+ Palm Sunday +

Mar 24, Year of Our Lord 2024 | DS4

Greeting and Collect

- The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C Amen.
- P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
- **G** Hosanna to the Son of David.
- P Let us pray. Most merciful God, as

the people of Jerusalem, with palms in their hands, gathered to greet Your dearly beloved Son when He came into His Holy City, grant that we may ever hail Him as our King and, when He comes again, may go forth to meet Him with trusting and steadfast hearts and follow Him in the way that leads to eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

John 12:12-19

Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

"Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written about him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to bear witness. The reason why the

crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.
- P Let us go forth in peace,
- **G** in the name of the Lord.





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When all have arrived at their places, the procession concludes with the following:

P Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **G** Hosanna in the highest.

A time of silence to highlight the contrast between Jesus' triumphal entry and His passion.

+ Service of the Word +



Psalm 24:7–10; antiphon: Psalm 118:26

P Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the LORD!* We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O | ancient doors,*

that the King of glory I may come in.

Who is this King of I glory?*

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in I battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O I ancient doors,*

that the King of glory I may come in.

Who is this King of I glory?*

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of I glory!

Blessèd is he who comes in the name I of the LORD!*

We bless you from the house I of the LORD.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **G** And with your spirit.
- P Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take upon Himself our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross. Mercifully grant that we may follow the example of His great humility and patience and be made partakers of His resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations;
his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.
As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, Zechariah 9:9-12

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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

Gradual

Hebrews 9:12a, c, 15a; Psalm 111:9a

C [Christ] entered once for all into the holy places, by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant,

so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance. He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant forever.

Epistle

Philippians 2:5–11

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

Verse of the Day

Philippians 2:8b

P He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Holy Gospel

- John 12:20–43
- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twelfth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Now among those who went up to worship at the feast were some Greeks. So these came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. And Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of



Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

"Now is my soul troubled. And what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But for this purpose I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven: "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd that stood there and heard it said that it had thundered. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to show by what kind of death he was going to die. So the crowd answered him, "We have heard from the Law that the Christ remains forever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?" So Jesus said to them, "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you. The one who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light."

When Jesus had said these things, he departed and hid himself from them. Though he had done so many signs before them, they still did not believe in him, so that the word spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

"Lord, who has believed what he heard from us, and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?"

Therefore they could not believe. For again Isaiah said,

"He has blinded their eyes and hardened their heart, lest they see with their eyes, and understand with their heart, and turn, and I would heal them."

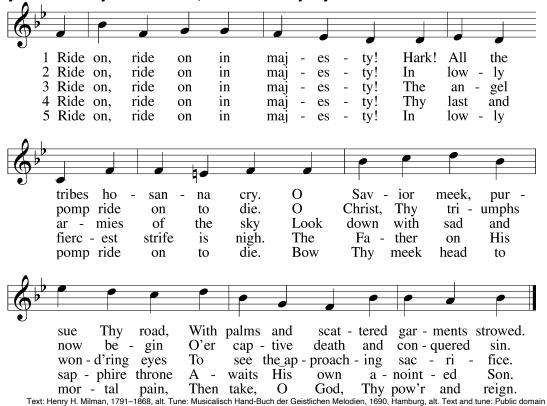
Isaiah said these things because he saw his glory and spoke of him. Nevertheless, many even of the authorities believed in him, but for fear of the Pharisees they did not confess it, so that they would not be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

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.



Hymn of the Day: 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

+ Sermon +

When I am Lifted Up

Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Prayer of the Church

World: Praying for a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. Safety for **those travelling in these winter months**.



Church: For **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church**. For **safety and protection** for those building our new Sanctuary, narthex, and facilities for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).

Vocation: For veterans and our military (including Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith and William Smolter). For those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters. For teachers in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: Aaron Wade, Will Bales, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman, and Vicar Alex Ogden. For the healthy birth of August Johnson (to Luke & Blair). For those expecting children including Daniel and Monica Hendricks and Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler. For the recently engaged including Sam Bohnet and Kate Roberts.

Loss and Mourning: For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Bill Young**, sudden death (Kenna Chorney's children's father). Family of **Russ Smolter** (William's father) who passed away 3/1. Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of *Barbara Moyer's grand-children's mother* who passed away. Family of Deputy **Greg McCowan** (killed in the line of duty in Blount County). Family of **Grabriel** (Sharon Shower's grandson) murdered in Alaska. Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27. Family of a **friend** of Becky Hamby, killed in an auto accident. Family of **Bill Colver** (Al Collver's brother) passed away 1/6. Family of For **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfelser** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24).

