1    The strife is o'er, the battle done;<br>Now is the victor's triumph won;<br>Now be the song of praise begun.<br>Alleluia!                  | 3    The three sad days have quickly sped,<br>He rises glorious from the dead.<br>All glory to our risen Head!<br>Alleluia!                    |
| 2    The pow'rs of death have done their<br>worst,<br>But Christ their legions hath dispersed.<br>Let shouts of holy joy outburst.<br>Alleluia! | 4    He broke the age-bound chains of hell;<br>The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.<br>Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.<br>Alleluia! |
- 5    Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
     From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
     That we may live and sing to Thee.  
     Alleluia! *Refrain*

### 549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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| 1    All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!<br>Let angels prostrate fall;<br>Bring forth the royal diadem<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Bring forth the royal diadem<br>And crown Him Lord of all.             | 4    Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,<br>Whom David Lord did call,<br>The God incarnate, man divine,<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>The God incarnate, man divine,<br>And crown Him Lord of all.               |
| 2    Crown Him, ye martyrs of our God,<br>Who from His altar call;<br>Extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Extol the stem of Jesse's rod<br>And crown Him Lord of all.              | 5    Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget<br>The wormwood and the gall,<br>Go, spread your trophies at His feet<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Go, spread your trophies at His feet<br>And crown Him Lord of all. |
| 3    Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,<br>Ye ransomed from the fall,<br>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>Hail Him who saves you by His grace<br>And crown Him Lord of all. | 6    Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,<br>On this terrestrial ball<br>To Him all majesty ascribe<br>And crown Him Lord of all.<br>To Him all majesty ascribe<br>And crown Him Lord of all.                            |
- 7    Oh, that with yonder sacred throng  
     We at His feet may fall!  
     We'll join the everlasting song  
     And crown Him Lord of all.  
     We'll join the everlasting song  
     And crown Him Lord of all.

## 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,  
All Thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,  
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation,  
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.
- 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into ev'ry troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit;  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.
- 3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
Let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without  
ceasing,  
Glory in Thy perfect love.
- 4 Finish then Thy new creation,  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation  
Perfectly restored in Thee,  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

## 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"  
Saints on earth and angels say;  
Raise your joys and triumphs high;  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,  
Fought the fight, the battle won;  
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;  
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.  
Death in vain forbids His rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting?  
Once He died our souls to save;  
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;  
Foll'wing our exalted Head.  
Made like Him, like Him we rise;  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!  
Thee we greet triumphant now:  
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

*Stand.*

## THE DISMISSAL

*Isaiah 41:10; Hebrews 9:14*

- P** Having received the true body and the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, may He Himself bless you until the day He returns in glory. Go ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

My hand shall be established with him; my arm  
also shall strengthen him.  
My faithfulness and steadfast love shall be with  
him and in my name shall his strength be  
exalted.

**Psalm 89:21, 24**

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

**P** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endures forever.

**P** Let us pray.  
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Psalm 103:1*

## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.





## DEPARTING HYMN

### 525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,  
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,  
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.  
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:  
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.  
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And  
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The  
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who  
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.  
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.  
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed, Alleluia!
- P** Go in peace, serve the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

### Make Songs of Joy

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## SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Pastor:** Rev. Steven Newberg

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**Readers:** Crispin McDonald/Elaine Elston

**Greeters:** Susan Bolger, Rae Fangmeier/Diane Beard, Luellen Stine

**Ushers:** Dewey Bryson, Phil Edwards, David Rogers/Martha Barnette, Jeff Miller, Adam Stansell

**Sound & Video:** John Tinkelenberg/Darren Seigler

**Musicians:** Chancel Choir, Christian Broome

## IN HIS SERVICE

**Ascension Soup Kitchen:** served lunch to 102 guests this Tuesday.

**Ascension Food Pantry:** distributed one week of groceries to  
26 families – 66 individuals on 3/31 and 4/3.

**Soli Deo Gloria!**

### Ascension Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen furnishes a hot, well-balanced and fresh lunch every Tuesday from 11am-12pm. Everyone is welcome! No ID or referral needed. Currently service is to-go for pick-up in the parking lot. We look forward to returning to restaurant-style service after the pandemic.

### Ascension Food Pantry

The food pantry distributes a week's worth of healthy groceries to individuals with a Loaves and Fishes referral, Mondays and Fridays, 11am-1:30pm. *In need of a referral?* Call the church office at 704-372-7317. Anyone in need will be eligible for up to 12 weeks of groceries per year.

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Ignatius of Antioch Quoted by John Strickland in *The Age of Paradise*, p.37

The **Crocus** symbolizes new life to come;

The **Crown with Alpha and Omega** that Christ the King has risen and reigns forever.

