

EASTER THE HOPE
OF THE
WORLD

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Lutheran Church

April 19, 2026

**Third Sunday
of Easter**

Today's gospel begins with two disciples walking to Emmaus,
overcome with sadness, loss, and disappointment.
They had hoped Jesus, who was crucified, would be the one to redeem Israel!
Yet the risen Christ walks with them
and then opens their eyes in the breaking of the bread.
Each Sunday our hearts burn within us as the scriptures are proclaimed
and Christ appears to us as bread is broken and wine is poured.
The story of Emmaus becomes the pattern of our worship each Lord's day.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

RAABE

Michael Burkhardt

Day of Arising

The assembly stands.

GATHERING

Softly spoken

PM: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed!

In a regular voice

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C: He is Risen, Indeed!

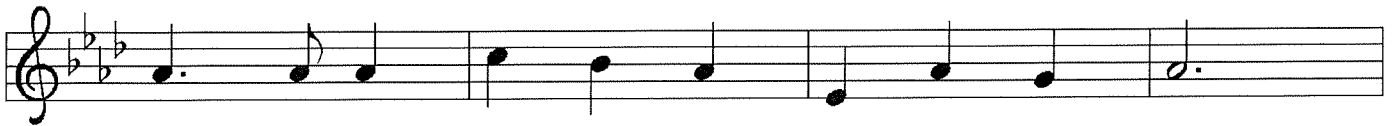
Lifting our voices toward heaven.

PM: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed!
Alleluia!



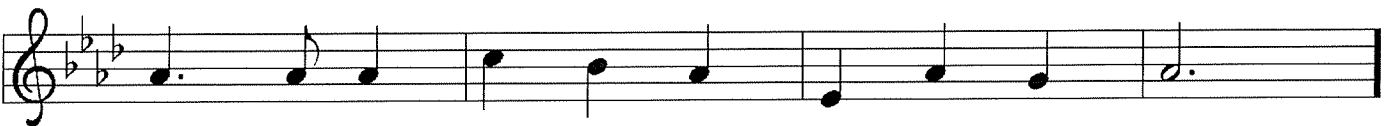
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PM: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

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

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.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

PM: 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.

C: Amen.

GREETING

PM: 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.

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

1. *Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. **Refrain***

2. *Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Final Refrain***

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: O God,
your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

+ + CHILDREN MAY ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14,36-41

Today's reading is the conclusion of Peter's sermon preached following the giving of the Holy Spirit to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. The center of his preaching is the bold declaration that God has made the crucified Jesus both Lord and Christ.

AM: A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

³⁶ "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified." ³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?" ³⁸ Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him." ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

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. **Refrain**

¹⁸ The 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. **Refrain**

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

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

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

SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:17-23

The imagery of exile is used to help the readers of this letter understand that they are strangers in a strange land. Christians no longer belong to this age. Through the death of Christ we belong to God, so that our focus, faith, and hope are no longer on such things as silver or gold.

AM: A reading from 1 Peter, the first chapter.

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. ²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

PM: The gospel of our Lord.



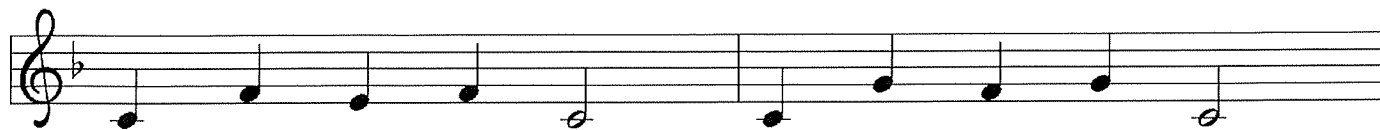
The assembly is seated.

The assembly stands.

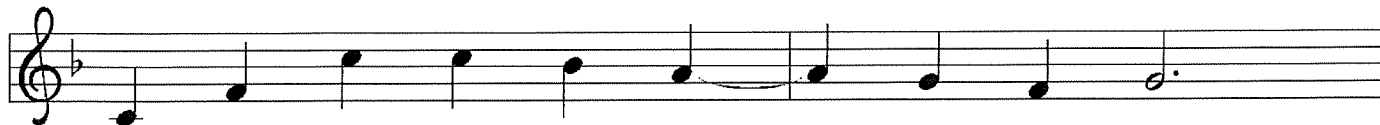
HYMN OF THE DAY

DAY OF ARISING

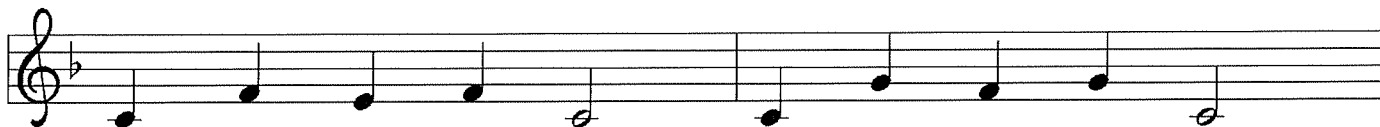
ELW # 374



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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 assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.

Each petition concludes:

PM: God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

PM: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
C: **Amen.**

The assembly stands.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

PM: The peace of Christ, be with you always.
C: **And also with you.**

The assembly is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION *ORIENTIS PARTIBUS*

Edward Broughton

Christ the Lord Is Risen Toay

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: 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,
C: **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
 the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
 who in dying has destroyed death,
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter
 and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high-est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PM: 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.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those
 who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation,**

but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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, grant us peace.