Health: For **Lila Reuer** (Al's wife; Rhonda Heckman's mom) broken hip surgery recovery. For **Joan Large** stroke recovery at Patricia Neal. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** who received new kidney on 3/7 at Vanderbilt. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) blood clot treatments. For **Hermon** (friend of Christopher Snyder) healing for shattered heal and infection. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For

another friend of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. For Steve Kaiser (severe case of cellulitis in his legs). Julie Bullock (Tom Wittkopp's sister) failing heart condition, now in hospice. For Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter cancer diagnosis limited to lymph nodes, for treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For **Chuck Pettviohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For **Tom Williams** more tests on lungs. For Frank Davis (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For Doug Hammond (Joan Large's son) recovering from heart surgery. For Brad (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Raye Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For Janeen Meier healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For Pete Gay (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For Marty Smith (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For Victor Sebahar (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. For Amy Young (cancer treatments). For Lyndsie (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. Ronnie Riggs (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. **Lawrence McMichael** thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to come. Bill Solomon (Amy Mohr's brother) eye condition. For Marge (Ted Wilson's former wife) valve replacement. Gary Kubin experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. Sharon Yoder recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). Carol Ehrens diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). Ed McGillick persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. Janice Kaiser health. Lee Schuck at home, for her health and mobility. Gary Moehling recovery of balance and stability. Debbie Johnston kidney health. Bob McDermott dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For Judy Kalkitis health. Pastor Neil Vanderbush at Immanuel. Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment, Kay (Myrna Frazier's sister) for health. For June McDonnell (lung health). Jennifer Morsch (Joel & Barbara's daughter) health. Rachel Ernst's mother: cancer treatments. For Alan Stremsterfer's mother health issues. For Lisa Stremsterfer's father health and stability. Sheila Schnepf (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. Nancy (Jim Vesper's mother) health. Aurora Stevens back treatments. For Barbara Movers health. For Kathy Bigger (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Al Reuer health. Steve Kaiser's mother Louise in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's Aunt Kara (health).

Birthdays: Rosalyn L 3/24, Becky H 3/25, Desmond L 3/26, Megan S 3/26, Chloe P 4/4, Lex S 4/4, Art P 4/6

Anniversaries: Fred & Faye H 3/26, Butch & Carol E 4/5

Benediction for those worshipping on the livestream.

+ Service of the Sacrament +

A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

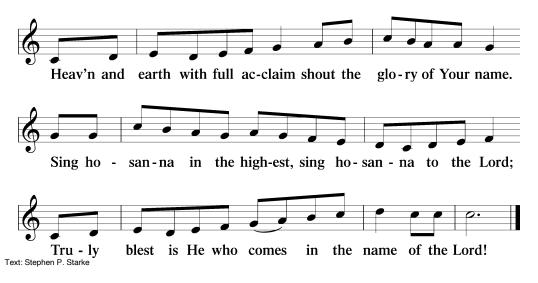
The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- **G** And with your spirit.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **G** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

p. 161 or 178

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, ... in His name and as He taught us:

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.

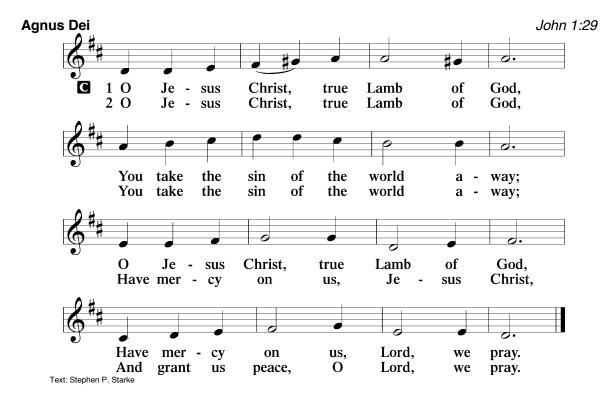
The Words of Our Lord

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 \pm 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

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

Distribution Hymn: 531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Distribution Hymn: 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Distribution Hymn: 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

Post-Communion Collect

- ▲ 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.
- C Amen.

