

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

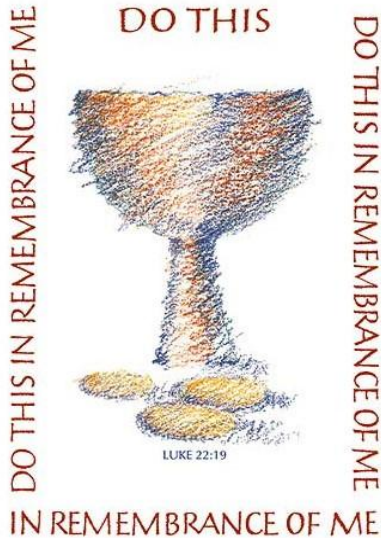
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The Rev. Marty Ramey, Interim Pastor

A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Easter Sunday/ The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20, 2025

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MS. MARSHA JOHNSON

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

(silence 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, God forgives 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

* **PROCESSIONAL HYMN** “*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*” LBW 151

* APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.

*KYRIE



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: B Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: B Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"



C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. D Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was
 slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. E Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and
 strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

C This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. F Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. II For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*SALUTATION PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65: 17-25 (ESV)

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of

distress. ²⁰ No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²² They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³ They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 16: 1-11

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
I have no good apart from you."**

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names on my lips.**

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
you hold my lot.

⁶ **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹ You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 19-26 (ESV)

¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

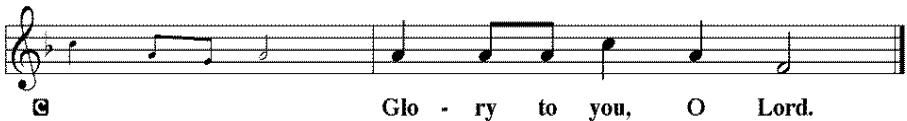
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C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

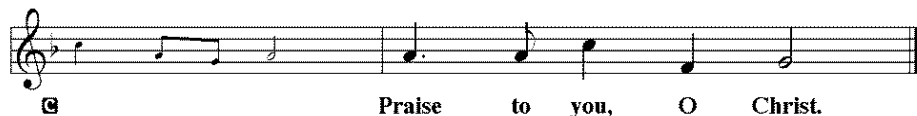


***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 24: 1-12 (ESV)**

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of

sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”⁸ And they remembered his words,⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest.¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles,¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON

Resurrection Donkey

PASTOR MARTY RAMEY

***SERMON HYMN: “Now All the Vault of Heav’n Resounds” LBW #143**

***NICENE CREED**

C: 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;

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He 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

*ANTHEM *“God Raised The Ransom”* Soldiers of Cross of Christ

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



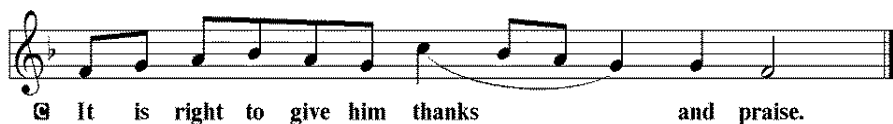
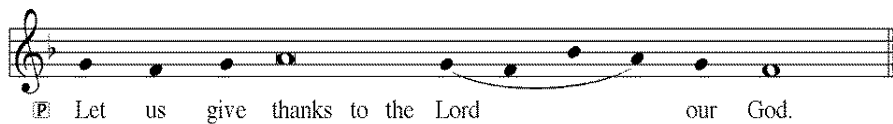
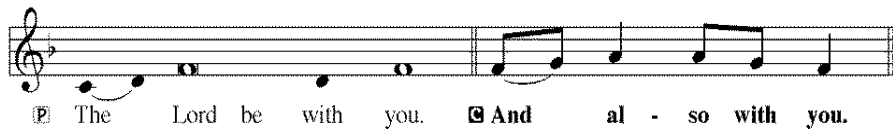
Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
 and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

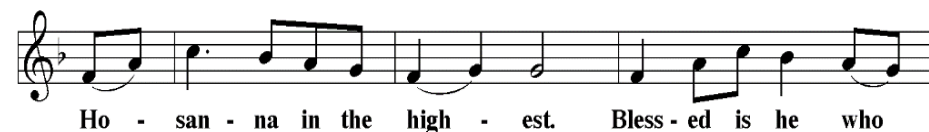
P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--
 ourselves, 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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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



