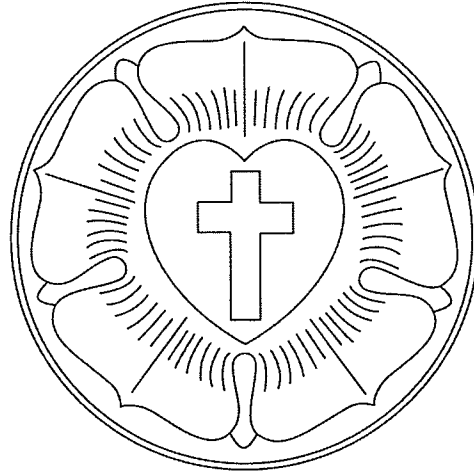


Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church

Our Mission Statement

*"A Fellowship of Believers in Jesus Christ dedicated to
proclaiming God's Love to ALL through Word and Deed."*



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 19, 2023
10:00 AM

- P for Pastor's part of the Liturgy
C for Congregation's part of the Liturgy
* Those who are able, are asked to stand.
+ A time one may use the sign of the cross.

LBW = Lutheran Book of Worship (Green Book)
WOV = With One Voice (Blue Book)

GATHERING

(Joel 2:15-17, Matt. 18:20, Acts 2:1-13)

THE FIRST PRELUDE "O Sacred Head" Pachelbel/Broughton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SECOND PRELUDE "In Faith I Quiet Wait" Bach/Thompson

* THE COMMANDMENTS

Hear the commandments of God to His people:
You shall have no other gods.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

*** CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**
(Matt. 28:19, Ps. 103:2-3, John 20:22-23, Eph. 2:4-5)

LBW P. 56

P In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Most merciful God,
C **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**
Amen

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgive us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

(John 20:22-23)

* THE GATHERING HYMN "God, Whose Almighty Word"

LBW # 400

(Psalm 149:1-4)

(Green book)

* THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

LBW P. 57

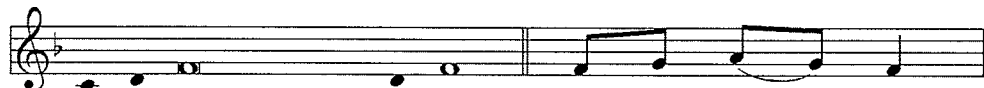
(2 Cor. 13:13)

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

C And also with you.

* THE KYRIE (Matt. 17:15 and Matt. 20:30)

LBW P. 57



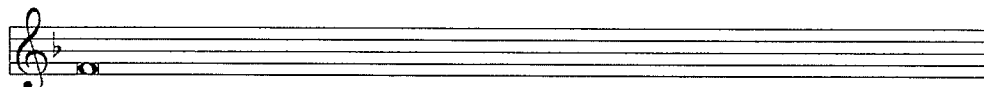
☒ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



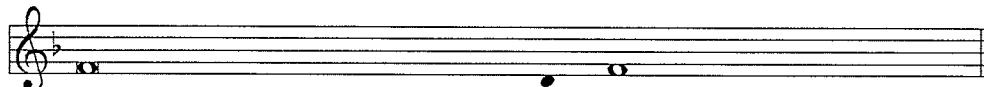
☒ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☒ Lord, have mer - cy.



☒ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



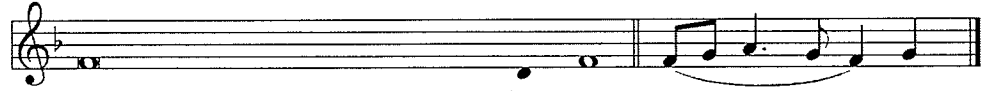
C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **C** A - men

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

*** CHORAL RESPONSE**

THE WORD

(1 Peter 1:25, Isaiah 55:10-11, Col. 3:16, Jere. 2:14, 1 Tim. 4:13)

FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul, since I have rejected him from being king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go. I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ² And Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.'