The **Chalice with Star** the Lord's Supper which reveals the Messiah.

The **Phoenix**, a miraculous bird and symbol of immortality, destroyed itself in flames to rise again to a new life.

The **Lily** for Purity, the Virgin Mary and the Resurrection emergence of a flower from a seemingly dead bulb.

The **Palm** for Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

The **Butterfly** for our Lord's Resurrection and the resurrection of those who die in Christ.

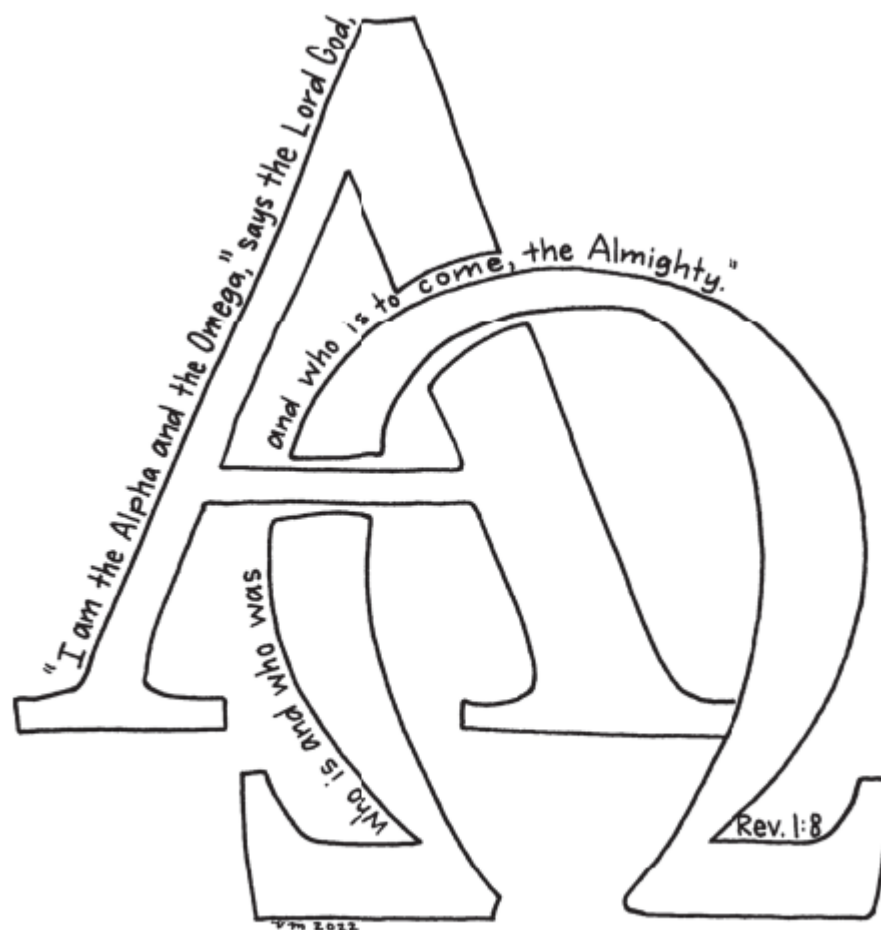
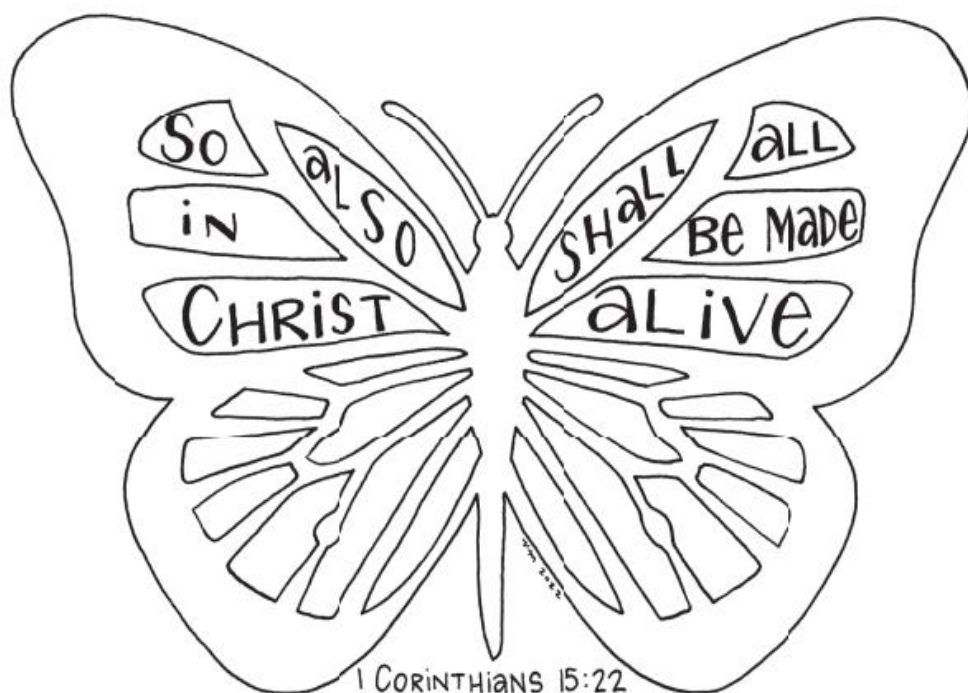
**ICXC** and **NIKA** is Jesus Christ, the Conqueror and Victor.

