

HOLY EUCHARIST
Third Sunday of Easter
April 14th, 2024



University Lutheran Church and Student Center
Norman, OK
ulsc.org
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Holy Eucharist – 8:30AM

*The liturgy and songs for this service are
projected on the screen at the front of the worship area.*

Gathering

Gathering Music

*Mighty to Save
It is You
Children of God*

Welcome & Confession

Song of Praise

Hallelujah, Your Love is Amazing

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

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Psalm 4

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

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Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Gospel

St. Luke the Evangelist 24: 36b-48

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Sermon

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Song of the Day

Come to the Table

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Song

No Longer Slaves

Offering Prayer

Liturgy of the Meal

Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

The Fraction

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians trusting in the Real Presence of Christ in Holy Communion are welcome to receive Communion. We receive the Blood of Christ by intinction. If you are uncomfortable receiving the wine, be assured that you are receiving the fullness of the Eucharist under bread alone. If you do not wish to receive, please indicate that you would like a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest.

Holy Communion

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory
Jesus Messiah*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Sending Song

Mercy is Falling

Dismissal

Thank You for Serving

Pastor

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

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The Revd. Dcn. Donna Huffman Summerville

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The Revd. Dcn. Diane Bloodworth

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Early Service Music Director

Holly Lantagne

Team Leader

Bob Metz

Reader

Katherine Stockstill

Communion Set Up

Sandra Longcrier

Altar Guild Candles

Tamara Swenson

Computer Technician

Anni Lantagne

Acolytes

Jackson & Zachariah Alley

Holy Eucharist– 11:00AM
Traditional with Setting 4 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D
William Boyce

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION

We stand

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father,
and of the † Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let us come before God seeking forgiveness and life.

Silence for reflection and prayer.

God of grace and glory,
**you have brought us through the night of sin
into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**
Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.
Forgive us our sin, O God, and make us alive in Christ.
Make us new as you make all things new.
**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,
renew us in grace,
and restore us to living in your holiness,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.**
Amen.

The Presider declares the Absolution.

Amen.

We stand

GATHERING HYMN

As We Gather at Your Table ELW 522

GREETING

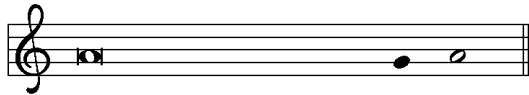
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



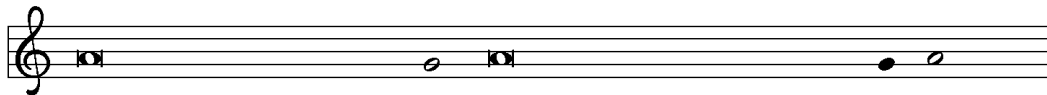
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



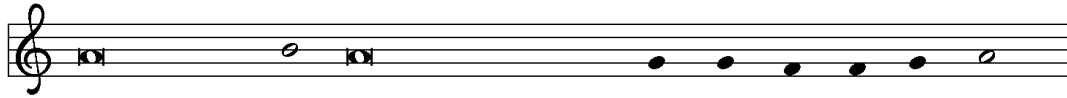
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 wor-ship and praise,



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



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

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

We sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts 3:12-19

After healing a man unable to walk, Peter preaches to the people, describing how God's promises to Israel have been fulfilled in Jesus. Through the proclamation of Christ's death and resurrection, God is offering them forgiveness and restoration in Jesus' name.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus,

whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. ¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4



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Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my / cause;
you set me free when I was in distress;
have mercy on me and hear my / prayer.
“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my / glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after / lies?”

Know that the Lord does wonders for the / faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I / call.
Tremble, then, and do not / sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your / bed.

Offer the appointed / sacrifices,
and put your trust in the / Lord.
Many are saying, “Who will show us any / good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O / Lord.

You have put gladness in my / heart,
more than when grain and wine a/bound.
In peace, I will lie down and / sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest se/cure.

Glory be to the Father and to the / Son

and to the Holy / Spirit;
As it was in the be/ginning,
is now and will be forever. A/men.