³ And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint for me him whom I declare to you.” ⁴ Samuel did what the LORD commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, “Do you come peaceably?” ⁵ And he said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Consecrate yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he consecrated Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. ⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the LORD's anointed is before him.” ⁷ But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” ⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” ¹⁰ And Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen these.” ¹¹ Then Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but behold, he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and get him, for we will not sit down till he comes here.” ¹² And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. And the LORD said, “Arise, anoint him, for this is he.” ¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon David from that day forward. And Samuel rose up and went to Ramah. (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

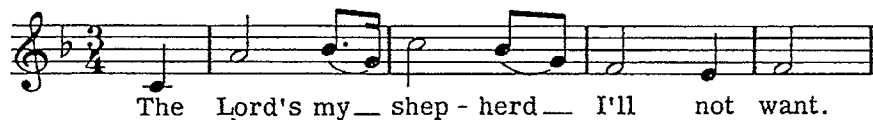
The Psalm will be chanted. Congregation sings the refrain.

PSALM: Psalm 23

Jessie Seymour Irvine

Arr. Hal H. Hopson

REFRAIN



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¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

Refrain

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Refrain

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON: Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ⁹(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), ¹⁰and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. ¹³But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, ¹⁴for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you." (ESV)

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**



☩ Re - turn to the Lord, your God, who is gra-cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

* GOSPEL

P THE HOLY GOSPEL: **John 9:1-41**

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

As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. ² And his disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶ Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man's eyes with the mud ⁷ and said to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some said, "It is he." Others said, "No, but he is like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰ So they said to him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' So I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, "He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?" And there was a division among them. ¹⁷ So they said

again to the blind man, "What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹ But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ And they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind."

³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?" And they cast him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, "Are we also blind?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, 'We see,' your guilt remains. (ESV)

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

(Isa. 55:10-11, John 6:68, Psalm 119:41-42)

* **THE HYMN OF THE DAY** “Amazing Grace”

LBW # 448
(Green book)

* **THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

LBW P. 65

(1 Cor. 15:1, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16)

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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

* **THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

(1 Tim. 2:1-2)

P let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

LBW P. 65

(Matt. 5:23-24, John 14:27, John 20:19, Romans 16:16)

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

THE ORGAN OFFERING

“Lament”

Anon.

(Isa. 58:6-7, Matt. 25:35)

(offering plates are available at the back of the sanctuary and narthex)

*** THE OFFERTORY**

“Doxology”



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all



crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

LBW P. 67

P Merciful Father,

C **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW P. 68

(Lamentations 3:41, 2 Thess. 1:3)

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 him thanks and praise.**

* THE PREFACE

LBW P. 68

(Psalm 36:4)

P It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

LBW P. 69

(Isa. 6:3, Matt. 21:9)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
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.

*** WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

LBW P. 69

(1 Cor. 11:23-26, Matt. 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20)

P 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.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW P. 71

(Matt. 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**

*** FRACTION**

(1 Cor. 10:16-17)

*** THE COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Lamb of God”

LBW P. 72

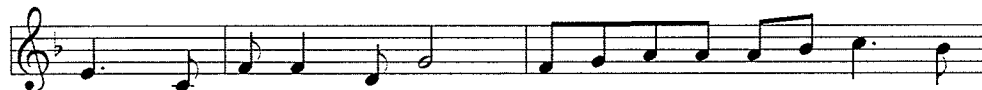
(John 1:29, Rev. 5:11-12)



☩ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

(1 Cor. 11:27-34)

All are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with and under the forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Please note: receiving in one kind (only the body or only the blood) is a full Holy Communion.

COMMUNION HYMN (after the Communion Prelude)

“O Christ the Same”

WOV # 778

*** THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

LBW P. 72

(John 6:53-54)

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

C Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Lord, now you let your servant go” **LBW P. 93**



C Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: A light to re - veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.



Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Spir - it,



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now,



and will be for - ev - er. A - men

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW P. 74

(Ps. 107:1, Ps. 118:1)

P Almighty God, you gave your Son both as a sacrifice for sin and a model of the godly life. Enable us to receive him always with thanksgiving, and to conform our lives to his; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen

SENDING

* THE BENEDICTION

LBW P. 74

(Numbers 6:23-27)

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 *(Sing in a three fold Amen)*

* THE CLOSING HYMN “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

LBW # 107
(Green book)

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

* THE DISMISSAL

LBW P. 74

(Luke 7:50)

P Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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Keep in Your Prayers:

Diane Morris, Greta Stork, Paul Wechter, Mark Dahl (Faith Shiffer's father), Sam Graci (Connie Ditzler's brother), Gary Winters (Charlie Winters' brother), Bruder Family, family and friends of Ronald Wanner (Nancy Forry's stepson)

Managing Motherhood: Items needed this month:

- Diapers, size 4, 5, 6
- Pull ups 2T/3T, 4T/5T
- Baby wash, wipes
- Shampoo, conditioner
- Body wash
- Pads, regular

Ephrata Area Social Services needs for March. Place donations in box in the narthex.

