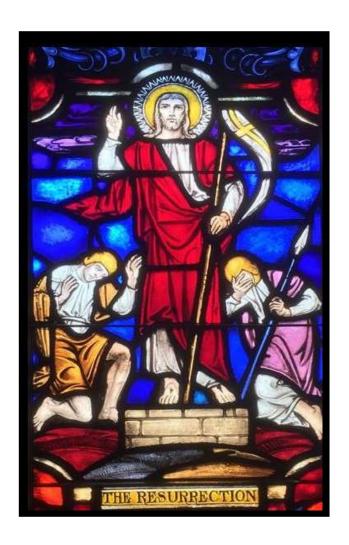
# The Resurrection of our Lord

April 20, 2025 at 8:45am and 11:15am



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# JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN \*TODAY!\*

Jesus Christ is risen today! How we sing out those words on this festive occasion! Yes, it is true, he rose. The women came to the tomb ready to do the expected and prepare the body. The big tombstone, however, had already been moved. In their shock they heard, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Then they remembered what he had told them and off they went to tell the apostles, but these words were to them an idle tale.

It's no idle tale! Later one person told one, another told another, and Sunday, April 20, 2025, all around the world we proclaim Christ is risen!

As we sing, though, how tempting it is to think the resurrection was one event that happened over 2000 years ago. We sing Jesus Christ is risen, TODAY! Yes, today and each and every day, we are invited to behold the resurrection of our Lord. Nothing in life or death can now separate us from the love in Christ, the transforming power of our lives. He is always there to greet us one step ahead, holding us in our grief, laughing with us in joyous moments, walking with us, and calling us to service.

He sets before us the feast of victory. Alleluia! During our 24/7 journey, at work, home, or play, we now live in that hope. No matter what terror and amazement seizes us, or battles and challenges life presents, we are held by the unconditional love of the risen Lord, **forever!** We are resurrection people! Jesus Christ is risen, **today!** Thanks be to God.

On behalf of the entire staff family, a joyous Easter Season to you!

Connie A. Miller Senior Pastor

Pastor Allen

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, And with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

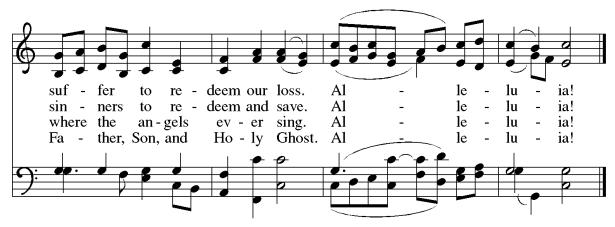
ALLELUIA

Randall Thompson (1899-1984)

**WELCOME** 



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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4 Music: J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708

Tune: EASTER HYMN

#### **GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

#### He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.





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

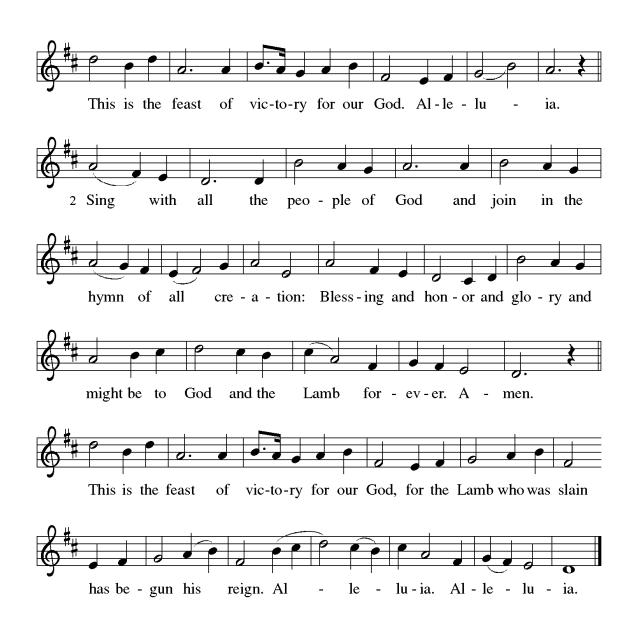


1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



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





## 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.

Please be seated.

