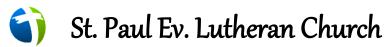


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Jesus Christ Has Reconciled Us to the Father

God the Father has opened His heart to us in love. While we were "still a long way off," He saw us and "felt compassion" (Luke 15:20). Therefore, He gave His only begotten Son for us, making "him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (2 Cor. 5:21). By the ministry of reconciliation, He runs to us, embraces us in mercy and clothes us with His glory as beloved sons in Christ Jesus. And so we give thanks unto the Lord our God, who has taken away our sins and turned His anger from us (Is. 12:1). Because He has become our salvation, our strength and our song, we "will trust, and will not be afraid" (Is. 12:2).

Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Confession and Absolution

915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Stand

Invocation

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

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation 184

- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- who made heaven and earth.
- P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution LSB 185

- P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

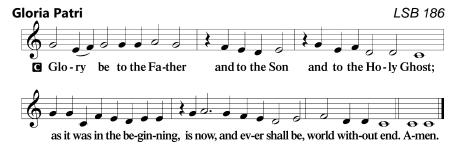
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Service of the Word

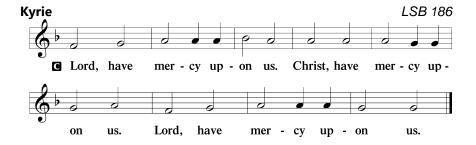
Introit

Psalm 51:2-6; antiphon: v. 1

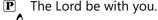
- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
- and cleanse me from my sin!
- **P** For I know my transgressions,
- and my sin is ever before me.
- P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,
- so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.
- P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
- and in sin did my mother conceive me.
- P Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
- and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.



- P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
- according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.



Salutation and Collect of the Day





P Let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

A The Old Testament Reading for The Fourth Sunday in Lent is from the twelfth chapter of the prophecy of Isaiah.

¹You will say in that day:
"I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.

²"Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation."

³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.

⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

A The Second Reading is from the fifth chapter of the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

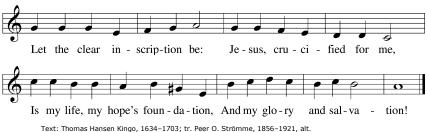
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-rase;



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Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.



¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. 12 And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. 15So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 181 will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." 20And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

\mathbf{P} This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

571 God Loved the World So That He Gave

Sermon

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-3 & 11-32

Sermon Title: And they lived happily forever and ever."

Stand





Sit

Gathering of Tithes & Offerings

If you are submitting a prayer request on a prayer card, kindly hand it directly to the usher. Do not place it into the offering plate

Stand

Prayer of the Church

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- **P** ... let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 194



P Lift up your hearts.

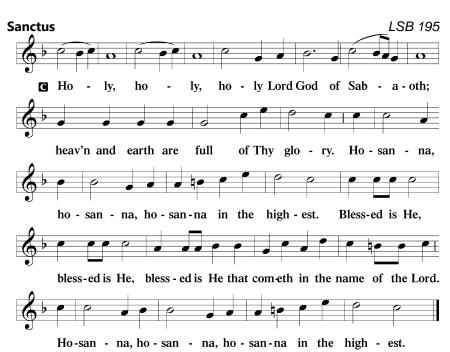


P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface (Full)

It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Lord's Prayer 196

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



The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

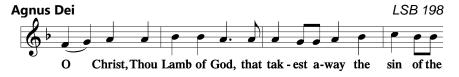
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

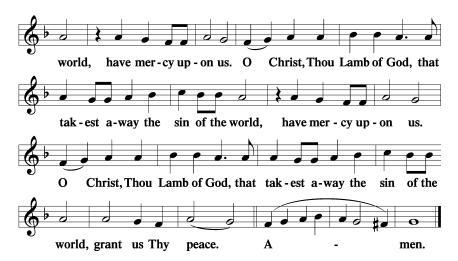
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My +I+ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.







Sit

Distribution of Christ's Body and Blood

Members of other Christian denominations who are present may come forward to receive a blessing from the Pastor during the distribution. It is requested that you cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire this blessing.

Silent Prayer Just Before Communing: Dear Savior, at your gracious invitation, I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Prayer Just After Communing: Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament. I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace the forgiveness of sins unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

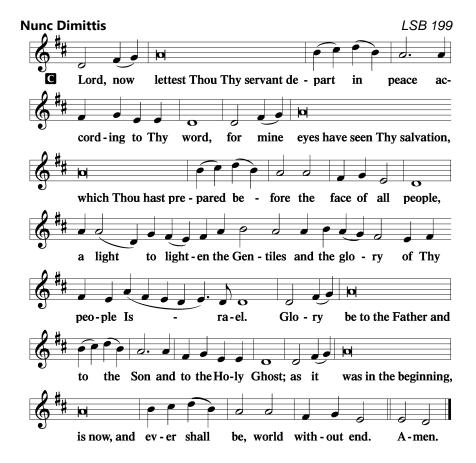
609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Stand

The Dismissal

- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart

 → in peace.
- C Amen.



