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Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Day

April 5, 2026

THE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:00 AM In-Person & Zoom

WELCOME

Announcements

Prelude “Easter Announcement”

Rae Ann Smith – organist,
Dan Rose – Trumpet, Kati Dix - Violin

* A Call to Worship

P: Trumpets sound.

C: Angels sing.

P: Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed!

P: Joy fills our innermost being.

C: Children giggle with delight.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen!

P: Love dances on an empty tomb.

C: Death has lost its fearful grip.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

P: Butterflies burst free from cocoons.

C: Alleluias bounce off the walls.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne
and to the Lamb!

C: Amen.

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P: Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.

Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

C: You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever. **Amen.**

* **Gathering Hymn 365**

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today!”

* Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

* **Kyrie**

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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.

Lord, have mer - cy.

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

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

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

* This is the Feast

(Setting 3 – Page 140)

Refrain S 140

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Final refrain

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

* Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson: *Jeremiah 31:1-6*

¹ At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
 found grace in the wilderness;
 when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God’s mercy endures forever.

² **Let Israel now declare,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson: *Acts 10:34-43*

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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.

⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

* Gospel Acclamation

(Setting 3 – Page 142)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the 28th chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel: *Matthew 28:1-10*

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Daniel Swanson

Hymn 389

“Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

* The Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

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

The Prayer of the Church

* Sharing of the Peace of the Lord

We Offer Our Gifts to the Lord
Anthem

Organ Voluntary
Chancel Choir

“Christ is Risen” Dan Rose – Trumpet

Martin

* Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

* The Offertory

Hymn 393

“Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord:

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* Offertory Prayer

L: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

* The Great Thanksgiving

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 God thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed rightand join their unending hymn:

* (Holy, Holy Holy)

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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.

* The Words of Institution

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the

wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

C: Amen.

* 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.

P: Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord..

C: Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Agnus Dei (*Lamb of God*)

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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.

Distribution of the Sacrament
Anthem "Easter Song"

Duet – Gretchen Dix, Debbie Fornwalt
Hayes

* Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Anthem "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Wilson

Dan Rose – Trumpet, Kati Dix – Trombone, Thaddeus Hansrote - Tuba

* The Prayer after Communion

L: Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen

* Blessing

P: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

* **Sending Hymn 382**

"Christ I Risen! Alleluia"

* Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

* Postlude

In Bread and Wine our Lord Jesus meets us and we receive His Body and Blood given and shed for our forgiveness. It is a meal of love, forgiveness and renewal. If you are visiting with us today and are a baptized Christian and desire to commune, please do come to the table of the Lord. Children and youth who have not received instruction in the meaning of the Sacrament are cordially invited to come forward to receive a blessing. Please come toward as directed by ushers by the center aisle and return by the side aisles.

Lectors for our Services

This Sunday, Easter, April 5 – Gary Llewellyn

This Wednesday, April 8 – Lydia Martin

Next Sunday, April 12 – Sally Buser

Next Wednesday, April 15 – Debbie Fornwalt

Ushers – Ed & Lita Havens

Organist – Rae Ann Smith

A/V – Kathy, Steve, Dave, Joyce

The Altar Flowers have been given to the glory of God in memory of my wife, Carolyn and son, Philip by John Mauzy.

The Bulletins and Communion Bread & Wine have been given to the glory of God in memory of Terry Tedrow by Sherry and Family.

The Newsletter Sponsorship has been given to the glory of God in memory of my wife, Karen and brother, Frank by Bill Bingman.

We have a hearing assistance system in the sanctuary. If you are having problems hearing our service, please ask the usher for a receiver.

Hope that you have picked up your name tags from the board in the main entrance. They are in alphabetical order. Please return to the board when leaving. Thanks

This week –

This Sunday – April 5, Easter Day – Easter Breakfast 8:30-9:30am

Easter Worship– 10:00am

Smith Birthday's & Cornhole – 2:00pm

Wednesday – Worship – 6:30pm

Thursday – Bible Study in Pastor office – 10:30am

Next Sunday, April 12, Worship – 10:00, followed by Adult SCS in the upper kitchen

Church Council has designated our Lenten/Easter offerings for the LaVale Food Pantry.

Please start collecting your coins for our Delaware/Maryland Assembly in June. We will have our **Noisy offering on May 17th. This money goes to Hunger.**

Also we need two delegates to go to Synod Assembly on June 5-6. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Daniel or the church office. We need to register by the middle of April.

Mountain Maryland Lecture Series

Theme: Wrestling with God: From Lament to Praise

What: Mountain Maryland Lecture Series featuring Dr. Rolf Jacobson

Who: open to religious leaders and lay people alike

When: Friday, April 17 - Sunday, April 19, 2026

Where: St John's Lutheran Church in Cumberland

Cost: \$50 for the entire weekend series

Please contact Pastor Daniel if you plan to attend or if you have any questions. It is not too early to register! Please see the flyer in the narthex for more information.