# THE WORD

FIRST READING ACTS 10:34-43

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

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**P**SALTER

PSALM 116:1-2, 12-19



- Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures for<u>ever</u>.
- Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures for<u>ever</u>."
- <sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my <u>song</u>, and has become my sal<u>vation</u>.
- Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the <u>righteous</u>: "The right hand of the Lord acts <u>valiantly!</u>



- The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

  The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- <sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but <u>live</u>, and declare the works of the <u>Lord</u>.
- The Lord indeed punished me <u>sorely</u>, but did not hand me over to <u>death</u>.
- Open for me the gates of <u>righteousness</u>; I will enter them and give thanks to the <u>Lord</u>.
- "This is the gate of the <u>Lord</u>; here the righteous may <u>enter</u>."
- <sup>21</sup> I give thanks to you, for you have <u>answered me</u> and you have become my sal<u>vation</u>.
- The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief <u>cornerstone</u>.
- \*23 By the Lord has this been <u>done</u>; it is marvelous in our <u>eyes</u>.
- This is the day that the Lord has <u>made</u>; let us rejoice and be <u>glad in it</u>.

#### SECOND READING

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

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

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL READING LUKE 24:1-12

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

The holy gospel according to Saint Luke, the twentyfourth chapter.

# Glory to you, O Lord.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE** 

SERMON PASTOR MILLER

## HYMN OF THE DAY

# ELW 366 – THE STRIFE IS O'ER, THE BATTLE WON



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909

Music: Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Tune: VICTORY

## NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

#### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,

hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

#### **PEACE**

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you." The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.** 

All may share a sign of Peace. Please be seated.

# THE MEAL

#### **OFFERING**

We invite you to give your offering online at <u>saintlukegive.us</u> or place it in the offering plate, or use this QR code with your device to securely give your Offering.

You may also mail your checks to:

Saint Luke Lutheran Church 9100 Colesville Road Silver Spring, MD 20910



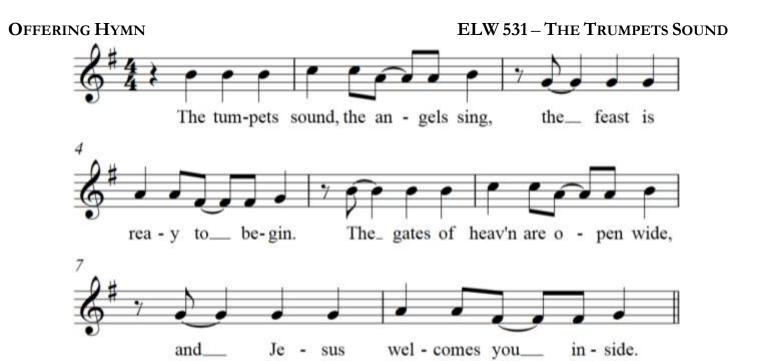
#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

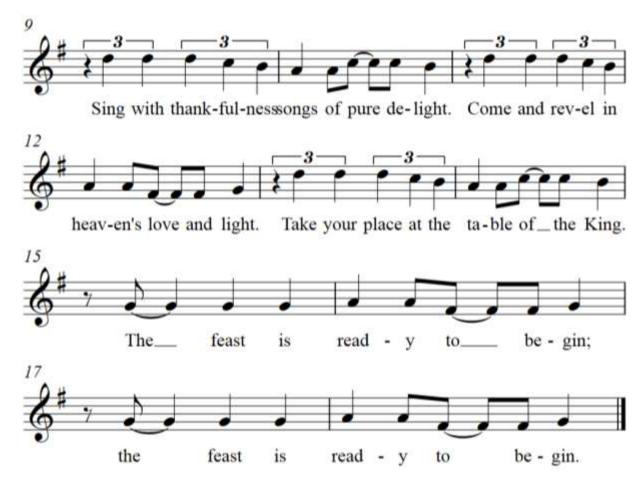
# HALLELUJAH! FROM THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Ludwig Van Beethoven, arr. Hal Hopson (b. 1933)

Hallelujah unto God's almighty Son. Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs, in holy songs of joy. Come, proclaim God's grace and glory. Hallelujah, unto God's almighty Son.

The offering is received and is presented at the altar. Please stand.





Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Music: Graham Kendrick

Tune: THE FEAST IS READY

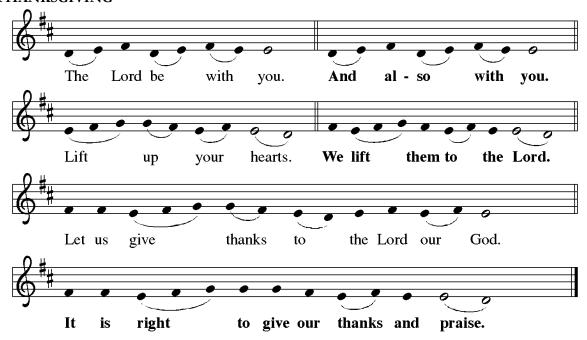
## OFFERING PRAYER

Please stand as you are able.

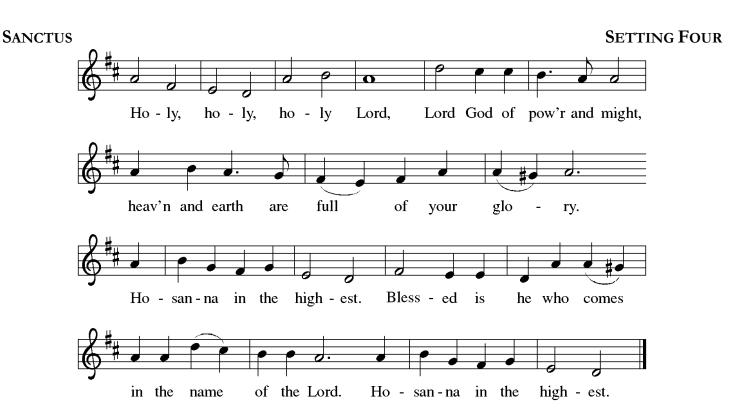
Let us pray.

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.

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We praise you, O God. Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God. We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga a nosostros tu reino, hagase tu voluntad, asi en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia; perdona nuestras ofensas, como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden; y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion, mas libranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder, y la gloria, por los siglos de los siglos. Amen.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

This is the feast of victory for our God! **Alleluia, alleluia!** 

Please be seated.

#### **COMMUNION**

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are stations at the foot of the chancel steps.

Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ.

(Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server)

Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew, please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you. / The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say: Amen.





Verse 2: peace Verse 3: love Verse 4: joy Verse 5: hope

Text: Barbara Hamm, 2008 © 2008 Hope Publishing Company Music: Barbara Hamm, 2008 © 2008 Hope Publishing Company

Tune: TABLE OF GRACE

# **COMMUNION HYMN**

# ELW 470 – DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER

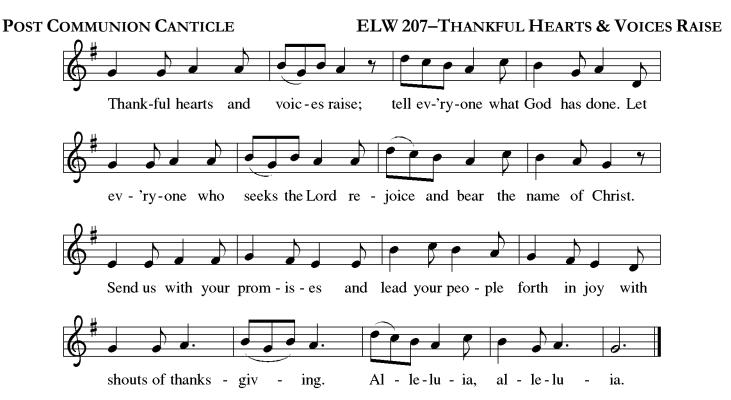


Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt. Music: Harold Friedell, 1905–1958 Tune: UNION SEMINARY

#### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

Please stand as you are able.