Thanksgiving

200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Salutation LSB 201

P The Lord be with you.



Benedicamus LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.



Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.



435 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

Silent Prayer

Announcements

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Your stewardship of **TREASURE**

TREASURE, or money, is what people most often think about when they hear the term "stewardship. And it is true that money and, specifically, the wise use and management of money are important parts of Christian stewardship. One of the Bible passages that speaks to the wise use of money is 1 Timothy 6:17-19: "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life."

There are only a few things we can do with money—earn it, give it, save it, spend it and bequeath it. Good stewardship means striving to keep a healthy balance with these uses. For example, one can get so concerned with earning that he often works at the expense of his health and relationships. Or, one can get carried away with spending and not have anything left for giving and saving.

The above Scripture passages affirm that God gives us all kinds of good gifts for our enjoyment, but adds that we are to use these gifts for more than our own enjoyment. Our cold and selfish natures encourage us to use money and goods only for ourselves, adopting some strange strategy like, "God helps those who help themselves." But the new nature within us because of the working of the Holy Spirit urges us to use all our gifts, including the gift of money, for the common good and for the expansion of God's kingdom on earth. What joy will follow us into heaven when our

glorious Lord commends us for our wise use of money and says, Well done, good and faithful servant!" (Matthew 25:21)

Did you know Jesus talked often about money? Sixteen of the thirty-eight parables were concerned with how to handle money and possessions. In the Gospels, an amazing one out of ten verses (288 in all) deal directly with the subject of money. The Bible offers 500 verses on prayer, less than 500 verses on faith, but more than 2,000 verses on money and possessions. (Howard L. Dayton, Jr., Leadership, Vol. 2, no. 2)



March 27, 2022

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

ST. PAUL'S FAMILY

Judy Diekelman Kristen Dunne, Family Olive Jon Gleim Chris & Tracy Gribbin, Family Oliver Edward Jr. & Barbara Hoeksema, Family Blake, Emily

BIRTHDAYS

Genevieve DeJesus, 3/29 Aiden Conway, 3/30 Dakoda Gaut, 3/30

BAPTISM ANNIVERSARIES

Brandi Baker, 3/29 Nicole Sawilchik, 3/29 Dean Bloom, 3/31

CONFIRMATION ANNIVERSARIES

Tracy Gribbin, 3/27 Bradley Eastman, 3/28 Bryan Lively, 3/28 Kathy Dejonowski, 3/29 Madelaine Zander, 3/30 Earl Bloom, 4/1 Sondra Budde, 4/2

SPECIAL CONCERNS

Pray for Diane Akers, Janice Abel, Violet Andersen, Russ Budde, Sondra Budde, Jay Carey, Barb Leone, Violet Rich, Lois Struven, Dolly Tagenhorst, Dorothy Van Mynen and Warren Van Mynen

Serving in the Military – Austin Brandy, David Capodagli, James Fluechtling, Nathan Lopez, and Robert Wisely.

NEWS UPDATE

Sandy Budde is at Symphony Of Crestwood, Room 420, 14255 South Cicero Avenue, Crestwood, IL 60445.

As many of you know Pastor Dennis Brandt who served our church in the 1980s and 1990's passed away after a long battle with cancer. Jane Brandt called this past week and wanted to share with our church family how thankful she is to all the people who reached out with cards, prayers and dear thoughts during Dennis' illness and upon his death. Jane said Dennis fought the cancer with all his might going through all the treatments the Doctors had to offer. Jane shared how thankful she was to be with Dennis as he passed from her arms into the arms of God, and the peace she felt. She is hoping to be come and visit in the future. May we continue to keep Jane and her family in our prayers



Thank you for your support of our Food Basket program! It has been a blessing to many who struggle throughout the year. As we look forward to Easter, we would like to continue support for those in need. However, due to the continued impact of the Coronavirus, our normal distribution of food baskets

will not take place. Instead, we will do as we have done this past year, and get Aldi gift cards to send to our families in need. If you would like to donate to help purchase the gift cards in place of the items you would normally be purchasing, it would be very much appreciated.

Sunday April 3 Bible Study "Why the Joy of the Lord IS Our Strength! This Bible discussion will touch on Lacking Joy, Living Joy, and Lasting Joy! This is a one page study, we encourage you to do at home and come for the discussion and to share your thoughts, experiences and ideas. We will have a closing Hymn, one of my favorites, "Let Us Ever walk with Jesus". There will be an expanded Coffee and... for this Sunday, so grab cup of coffee and a treat and join us. If you are unable to attend church and would like to be included we are going to try to have FB chat. The FB chat will be just for the Bible study and will not be posted on FB. Trying this new (well new to me) technology. Call Deb at 708 704-0012 if you would like to try this.

Join the *Pastor Fluechtling Lenten Challenge*. Everyone is encouraged to read the entire New Testament between now (never to soon to start) and Easter morning. You can read it—approxamately 45 minutes per

day—listen to it on your phone or tablet! This is good quiet time alone. Or even better with a partner or smal group. Maybe an evening family reading! No matter how, when, or where Jesus is always there!