**INRI** is Jesus Christ, King of the Jews.

The **Cross with Sunburst** points to a new day when Lord conquered death for us.

**Seeds bursting forth from the pomegranate** symbolize the power of the Lord who burst forth from the tomb, also royalty, hope and future life.

The **Peacock** which in legend does not decay after death and which sheds its feathers each year only to grow new and more beautiful ones.



### The Resurrection Banner

*Behind Altar, given in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Runge*



Ted & Verna Cash   Tim & Jane Friemark (2)  
Newberg Family   Jan White

***Given in Memory of...***

James & Vivian Abrams  
Decker Lee  
Pam Bowman  
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Al Broome  
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Carol Bixby  
Frances & Carrol Parnow  
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Don Michael Hudson  
Jesse Cates  
Dolly Huneycutt

***Given In Honor of...***

Robert Bradley  
Eric, Kenny, Wendy  
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Kevin & Patia Bowman  
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Kim & William Cates  
Wayne & Pam Hoadley

***By...***

Jeff Clarkson  
Betty Treat  
Allison Bennes  
Kim & William Cates  
Steven Newberg

***Given to the Glory of God***    *In honor of Madison Ann Tarnacki's baptism*  
Valerie Tarnacki   Sally Bixby



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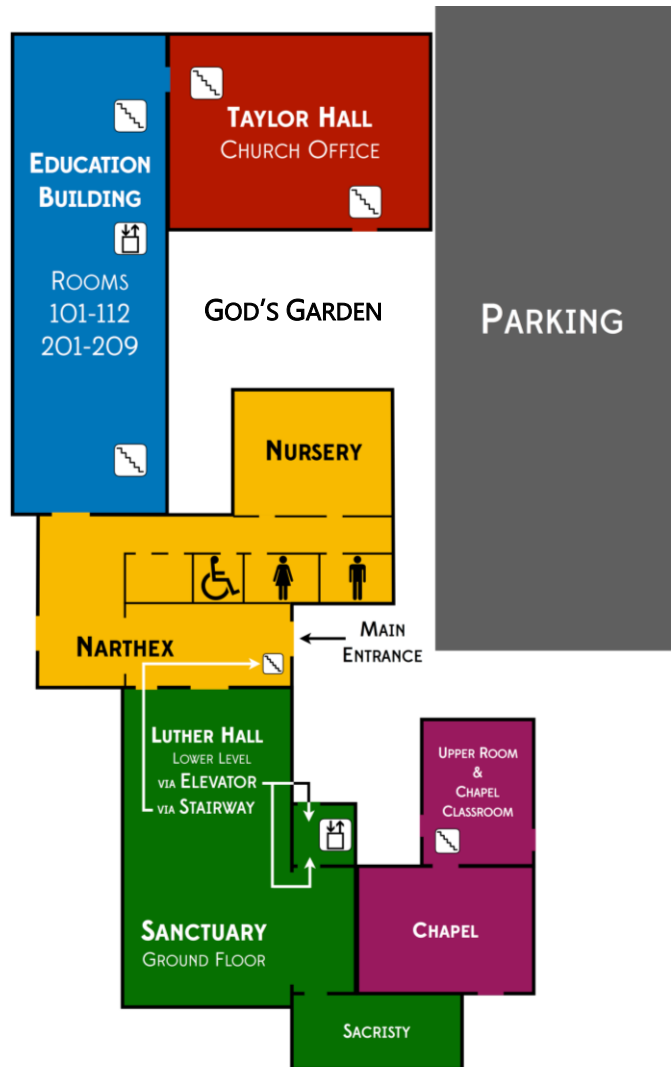
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## THOSE IN CRITICAL NEED

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