- Paper towels
- Laundry detergent

The Fellowship Committee is collecting small, plastic Easter eggs and individual pieces of candy used to stuff the eggs for Christian Education's Easter Fest Event on Saturday, April 8. Please consider donating plastic eggs and/or candy. A large basket will be in the lobby by the office to place any donations. Donations may be made through Sunday, April 2.

***If you are donating **plastic eggs and candy**, please feel free to stuff the eggs and drop them off in the basket in the church lobby.

***Members of the Fellowship Committee will be staying after church on Sunday, April 2, to stuff the plastic eggs with candy. Please feel free to join us for fellowship and fun!

Volunteers are needed for work at Reuzit on State on March 24, 1-3 PM. Contact Miriam Moore by March 22 if you are able to help.

Upcoming Bible Studies. Class meets at 9:00 AM in the Chapel.
26 March 2023 "Just Sayin" Language References and the Scriptures
with Faith Shiffer

Salem Lutheran Preschool is now taking registrations for Fall 2023. The 3 Year Old Class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-11:30 and the 4 Year Old Class meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9-11:30. For more information or to register, contact Stephanie Frymyer 717-682-9697 or sfrymyer@ptd.net

Easter Fest at Salem Lutheran Church

Saturday, April 8, 2023

9:30 AM—11:00 AM

For children ages 3 to 10

Games, story, singing, craft and snacks.

Community Egg Hunt at 11 AM for children ages 3-10

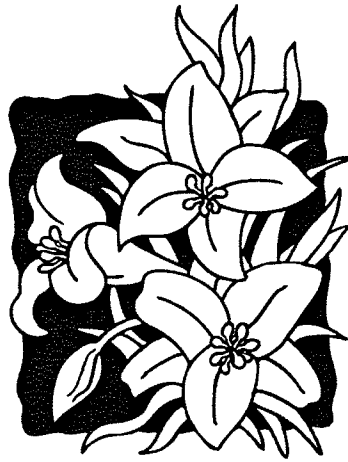
A fire truck from the Lincoln Fire Company will be here for the children to explore.

This will be held rain or shine.

In case of rain, egg hunt will be indoors at Salem Lutheran Church.

**If you are joining us just for the egg hunt, please park at the Garden Spot Auto Auction.*

The Fellowship Committee is sponsoring a **bus trip to the Penn State area on Wednesday, June 28, 2023**. Included is a wine tasting at Mount Nittany Winery, a buffet lunch at the Penn Stater, a guided driving tour of the campus with a stop at the All Sports Museum and ice cream at the Famous Berkey Creamery. Cost is \$142. per person. Reservations are due May 19, 2023. Reservations forms can be found in the April Pipeline or on the table in the Narthex. Contact Stephanie Frymyer for more information



Easter Lilies

Presented by: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

_____ Lilies @ \$8.00 \$ _____

If you would like to place a lily in church in celebration of the glorious resurrection of our Lord, please fill out this form by Sunday, March 19. The cost is \$8.00 per plant. Place the form and payment in an envelope and place in the offering plate or mail it to the church. After Sunday, April 9 you are asked to take your lily home to enjoy or share with someone.

Greeter	The Goodmans
Acolyte	Nicholas Keller
Usher	Peter Shiffer
Lector	Lisa or Sam Borry
Communion Assistant	Faith Shiffer
Altar care set up	Edie Sweigart
Clean up	Lisa Borry and Carol Landis

Today	8:30 AM	Choir
	9:00 AM	Sunday School
		Pipeline Articles Due
Mon.-Friday	9:00 AM	Preschool
Monday	5:00 PM	TOPS
	6:30 PM	Preschool Board Rm. 6
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Worship Committee MP
Thursday	7:00 PM	Holy Communion
Friday	11:00 AM	Pipeline Assembly Rm. 6

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