SECOND READING

A reading from 1 John 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the Evangelist 24: 36b-48.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

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

We sit

SERMON

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide ELW 391

THE NICENE CREED

God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our own Bishop, Becca, and all bishops, presbyters, and deacons. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

People of God, for whom else, and for what else shall we pray?
God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
We sit

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. We thank you for your continued support of Christ's Church. The ushers will pass an offering plate, or you may give electronically, via mail, or via Simply Giving.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring
J.S. Bach

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

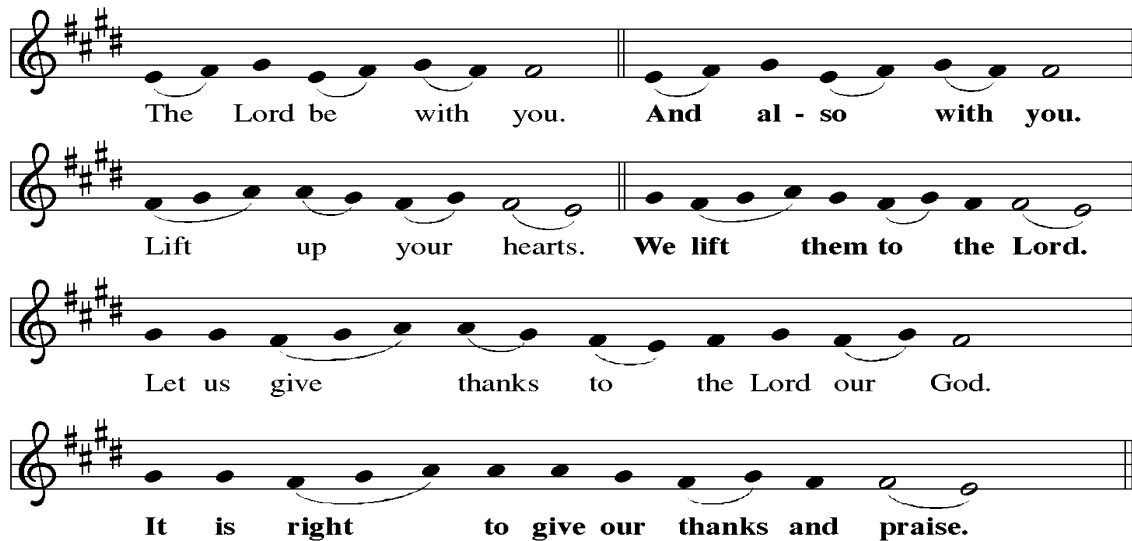
We stand

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor/All

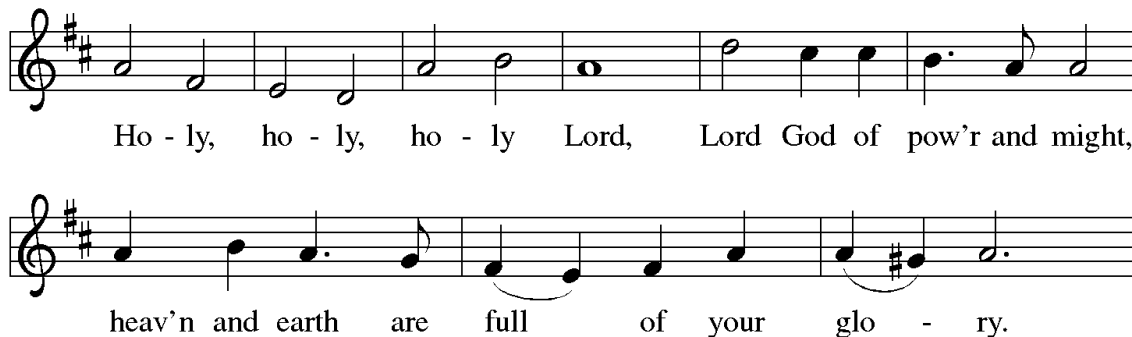


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

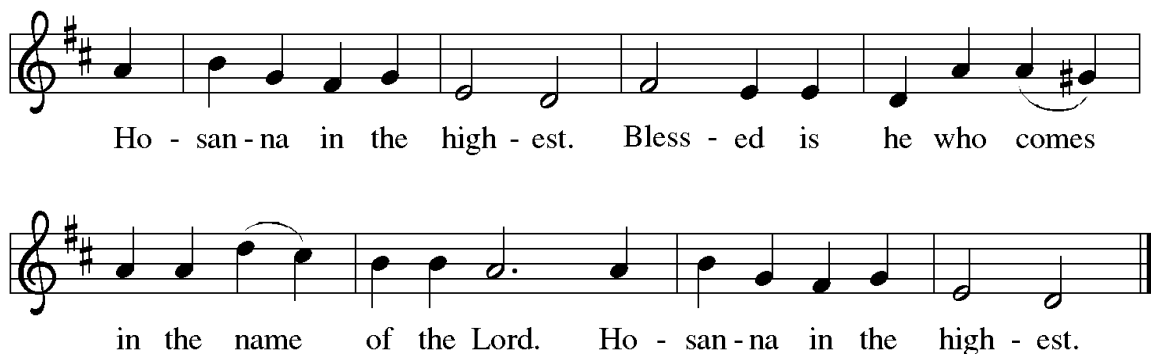
The Presider continues with the Preface.

It is indeed right...
...join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, almighty and most merciful God.
You give life and bring new life in your risen Son, Christ Jesus our Lord.

We praise you as the God of promise, delivering your chosen people Israel from their captivity in slavery and giving them new life in the land promised to faithful Abraham and Sarah; and though they experienced the death of exile, you remained faithful to your promise, sending the prophets and giving your children renewed life in their own land.

We praise you for Jesus, born of the Virgin Mary by the power of your Spirit, the first-born from the dead; who, through the exile of his suffering on the cross, served us as victim and priest, and through him you have delivered us from our exile and captivity to sin and death, giving us the joys of life everlasting, fulfilling all covenants and promises.

Send your Holy Spirit to breathe new life into us and to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the true Body and Blood of our living host, Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night in which he was handed over, our Lord Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This cup is the New Covenant in my Blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, before you we proclaim the mystery of our Faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We now offer to you, most holy God, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, remembering this Easter day all you have done through the Passion and Resurrection of your Son.

In this Holy Communion you unite us in the sacrifice of our eternal High Priest.

