



**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day** 

March 31, 2024

All members and guests, please fill out the Welcome Form found at the end of your row and pass it on to your neighbor. The pastoral and spiritual care of the members of Christ Church is very important to us. In order to care for all of you, we need to know who is present and who is not. So, please take a moment to sign the pad. The Welcome Forms will be picked up by the ushers at the end of the service.

#### WELCOME TO CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

# **Looking for a Church Home?**

Mr. Rogers once asked, "Won't you be my neighbor?" Jesus asked, "Who is your neighbor?" At Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) - Zionsville, our answer to Jesus' question is EVERYONE, and to Mr. Rogers - YES.

God calls us to meet people wherever they are in their journey of faith – and that includes YOU!

At Christ Lutheran Church you are welcomed, just as you are:

- Single, committed, married, divorced, lost your partner, still looking or not.
- Every race, nationality, gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation
- Ready to join a group or prefer to sit back
- Regardless of knowing a little or a lot about Jesus
- Whether you have left the Church and are returning
- Whether you find yourself on this list or not

We are calling YOU neighbor! Join us!

# **Children in Worship**

Children hold a special place in our congregation! We warmly invite children of all ages to join us in worship. We embrace their natural tendencies to giggle, poke, squirm, and swing their legs - it's all part of being a child and a precious gift to our community.

Our nursery is available from **10:30 to 11:30**, staffed by dedicated caregivers who will lovingly care for infants and toddlers. This allows parents to fully engage in worship, knowing their little ones are in safe hands. The nursery provides age-appropriate toys and a comforting environment, ensuring your child's needs are met while you worship with the congregation.

We respect and support each family's unique circumstances and preferences. Whether your child joins the main worship service or utilizes our nursery, we are here to accommodate and make everyone feel welcome and comfortable.



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#### **WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP\***

P On this glorious Easter Day, we have come to celebrate the greatness of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. On this great day, we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord. My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia! C Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus is Lord of all the earth, He is the King of creation

P On this most holy of days, the One whom men had thought to destroy has risen triumphant from the tomb! My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia! C Alleluia, alleluia, Jesus has died and is risen.

P On this holy day, we celebrate our New Life in the Risen Christ; through the death of Jesus, the weight of our sin has been lifted from us; through His glorious resurrection, we have become sons and daughters of God. My sisters and brothers, let us rejoice: Alleluia! C Alleluia, alleluia, come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Saviour.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia

#### **GATHERING SONG**

# Jesus Christ is Risen Today

**ELW 365** 

**All:** Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

**Women:** Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

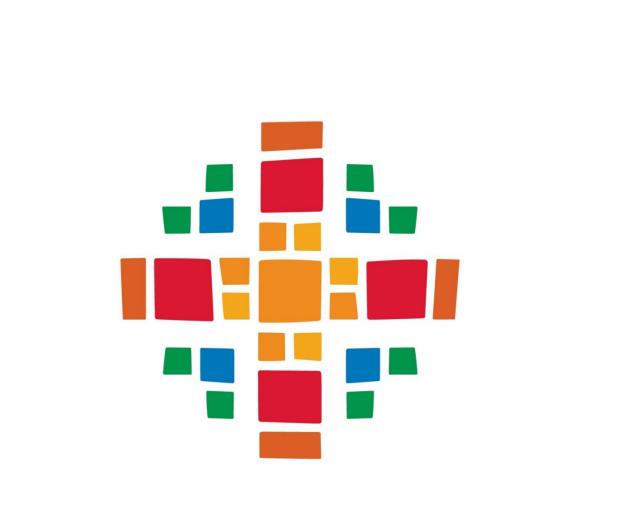
**Men:** But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

**All:** Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as his love; Alleluia! Praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

#### **GREETING**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit is with you all.

C And also with you.



#### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



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#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.** 

#### WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

#### FIRST READING ACTS 10:34-43

L A reading from Acts.

<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."

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

# **PSALM: 118:1-2, 14-24** *Spoken responsively.*

- L <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."
- L <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!
- L <sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
  The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

- C <sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.
- L <sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.
- C <sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.
- L <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."
- C <sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- L <sup>22</sup>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.
- L <sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

#### **SECOND READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11**

L A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L Word of God, Word of life.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** 

This Joyful Eastertide vs. 1



#### **GOSPEL MARK 16:1-8**

P The holy gospel according to Mark.

#### C Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P You are witness to these things.

#### C Alleluia, Christ is risen

**SERMON** 

**Pastor Wes Smith** 

Please stand as you are able.

#### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

#### The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

P Gathered together by the power of the Holy Spirit we confess our common faith:

C 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

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Celebrating the resurrection of Jesus and the triumph of love over fear, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and those in need of hope.