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



Music: Ronald A. Nelson, 1927-2014

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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **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.** 



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939

Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Tune: JUDAS MACCABAEUS

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** 

TOCCATA FROM SY. No. 5

Charles-Marie-Jean-Albert Widor (1844-1937)

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#### WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER **CRUCIFER** The Rev. Connie A. Miller Carlos Esquivel (8:45) Senior Pastor Becky Unkenholz (11:15)

ASSISTING MINISTERS **READERS** The Rev. Gary Nuss Tacy Downing (8:45)

Support Pastor

Sunday Shomari (11:15) Deacon Kyle Warfield MUSICIANS

Director of Discipleship and High School Ministries Adam Scott Graham The Rev. Richard Zawistoski Director of Music Confirmation Pastor Schola Cantorum **WELCOME! CHRIST IS RISEN!** When Christ was crucified, humanity died with him on Calvary. But as Easter dawned, a new world was born; a new age began. Easter, the paschal mystery, accomplished our salvation – the salvation of all human beings of every time. Jesus Christ is risen today! Yes, the risen Christ is here and now. Thank you for choosing to worship in person or online at Saint Luke. We pray God's blessing on you as you join in worship, praise, on this blessed Easter Day. He is risen, indeed!

**SAINT LUKE IS A CONGREGATION** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. As the church of "God's work. Our hands," the ELCA emphasizes the saving grace of God though faith in Jesus Christ, unity among Christians, and service in the world.

**THANK YOU TO ALL WHO** gave "Lily" gift cards for **GLOBAL REFUGE**. As you can imagine now more than ever assistance is needed for our vulnerable brothers and sisters.

Global Refuge (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Services) has been providing resources, guidance and community to help forge a way for New Americans. This organization has been committed to helping people reimagine the possibilities while providing a soft place to land.

With more than 1000 partners and 50,000 volunteers, Global Refuge is the largest faith-based national non-profit exclusively dedicated to helping restore a sense of home to immigrants, asylum seekers, and refugees. Since 1939 this organization has built a legacy of compassion by walking alongside more than 800,000 new neighbors as they rebuild their lives in the United States. Even in 2023, 22,000 children and families were reunited.

As many know, on January 27 of this year, a stop work order was issued, cutting off vital support to families who have already lawfully settled in the United States. This order directly affects thousands of refugees who rely on resettlement services such as housing, food, assistance in job placement – helping families achieve self sufficiency and become contributing members of their communities.

Thank you again for your gifts. Thank you for this act of resurrection hope.

# EASTER LILY GLOBAL REFUGE GIFT CARD DEDICATIONS

Siah Annand in remembrance of Doris Schleer, and in remembrance of Michael Annand

Katherine Bassein and Rajarshi Roy in remembrance of Pastor Ken and Rhoda Mahler, and in honor of Saint Luke's Clergy, Staff and Volunteers

Maria Beck in remembrance of Leda Marie Beck

Lori and Jim Bentley in thanksgiving for children and grandchildren

Kathleen Bergeron in remembrance of Bob and Carol Chambers

Christine Ceder in remembrance of her husband Robert Efraim Ceder, in remembrance of her parents Isabelle and Samuel Mohr, and in honor of her children and their families

Tom and Carol Darnell in honor of Pastor Miller on the occasion of her birthday today, Easter Sunday, and in remembrance of their parents Magdalene and Percy Darnell and Olive and Carl Stewart

Anita Davis in remembrance of Benjamin Paul Davis

Alma Edgerly in remembrance of her brother-in-law, Tom Edgerly, in honor of the People of God at Saint Luke Lutheran Church, and in honor of Ruth Manchester

Karen Evans in remembrance of James Evans, and in remembrance of Judy Kessenich

Carol Farrar in honor of Amy, Jennifer, Andrew, Abigail and Matthew Farrar, and Eloise and Ezra Kroitor

Betty and Bob Fulton in honor of The Staff that is working so hard for all of us

Albert and Arvilla Goergens in remembrance of Margaret Leasure, in remembrance of Alfred B. and Florence V. Pierson, in remembrance of George R. and Emma H. Goergens, and in remembrance of Frances Leasure

Melissa and Jeff Groen in honor of the Faith Formation leaders who dedicate their time sharing the Word of God with the children, youth, adults at Saint Luke, in honor of Karen Lieske and in honor of Barb and Doug Groen and Larry Lieske, and in honor of Ruth Manchester and Arturo Villarroel for their dedicated work with the Saint Luke Food Pantry