Through the promise he made to his disciples, we await his coming to fulfill all of life and to make new the whole creation.

We pray that you would open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Through Christ, with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION / FRACTION

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast, alleluia!

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.

We sit

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COMMUNION MUSIC

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether ELW 470

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Precious Blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

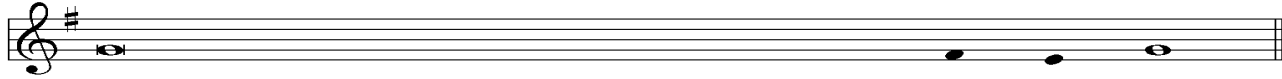
Amen.

Let us pray.

God our shepherd,
**you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet**

**to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend.
Amen.**

BENEDICTION



☞ 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.



SENDING HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite ELW 368

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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William Boyce*

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Lay Assistant	Cathy Bowden
Lector	Eva McGinnis
Altar Guild Candles	Tamara Swenson
Communion Set up/Clean up	Carol Bohley

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL for all ages. There is something for everyone. Pre – K meets in classroom 2.
Elementary meets in classroom 3.
Confirmation (middle school) meets in classroom 4.
High school meets in classroom 6.
College and adults meet in the student lounge/conference room.
10.00 – 10.45 a.m. each Sunday.

The high school group will begin discussing *Baptized we Live* by Daniel Erlander. This book does a great job of presenting Lutheran theology in a clear manner.

HAPPY EARTH WEEK! The Green Team is celebrating by offering you beautiful things to grow at the 7th Annual Plant Sale today! Your purchases support the Green Team's foam recycling efforts! Choose from tomato, cucumber, pepper or other veggie seedlings, or starts of chrysanthemums, iris or other perennials our church Gardeners have brought to share. A few Volunteers in colorful aprons will be in the narthex between services and after late service to answer questions and help load plants in bags or take them out to cars. Thank you for generously supporting our church's green efforts!

VOICES FOR THE VOICELESS: Kelsey Herndon of The Spero Project, Latin for “Hope”, will be speaking at ULC today, **April 14 at 4:30**. Spero has been helping refugees in the Oklahoma City area for several years and the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support has begun collaborating with them recently. Kelsey is an enthusiastic, dedicated worker at Spero and is well worth listening to!
A light snack will be available.