A moment of quiet reflection

P Divine Creator, we lift up the body of Christ, the church. Protect those who face persecution, grant humility to those who are privileged, and bring healing to divisions within the church. Guide us all to reflect Christ's love in our actions. Gracious God,

# C hear our prayer.

P Source of life, we pray for the earth, your precious creation. May our praises join with the rustling branches and the flowing waters, as together we proclaim the hope of Easter and new life. God of grace,

#### C hear our prayer.

P Compassionate God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Liberate oppressed communities, guide leaders in the ways of justice, and strengthen the hands of peacemakers. Hear our prayer for an end to violence and strife. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

P Deliverer God, we pray for those who yearn for good news. Remove the barriers that hinder human dignity and wholeness. Infuse hope into those struggling to navigate each day. Be present with all who call upon your name. This day we pray especially for **Paige, Paula, Marilyn, Tena, Donna, Michael, Martha, Kat, Dorothy, Mimi, Mike, Theresa, Jonny, Janice, Patrick, LCFS** and for all those we now name in our hearts or in the presence of this assembly. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.** 

<sup>\*</sup>Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use. \*\* meaning the church universal

P Loving God, we pray for our faith community and ask for your Spirit's presence among us. Nourish us at your Easter table and grant us wisdom to serve and care for others. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.** 

P Eternal God, we remember those who have passed away and inspired faith in generations. Renew our confidence in your promises, so that we may live with joy, courage, and compassion. God of grace,

# C hear our prayer.

P In the joy and hope of this Easter morning, O God, give us the courage to bear your living love in every corner of our lives, so that your peaceable realm will be so, here on earth, as it is in heaven.

In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray, Alleluia! **C Amen.** 

#### **GREETING OF PEACE**

P The peace of Christ is with you always.

C And also with you.

Please be seated.

OFFERING Coronation Courtney

~ Sanctuary Choir ~

Crown Him, the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords, the Prince of Peace.

Crown Him, the one who died and rose again to live forever more.

Crown Him, the Bread of Life, High and Holy Priest, Bright and Morning Star.

He holds the keys of death. He holds the keys of hell.

He is ruler of the kings of earth.

Crown Him, behold your King.

See Him coming with the clouds, every eye shall see Him who they have pierced.

See Him who is the first and is the last, Alpha and Omega.

He is the Living One, He who is and was and who is to come.

He has loved us unto death. He has freed us by His blood.

He is the mighty Son of God.

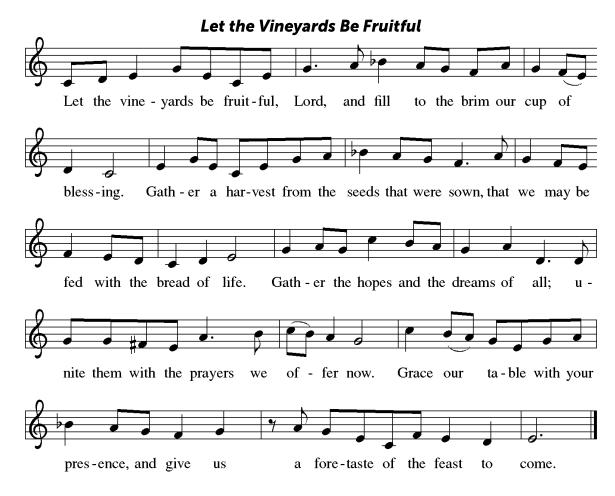
Crown Him, behold your King.

Behold Him! Behold Him! Behold Him!

Behold your King, behold the Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

Crown Him!

Please stand as you are able.



#### **OFFERING PRAYER\*\***

P Bountiful God,

we come with our offerings in response to your love.

With the new life in Christ,

we give ourselves in service to others.

With the energy bestowed by the Spirit,

we seek to inflame all your people with a zeal for your way.

Receive the work we do,

and the gifts we bring,

that they may become a blessing in your sight.

C Amen.

#### **MEAL**

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

#### **DIALOGUE**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

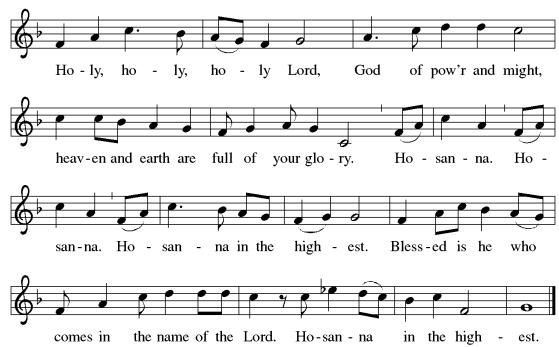
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **PREFACE**

P 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, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation. 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.** 