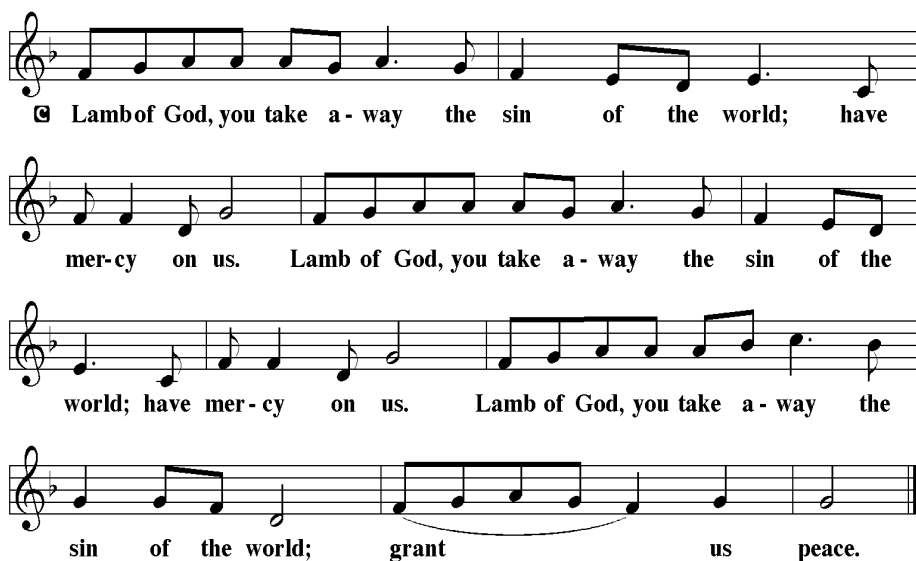
*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT



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.

COMMUNION HYMN

WOV 740 & 709

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

C: Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: *"Thank the Lord"*



☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

*BENEDICTION

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

*CLOSING HYMN *"Christ Is Risen"* LBW 131

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Everette Stoner by the Larry Barbee family.

The **NOAH Prayer Shawl** group will meet tomorrow night at **5:00 p.m.** We will be working on our spring project, blankets for the pregnancy center. If you can't make it at 5:00, please come at any time. We will be cutting the blankets to size and putting the holes around the edges to get them ready for crocheting around the edges. If you have a cutter or cutting board, please bring them with you.

The PBNJ and CSI Youth Groups will be going to the Life Center on Monday, April 21st to play Bingo with the participants. We are in need of BINGO prizes. They like Large Print Word Search Books, "Kids"/"Beaded" Bracelets and Necklaces, Small Nick Nacks (to sit around), Socks, Scarves, Small Stuffies, ect. Please NO Candy. Please give items to Meredith or Kristi. Thank you!

Please submit ALL recipes by April 27th. Thank you so much! We are excited to share this with everyone. Kristi and Gail

BAZAAR: Calling every crafter, baker and canner in our church!! I need you!! For those that plant gardens please consider planting and canning some for the bazaar. Suggestions: green beans (big seller), various pickles (label the type), tomatoes, salsa, spaghetti sauce or any other sellable vegetable. I can help with the need for jars/lids if needed. For my crafters out there, Yes, we need you to craft items from wreaths to Christmas ornaments (fall items do sell also). Suggestion, if you craft only **do up to 6** of each item. If you need ideas, let me know. Thank you so much for supporting our Bazaar again this year, Jodie

To send cards to Norman Goodman, Rand and Yvonne Yost or visits:

Norman Goodman
Concord Rehab & Nursing Center
515 Lake Concord Rd NE
Concord, NC 28025 Room 177

Rand Yost	Yvonne Yost
Trinity Oaks	601 Wildwood Drive
728 Klumac Road	Salisbury, NC 28146
Salisbury, NC 28144	Room C 9