Christian Stewardship is concerned with God's gifts and the way we use them. There are many passages in the Bible that are concerned with a giving God and a receiving people. How the receiving people use all that comes from a giving God is, in my book, what Christian Stewardship is all about.

Our Missouri Synod has this as their definition of stewardship: "Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes." *Luke 6:20-38, Malachi 3:10, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8*

The Eight T's are: Time, Talent, Treasure, Testimony, Touch, Tissue, Trash, and Technology. You know the first three; the last four go like this: testimony (Christian witnessing), touch (relationships), tissue (care of our bodies), trash (care of God's creation), and technology (our use of the electronic devices and tools with which God has blessed us).

We will have a Free Will Offering Collection For Pastor Yount's mission of Spiritual Orphans Network through the end of the month.

Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. Deuteronomy 15:8

LCC has been and will continue to collect financial donations to be given out "Dollar per Dollar" to help the people of Ukraine to show the Mercy and Compassion of Jesus Christ. We continue to work through churches, Christian Ministries, and leaders with direct connections to Ukraine, including these partnerships:

- Ukrainian Church Palatine, Illinois
- Pastor Scott Yount, Missionary in Ukraine, Immanuel Lutheran Church – Palatine, Illinois
- Ukrainian Lutheran Church (ULC)

Lenten Midweek Services will have a theme of "In View of God's Mercy" on March 16 & 30. Both Wednesdays will have a supper provided with a dessert potluck at 6:00pm with the worship service starting at 7:00pm. Stay tuned, more dinner details to come!!



The Lutheran Ladies' Circle: Plucking One String by Kris Knorr is the book we will be reviewing on April 13 at 10:00 am.. We usually meet at 10am on the second Wednesday of the month and always welcome new members.



In *Suffering Servant*, we encounter Jesus the Man sent to redeem a lost world. Born in the flesh, Jesus became like us. Taking the form of a Servant, He emptied Himself. Bearing our sins to the cross, He gives us newness of life through His victory over death won for us by His resurrection from the dead.

Daily Devotions from LHM will help strengthen and encourage your faith as you do the same for others. Have them delivered right to your inbox, podcast the audio devotional, access them on your mobile device through the FREE app, or listen with Spotify, iHeart Radio, Alexa, or Google Home. Visit https://www.lhm.org/lent/



There is a discussion group on Facebook about LHM's *Suffering Servant* Lenten Devotions Beginning March 2. Each day's devotion will be posted to the group. You can make a comment or a thought for discussion on one of

the posts. To search on Facebook the group is called Let's Discuss the Devotions or enter the following in your favorite browser www.facebook.com/groups/st.paul.discuss/

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Repentance in the Augsburg Confession Article XIII on Concord Matters (4/2 at 10:00 a.m. CT), study Luke 19-20 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/30 at 11:00 a.m. CT, and study Psalm 129-131 and Psalm 19-20 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app.

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"I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His Annunciation, Nativity, Presentation, Baptism, Temptation, Transfiguration, Triumphal Entry, Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, Arrest, Trial, Passion, Carrying of the Cross, Crucifixion, Death, Burial, Resurrection, Great Commission, or Ascension." James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



I CERTAINLY <u>AM</u> INTERESTED IN THE BUILDING FUND, PASTOR—IN FACT, JUST LAST NIGHT I WAS PRAYING FOR ONE OF THOSE MILLIONAIRES TO JOIN OUR CHURCH!

GOD'S PEOPLE IN ACTION



ATTENDANCE AND OFFERINGS

March 16th Attendance March 20th Attendance 31, 23 Communed, 9 Online

Basket	\$157.00	Weekly Missions	\$30.00
Envelopes	1,076.00	LCC-Ukran. Miss.	75.00
Lent	316.50	Church Maint	10.00
		Social Ministry	65.00
		Easter Food Basket	200.00
Budgeted Total	1,549.50	Non-budgeted Total	\$380.00
Offering Needed	1,640.00		
Short	\$-90.50		



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Today	8:45 am	Worship Service
	10:00 am	Coffee &

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday 6:00 pm Soup Supper, Desert Potluck

7:00 pm Lenten Worship Service

Thursday Friday Saturday

Sunday 8:45 am Worship Service

10:00 am Coffee &...

SERVANT SCHEDULE

Pastor Pastor Fluechtling Sun, Apr 3, 8:45 AM Pastor Pasto

Usher Louis Sella

Lay Reader Dana Krieger Norma Allen



Easter Flower Order Form

Orders must be turned in by April 10, 2022

Your Name:

Lilies - Number of flowers:	@ \$12.00 each = \$
Tulips - Number of flowers:	@ \$10.00 each = \$
Hyacinths - Number of flowers: _	@ \$10.00 each = \$
Depending or	n Availability
Total	\$
In Memory of:	
☐ Same as last year.	
☐ I will take my flowers home.	
☐ I will leave my flowers on the church.	Altar for the beautification of the
Flowers may be picked up AFTER	the Worship Service on Easter.

Orders, including payment, may be given to the church office. All excess funds will be used for regular Sunday flowers by the altar.