#### LORD'S PRAYER

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

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

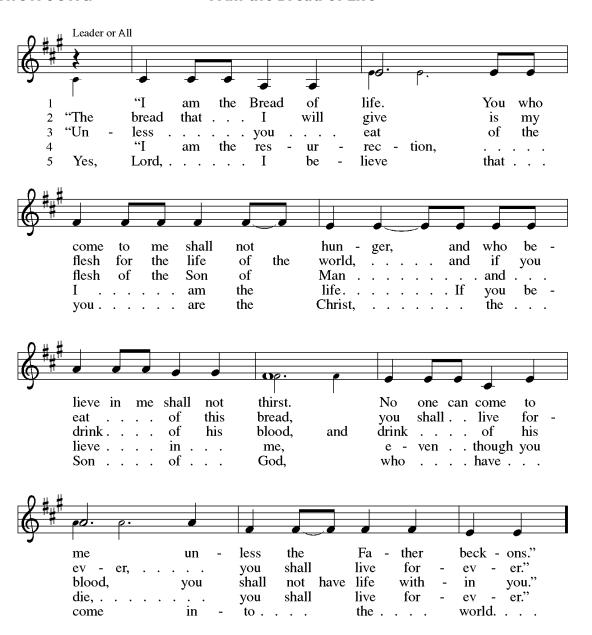
P Taste and see that the Lord is good.

#### COMMUNION

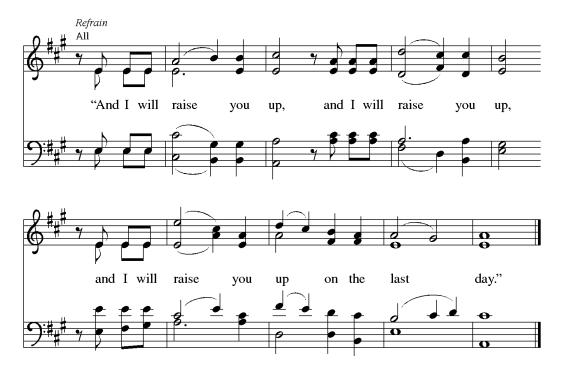
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

#### I Am the Bread of Life



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#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray.
Shepherding 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.

C Amen.

#### **SENDING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BLESSING**

P Since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has any power over him.

#### C The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

P Because of our sins, he was handed over to die; and he was raised to life in order to put us right with God.

#### C The life he lives, he lives to God. Alleluia!

P May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with us now and forever.

#### C Amen.

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, And hail him as they matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born, Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn; Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem, The root whence mercy every flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown Him the Lord of love, behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time. Creator of the rolling spheres ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me; Thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

#### **DISMISSAL\*\*\***

P Go in peace, as witnesses of the risen Lord.

C In the name of Christ, Amen.

**POSTLUDE** 

Toccata on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

arr. Bish

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<sup>\*</sup> posted on Wellspring Liturgies. http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/easter\_day\_liturgy.htm

<sup>\*\*</sup> posted on the Worshiping Well blog. http://stephenmfearing.wordpress.com

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> from the Lutheran Church of Australia's Worship Planning Page.

# **HAPPY EASTER!**



# From, Christ Lutheran Church

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# **Easter Lilies**



We would like to thank those who generously donated the lilies to enhance the beauty of our sanctuary this glorious Easter morning.

Alleluia, He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Given by:	Dedication:
The Burkhardts	In Memory of our Parents
The Kussows	In Memory of Joe Perusich
The Niessinks	In Memory of Connie's Grandmother, Louise Brown
The Luczaks (2)	
Darlene Grant (4)	To the Glory of God
	In Honor of Steve & Darlene Grant's 50th Anniversary
The Tuffnells	For All the Saints
The Holbrooks (2)	LaBrash Parents & Loren Holbrook
The Conrads	To the Glory of God
The Jeffers	To the Glory of God
The Travises (2)	To the Glory of God
The Burruses	To the Glory of God
The Eugenios	In Memory of Tate's Easter Baptism
The Firmanis	In Loving Memory of Pat Bosworth
The Joneses (2)	In Memory of our Parents
	Nathan & Mary Low Harter, Horace & Patricia Jones
	In Memory of Abie's sisters, Mary Mitchell & Rebecca Harter
The Schmidts	In Honor of 62 Years of Marriage
Margie Kilgus	Remembering Lowell
The Blacklocks (2)	With Thanksgiving for our Family
The Comptons (2)	In Loving Memory of our Daughter, Gabriella Rose Compton
The Ortegas (2)	Grandma Homer



#### **SERVING US AT WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY**

Pastor: Rev. Wesley Smith, III Organist: Rhonda Blacklock

Easter Musicians: Trumpets: Greg Holbrook & Jim Holbrook, French Horn: Ted Kussow,

Trombones: Lauren Comeford & Chase Middleton, Tuba: Joe Ervin

**Lector:** Bill Steinke

**Usher:** Angie Eugenio, Tony Firmani

Greeter: Jamie Stewart

**Communion Assistant** Jeannie Phillips, Mary Steinke

Financial Assistants: Martha Schmidt, Connie Steinhart

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