Matthew, Val, Anderson, and Vivian Grussing in remembrance of James and Lorraine Grussing, and in remembrance of Jack and Jean Yeargan

Nancy Gurganus in remembrance of Clara Ruth Gurganus, and in remembrance of David and Alma Hudgel

Sarah Hanson in honor of Saint Luke Music Ministries

Merrill Harrison in honor of the Harrison Family, the Frederick Harteis Family, and the Saint Luke Congregation

The Heinbaugh Family in remembrance of Jack S. Heinbaugh and Frances C. Heinbaugh, in remembrance of Charles E. Heinbaugh, Sr. and Lois L. Heinbaugh, in remembrance of Robert L. Heinbaugh and Gene M. Heinbaugh, and in honor of Charles Heinbaugh and Millie Heinbaugh

Shelley Jones in honor of Theda Blackwelder, and in remembrance of David Blackwelder

Marcia Laundy in remembrance of Marion Kahlert, and in remembrance of Martha Barth

Ruth Manchester in honor of Dan Manchester, Mary Dallao, Evan and Aaron Manchester, and in honor of Sarah Manchester, Raina and Alden Newsome

Sarah Manchester in honor of Paul and Ruth Manchester

Scott and Lori McKay in remembrance of Paul and Ann Karpiscak, in remembrance of Xavier and Jacqueline McKay, and in remembrance of Paul Van Karpiscak

Pastor Miller in thanksgiving for the in-person and online Saint Luke community of faith

Ruth Moorman in remembrance of her husband, Art, her parents and her brother-in-law

Amelia Nuss in honor of the Rev. Gary and Ann Nuss from their daughters Amelia Nuss, Sharon Nuss, and Ingrid Nuss Pyne, and in honor of Ruth Moorman from her nieces Amelia Nuss, Sharon Nuss and Ingrid Nuss Pyne

Annika O'Hara in honor of UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency

Sarah Province in remembrance of her beloved husband, Phil Province

Julia Royster in remembrance of family members we hold in our hearts, and those that we can still hold in our arms. Cherish all the moments. Live for today, learn from yesterday, and hope for the future. God is I am.

Barbara Sanders to the Glory of God

Gregory Sanders in honor of Barbara Sanders, and in honor of Donna Nelson

Jane Schrantz in remembrance of Edward Schrantz, in remembrance of Thomas R. Finlayson, in remembrance of David Finlayson, in remembrance of Clare Finlayson, and in remembrance of Jean and Joe Schrantz

Bill and Joyce Schultz in remembrance of Bill's parents, Clarence and Jane Schultz, and sister-in-law, Debra Schultz

Wilson and Nancy Shaffer in remembrance of W. Earl and Dorothy D. Bricker, in remembrance of Albert and Natalie Shaffer. in remembrance of Barbara Bricker Hopkins, in honor of Michael, Katie, Bridie, Tommy, Thaddeus, and Brendan Shaffer, and in honor of Erin Shaffer and Susan Lee

Mary Ann Shepherd in remembrance of Glenn and Patricia Rosenquist given by the Shepherd family, in remembrance of Arne and Marion Anderson, and in remembrance of her husband William Shepherd

Linda M. Sherwood in honor of Saint Luke

Carin Sprick in remembrance of her departed friends, in honor of Ingrid and Patrick David, and in honor of Christina and John Romiza and grandchildren

Willard and Becky Unkenholz in remembrance of Willard's parents, Marlys and Willard Unkenholz, in remembrance of Becky's parents, Clarence and Elizabeth Keiper, and in honor of their children, Chris, Luda, Tim and Rachael

Diane VanLonkhuyzen in remembrance of her husband John VanLonkhuyzen, and in remembrance of Doris and Robert Cross

Ann Wagner in remembrance of loved ones

Karla Walker in honor of dedicated quilters and those who support quilt ministry at Saint Luke. We are going strong in year 26 of this. Also, in honor of her 5 grandchildren: Kayleigh, Emily, Nolan, Jenna and Dylan and their wonderful parents. We love all of you so

Deacon Warfield in remembrance of Sofia Chatos, Robert Warfield, and Justin Warfield

# CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

**ALLELUIA!** 