Your Parish Nurses love you!!!! Therefore we will be doing blood pressure screenings on **the third Sunday of the month** (in the Fellowship Hall following service. Take this opportunity to have yours checked!

As you are doing your Spring cleaning remember our church Yard Sale. We will start setting up July 20 (sales on July 24 & 25) then probably for the next two weeks. **We need stuff!!!! Start gathering.** We do have limited space if you need to bring early. See Shirley.

LAST WEEK'S REPORT – March 29, 2026

Attendance In-Person 10:00am = 71
Zoom 10:00am = 1

Pastor's pictures - 36

BUDGET OFFERINGS FOR 2026

Received = \$2,822.00
Needed weekly = 4,265.56
(1,443.56)

BUDGETED ACCOUNTS – JAN-FEB 2026

Actual Income = \$30,246.15
Actual Expenses = (36,768.86)
(\$ 6,522.71)

**THE EASTER FLOWERS THAT DECORATE THE SANCTUARY HAVE BEEN
GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY:**



Sally Buser – *In honor of Family & Jack
In memory of Merle & Garrett Buser
In memory of the Jack L Murray, Sr. family and
all charter members of CLC*

Joyce DeMonbrun – *In honor of son, Daniel and Family
In memory of daughter, Jean Marie
In memory of son, James*

Mark & Sonya Cooper Lathrop – *In honor of Mom: Jo-Jacqueline Cooper
In memory of father: John W. Cooper II
In memory of Brother John W. Cooper III
In memory of Parents: James & Patricia Lathrop
In memory of Brother: Robert Lathrop*

Barbara Martin – *In memory of deceased loved ones*

Lydia Martin– *In memory of the James O. Martin family and the Maas-deRegt Family*

Jack Murray, Jr – *In memory of Katie Murray
In memory of mom, Laura Vere
In honor of Sally Buser*

Fred & Kathy Powell – *In honor of our daughter, Abby
In memory of our son, Joshua*

Dianne & Ray Short – *In memory of my parents and sister, Kermit & Thelma Failing
and Karen Failing*

Jeff & Rae Ann Smith – *In honor of grandchildren: Jacob, Eva, Emma,
Ian and Harrison
In memory of Parents: John & Cynthia Smith
Cecil & Helena Brenneman
In memory of sisters: Betty Kroll, Marilyn Adam*

Shirley & Jim Smith – *In honor of our children and grandchildren
In loving memory of daughter, Christina and our parents*

World Artists Experiences Presents



In partnership with the Embassy of Brazil



The Armorial Ensemble

The Armorial Ensemble invites the audience into rural Brazil to a time when simplicity reigns and values were shared orally from one generation to the next. The Ensemble is composed of **Marcello Linhos** on the viola caipira and vocals, **Nelson Latif** on 7-string guitar, and **Marcelo Lima** on mandolin. The group will playfully engage the audience with the traditional instruments and songs of Brazil. Their goal is to reconnect our hearts to the rural and Inland Feeling that resides in us, simple yet elaborate at the same time. The artists have taken their music across the world. The music is for all ages.

Sunday, April 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM

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PRAYER LIST FOR APRIL 5, 2026