VBS will be held **June 5-7, 2025** this year. It will be from **6 to 8 on Thursday and Friday and 9 to 1 on Saturday**. This year's theme is ROAD TRIP: On the Go with God! VBS is for ages 2 through 5 grade. If you would like to help see Meredith Harrison. You can register your child, grandchild, neighbor etc, using the link below or see Meredith.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 15</u> <u>Date: April 13, 2025</u>	
2025 Weekly Needs: \$3,989.43	YTD Budget Needs: \$59,841.45
<u>Last Week</u>	
Gen.Tithes Received \$2,050.24	YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$51,465.24
Last week (Deficit) (\$1,939.19)	YTD (Deficit) (\$8,376.21)

Geraniums and Lilies

Geraniums Given in Memory of:

Elaine & Henry Caudle by: Kelly & Susan Caudle
Carlton & Daniel Hager by: Kelly & Susan Caudle
Carl & Marie Pless by: Richard & Betty Archer
Carl, Sr and Marie Pless by: Carl, Jr, Joyce, Daniel & Jacob Pless
J.B. Faggart, John Faggart & Earl and Kitty Shaver by: Karen & Amanda
J.B. Faggart & Johnny Faggart by: Family
Rod Duncan by: Sharon Duncan
Our Parents & Siblings by: Jane Faggart
Terry & Mary Ann Sifford by: John, Meredith, Marianna, Emma, & Justin

Geraniums Given in Honor of:

Judy & Jerry Hagler by: Kelly & Susan Caudle
Rand & Yvonne Yost by: Kelly & Susan Caudle
Rand and Yvonne Yost by: CSI Youth Group
Rand & Yvonne Yost by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Our parents Frank & Doris Kluttz by: Tim & Kim Aldridge
Frank & Doris Kluttz by: CSI Youth Group
Kay Barbee by: Larry Barbee Family
Kay Barbee by: CSI Youth Group
Harry & Dot Goodman by: Larry Barbee Family
Harry & Dot Goodman by: CSI Youth Group
Harry & Dorothy Goodman by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Susan, Karen, Alexis, Taylor & Kaylee by: Larry & Sharon Barbee
Jane Faggart by: Karen, Amanda & Sarha
John & Linda Trull by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
John & Linda Trull by: CSI Youth Group
Sharon Duncan by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
John & Cathy Weast by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Bob & Joann Barrier by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Bob & Joann Barrier by: CSI Youth Group
Wayne Furr by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Leonard & Belinda Campbell by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Pastor Ramey by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Pastor Ramey by: CSI Youth Group
Tim & Kim Aldridge by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Caden, Hadley & Hazel by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Dixie & Holden Preston by: Sharon Duncan
Landyn Duncan by: Sharon Duncan
All my wonderful and loving family by: Jane Faggart
Marianna, Emma & Justin by: John & Meredith
Joey & Lisa Barrier by: CSI Youth Group
Norman Goodman by: CSI Youth Group

In Honor of our mother Evelyn Aldridge & **In Memory** of our father William
Aldridge by: Tim & Kim Aldridge

Lilies

In Memory of:

John & Annette Deese by: Larry Barbee Family
George & Frances Pless by: Larry Barbee Family
Everette & Marie Stoner by: Larry Barbee Family

In Honor of:

Kay Barbee by: Doug, Heather, Chloe & Kensi Bell and Wayne & Jeremy Furr
Rand & Yvonne Yost by: Doug, Heather, Chloe & Kensi Bell and Wayne &
Jeremy Furr
Starr Kluttz by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Earlene Cox by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Ella Rose Miller by: Henry & Lindsay Pless
Justin Harrison by: Henry & Lindsay Pless



April 20, 2025

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List.

Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayercccl@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5PM.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Kay Barbee; Joey Barrier (Recovering at home); Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman (Concord Rehab & Nursing Center – Room 177); Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; John Trull; Linda Trull; Rand Yost (Trinity Oaks – Room C 9); Yvonne Yost
Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Atlas Baucom

Family of Whit Moose, Sr.

Pastor Charles Barrier; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain; Bill Carpenter; Pastor Randall Cauble; Luke Cranford; Brynn Fesler; Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston; Melissa Krumbien; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Steve Sifford (Prostate cancer surgery recovery); Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Even Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

**** Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, card, or email along with your prayers**

Today is April 20, 2025

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ Is Risen!

No Sunday School

Holy Communion Service

9:00 AM

Next Sunday

9:00 AM Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 12-32

Psalm 148: 1-14

Revelation 1: 4-18

St. John 20: 19-31

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