Benedicamus

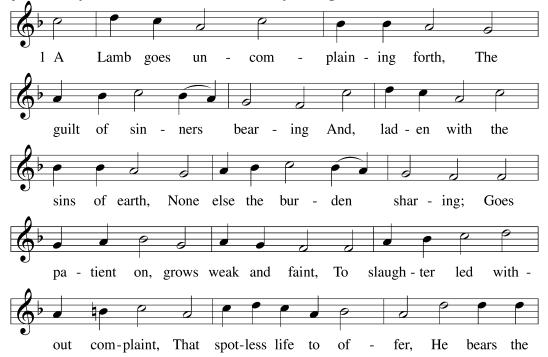
A Let us bless the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

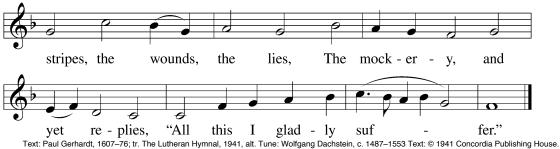
Benediction

C Amen.

Hymn to Depart: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth



Psalm 103:1



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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schauermann

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.

Two Large Print Hymnals are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.

Youth and Families

Encourage your children to attend **Sunday morning Bible study.** Younger children, ages 5 years old to 5th grade, meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6th grade through 12th grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall. See our Sunday School teachers to see what ages we are equipped to teach and feel free to request or offer to teach something for those younger than our current setup.

Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays

Mar 27 See Shelli about a special Holy Week Wednesday event Mar 30 Sat 10:00 a.m. set up tables and chairs (transition and prep for Easter breakfast)

Youth Catechesis Schedule

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sun, Apr 9

The Lord's Supper

Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts

One of our goals this coming year is to mirror the progress of our physical church sanctuary by providing opportunities to build up the body of Christ here at Praise! Check your weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the Narthex for more specific event details. Please mark your calendars and make sure to make these events part of your schedule:

April 6, 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bunco in new Social Hall, \$5; RSVP to DCE Shelli Haynes April 27, 6:00 p.m. Church-wide Trivia Night May 17, 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Potting Party June 2, 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner





Progress on our Build

Visit **praiselutheran.com/build** to see the latest on our build including videos and info on how you can help.

| Building Fund | 2023 Receipts | 2024 Receipts | Total Receipts |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Actual | \$345,752 | \$42,577 | \$1,014,124 |
| Pledged | \$277,877 | \$179,106 | \$1,065,270 |
| Remaining | -\$68,378 | \$136,529 | \$50,414 |

Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).



Our address has changed: 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801 Please update the church's mailing address if you mail in your contribution check or with your broker if you give gifts through a qualified charitable distribution, etc.

Final weeks of progress: Millwork, Altar area (rail, kneelers), Fixtures, Landscaping and Signage, stained glass windows (delayed until after occupancy).

Help Fund Wooden Beams for the new Sanctuary. The price of these were more than originally budgeted, these were deemed worthy to do now and an important architectural and meaningful feature. Seeking gifts to the Building Fund. Amount needed: **\$30,000**. Please specify "Wooden Beams" or "Building Fund."

ANNOUNCING: Match for Wooden Beam Donations: an anonymous donor has offered up to \$15,000 (dollar for dollar) match for donations for the new Wooden Beams.

Announcements

Cards Creation this Tues. at 1:00 p.m. in Social Hall with Lois Schering
Choir this Wednesday: Holy Week Rehearsal at 6:00 p.m.
Men's Bible Study on break until Apr. 10.
NO Ladies Bible Study this Thursday (resumes April 11)
Transition to New Sanctuary Sat, Mar 30: adults begin at 9:00 a.m., Youth at 10:00 a.m.

Holy Week Service Schedule

HOLY THURSDAY, Mar 28 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Divine Service with Stripping of the Altar

GOOD FRIDAY, Mar 29 Noon and 7:00 p.m. Service of the Word with Passion of Christ Readings



EASTER VIGIL, Saturday, Mar 30 (First service in New Sanctuary) 6:45 p.m. Meet in the Parking Lot weather-permitting (or new Narthex) Services of Light, Word, and Rite of Holy Baptism administered to August Luke Johnson

EASTER SUNDAY, Mar 31 (First Easter in New Sanctuary)

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Please sign-up in Narthex to donate items for the Easter Breakfast: need more egg casseroles and fruit. Youth families will prep, serve, and clean up. Free will donation for Youth Camp registrations.

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Resurrection of Our Lord Divine Services with dedication of the New Sanctuary

Easter Lily Dedication in honor/memory of loved ones. Sign-up TODAY in the Narthex. Deadline to sign up is this Wed, Mar 27. Suggested donation of \$15.00 to cover the cost of the lily. Any donations received that are above cost of the plants will go toward Wooden Beams. All dedications will appear in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Save the Date: Public Dedication for the New Sanctuary: Sun, May 19 Tentative schedule (many volunteers will be needed): 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Open House

- 3:30 p.m. Dedication Service with Special Guests
- 4:45 p.m. Celebration meal in Social Hall