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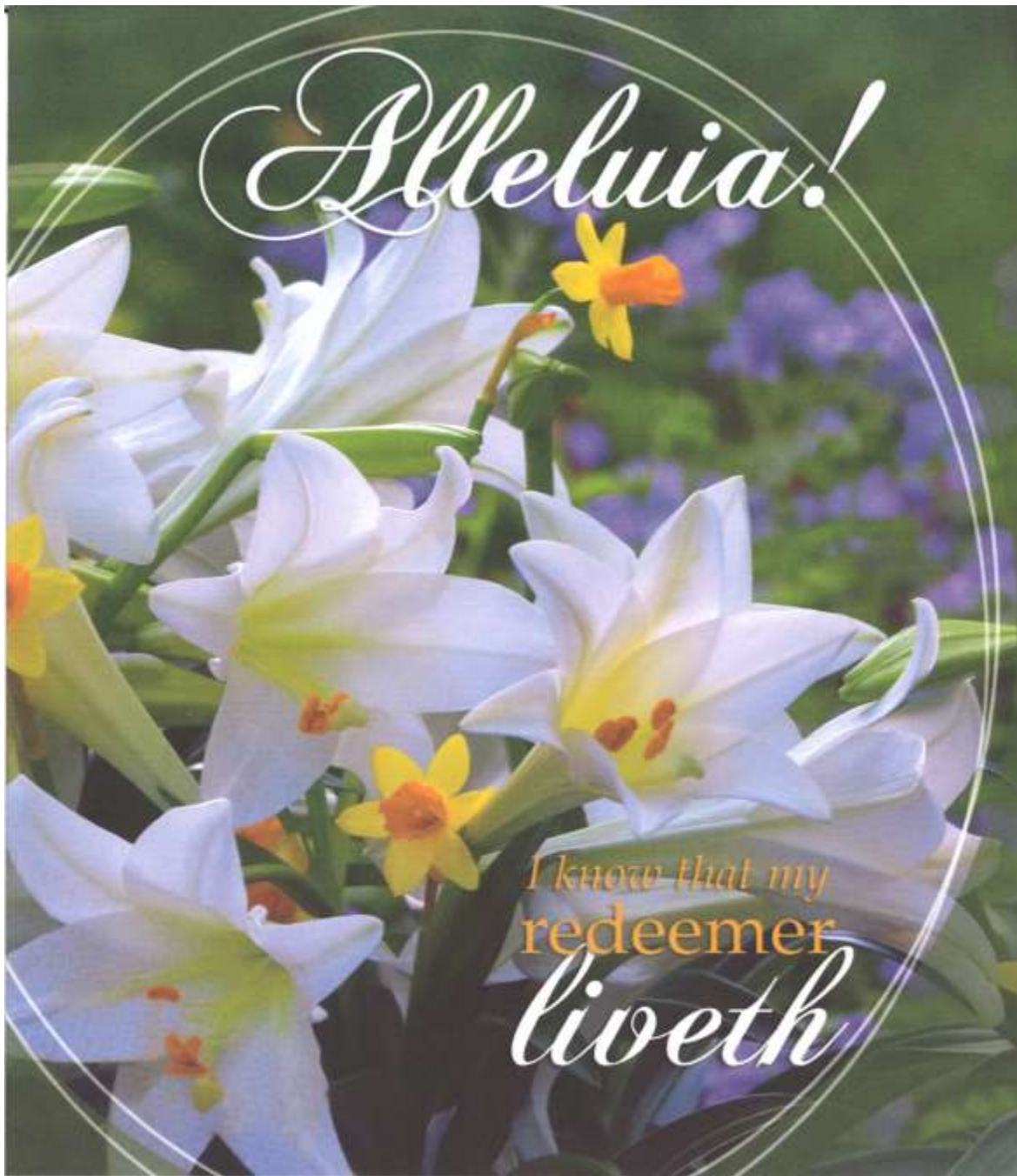
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Elwood Glass
Mitzie & Jerry Robinette
Patty Wilson
Bill & MarySue Crawford
Jack Zealand
Beverly Lang
Anna Bruck
Jane Miller
Ed Havens
Gail Dawson
Clem Dawson
Dave & Lisa Ahern
Kim Shoemaker
Fay Crawford
David LaBuda
Rosey & Becky McIntyre
Jonathan and Danielle Ahern
Tammy Faulkner
Pam & Dave Judy
David Tibbetts
Joyce DeMonbrun
Kathy Powell
Sharon McKenzie
Mary Lou Rowles

PRAYER RECIPIENT

Brad & Gregg Dawson, Stephen Overtoom	<i>Requested by</i> Gail Dawson
Barbara Williams	Sharon M
Joe Kunsman, Linda Nines, Ellen Hill	Mitzie & Jerry
Brittney Meyers, Talot Omar, Terry Baker	Mitzie & Jerry
Nathan Winters	Dianne Short
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Elise & Henry Jack Balber	Jack Zealand
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Cheri Bielen	Jane Miller
Carolyn Farr, Baby Whetzel, Kevin Mistretta,	Diane
Dan Moore, Graham Tower, Lisa Storm, Jaime Pletcher, Karen Ford	Diane K
Richard Clark, Zachary Sutterfield, Alexis Smith	Anne DeVaughn
Diane Davis, Nancy Smith, James Flynn	Antoinette Royster
Joy Kroeger-Mappes Carmen and Lance Jackson	Antoinette Royster
Susie Spiker, Joan Beal	Shirley & Jim Smith
Gretchen Burke	Val & Gary Llewellyn
Sally, Roger, James Tibbetts	Dave Tibbetts
Andy Cocco	John Cocco
Marie Turnbull, Steven Suzindlak,	Lita Havens
Dan Carr, Matt Doman	Steven Hansrote
Phil Fisher	Sherry T
Don Ringer, Stephanie Georgiane	Kristan Fazzenbaker
Mary Lou Dorsey	Trina Firey
Vic Werner	Barbara Martin
Belinda Keller	Linda McCagh
Barbara Blough	Janice & Dave LaBuda
Galen Dean Krepps	Lisa Ahern
Jared McGensie, Chris Twigg	Patty Wilson and Rosey
Breanna Brown	Debbie Fornwalt
Kamryn Rice	Corinna Hilderbrand
Candy Heverly	Charlotte Luy
Elizabeth Ororke, Brooks Chamers, Barbara Fridengu	L. Marchini
Erin Morrissey	Terri McCagh
Teddy Rankin	Fred & Kathy Powell

Please keep us updated

- all people affected by the wildfires and other disasters
- all people of the Ukraine and all affected by the war
- all elected officials
- those who serve in our nation's armed forces including Rick Rounds, Tom Forrest,
Luke Smith



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