The assembly is seated.

Communion is distributed in two manners

✚ *You may commune in your pews.*

Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.

*The presiding minister will share a blessing,
all communing in-place will commune together.*

✚ *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*

A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.

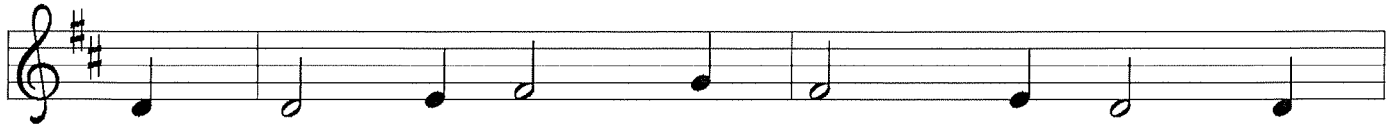
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

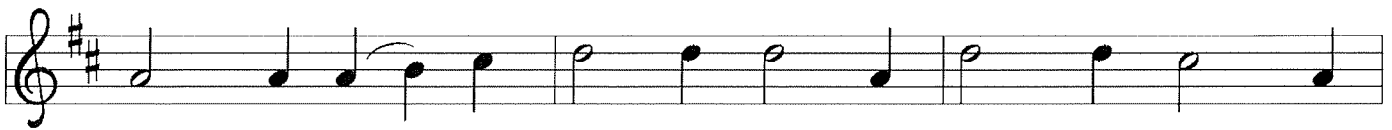
COMMUNION SONG

THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT

ELW # 384



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

TABLE BLESSING

PM: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: 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.

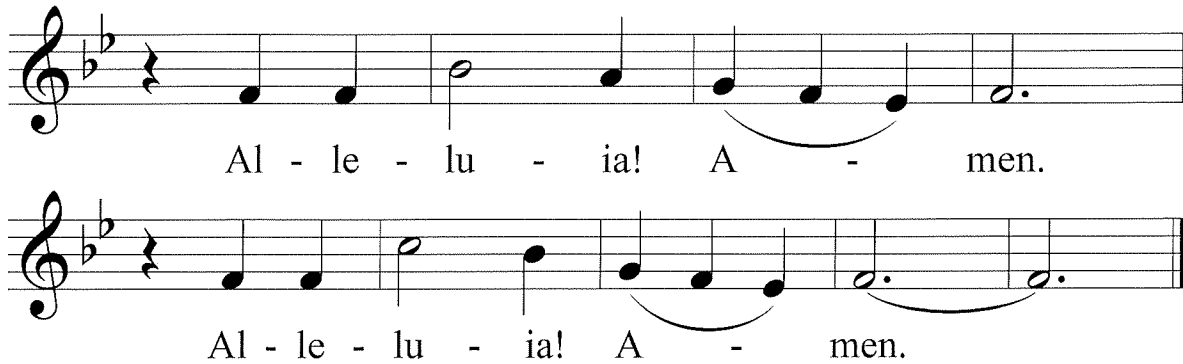
In the name of Jesus,

C: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

PM: 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.



Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

PM: We pray together.

C: Oh, God, your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.

**We are grateful for your goodness and we ask now for confidence
to go forward into the future.**

**Bless our community of faith, bless the changes that are before us,
bless our pastoral leaders who will shepherd us
through this time of transition.**

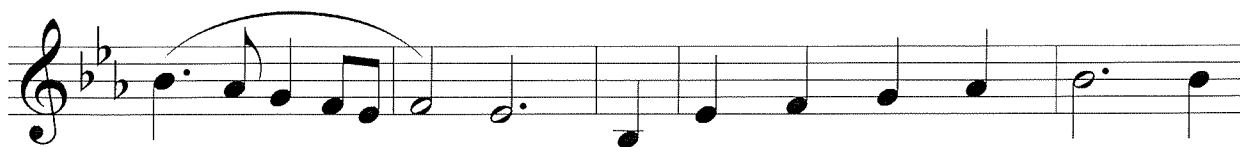
We thank you for the wisdom you show us.

Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry and our future.

**Receive our prayer, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.
Amen.**



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its hill since Je - sus crossed the



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slu - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my



sprung to life this mor - - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - - er.



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on.



Our faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en,



a - ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.

PM: In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Anne Roberts

Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.



We will be honoring our graduating seniors on June 14th.

If you know of anyone we should include, please contact Diane Greene.

<u>Sunday</u>	Apr 19
10:00AM	Easter 3 Service
<u>Monday</u>	Apr 20
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Apr 21
<u>Wednesday</u>	Apr 22
	Earth Day
<u>Thursday</u>	Apr 23
1:00PM	WOFB
<u>Friday</u>	Apr 24
<u>Saturday</u>	Apr 25

LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK



April 16—John Kobelt
 April 23—Rick Nominee
 April 30—Jim Ruess

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	April 26
10:00 AM	Easter 4 Service
<u>Monday</u>	April 27
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	April 28
<u>Wednesday</u>	April 29
<u>Thursday</u>	April 30
<u>Friday</u>	May 1
<u>Saturday</u>	May 2
7:00 PM	Heidelberg Concert

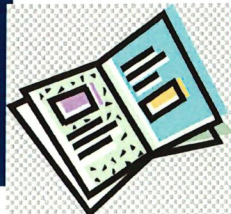
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Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel, forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”

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