Please contact normancoalition4refugees@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering for the Norman Coalition for Refugee Support – even a little. Also, NCRS will always need donations to support refugees in our community. You can make donations via the ULCSC offering plate (envelopes are in the narthex), ULCSC website, or at www.nc4rs.org. Thank you!

NORMAN'S EARTH DAY FESTIVAL IS 4/21 FROM NOON - 5:00 P.M. The Green Team and members of Churches Caring for Creation will host an information booth where FAQ sheets about foam recycling and GREENSpeak events will be given away. There will be a children's activity area for coloring, puzzles and giveaways. The *Norman North Environmental Club* will help by working with the children. The Densifier Dudes will have the densifier running in the parking lot. **How to Help:** Tell your friends about the event so they can bring foam and see it densified. Volunteer to spend an hour or 2 at the Information table handing out FAQ sheets. It's fun! **Early Service people** can help by setting the canopy & tables up in the park so all will be ready by noon. If you're a Densifier Dude, please let Doug know you're available to help densify.

LADIES GET-TOGETHER: Ladies, join us **Wednesday, April 24 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall for some sharing, caring, and a little refreshment. We are sometimes a small but mighty group and we enjoy our time together. Questions may be directed to Carol Hoadley or Donna Shaw.

MEET ELCA MISSIONARY IN MEXICO, DAVID BRONDOS: On **Saturday, April 27th**, Pastor David Brondos, ELCA missionary in Mexico, will be joining us to tell us about his work. Everyone is invited to a wine and cheese reception to visit with Pr. Brondos and learn more about the ELCA's work in other countries. We will gather in the Fellowship Hall at 6.30pm.

MAY 19 PENTECOST FLOWERS: Please consider honoring our church for Pentecost with Red Pentecost flowers this year. A sign-up sheet is in the binder on the Welcome Center. Flowers are \$15 each. Please make your check payable to ULCSC with the notation "Pentecost flowers" on the memo line or donate online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/campaign/C-12SS2> Thank you!

THE ALTAR GUILD is in need of new members, specifically for the late service. This would involve setting up and taking down/cleanup for communion. If you are interested, please contact Sandra Longcrier or Pastor Joe.

ALTAR FLOWER DONORS NEEDED: Thank you to all who continue to support our altar flower ministry. **The new flower chart is posted on the tack board in the fellowship hall. Please claim a Sunday** to honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or simply to glorify God. In addition to sharing a personal observance with the congregation, you are beautifying our church. PLUS, each Monday a member of our Caring Ministry delivers small bouquets of the altar flowers to shut-ins and members in need of a pick-me-up. Please consider claiming a Sunday soon so that we can continue adorning the altar and brightening the day for our members and friends. The cost of each altar array is \$45.00. Payments may be made online at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z67P/home>. Or a check can be made payable to ULCSC with the notation "altar flowers" on the memo line. Thank you for honoring our church, our services and our members in such a beautiful way!

THE STAPLES AT 128 W. I-240 SERVICE ROAD is happy to recycle your used crayons by sending them to The Crayon Initiative in California. We have recently learned that the Crayola Corporation has ended their ColorCycle program that recycled plastic-barreled markers of all kinds. We will remove our collection barrels to reflect this loss.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO RECYCLE EGG CARTONS whole and undamaged. Local egg producers are reliant on your recycling. If you have more than one carton, "nest" them to take up less space in your bag and they will remain uncrushed. Thanks!

FOR THOSE WHO RECENTLY COMPLETED STYRO-STATION

ORIENTATION: Some volunteers have begun to drop by the Styro-Station to lend a hand by sorting foam or other activities that need to be done. (Please remember to sign the Volunteer time sheet each time you visit!) If you are hesitating to "drop in" for fear of not knowing where your effort is needed most, Cathy and Doug are at the church frequently and would be happy to help you get started! They often volunteer on Monday after lunch. Cathy is there on Wednesdays about 1:30 to help supervise the ABLE clients who come in to work. If neither of these times are convenient, we'll make it a point to be there when you are the first few times you volunteer if you'll let us know YOUR preferred time! **Styro-Station Orientations will resume in May.** Thanks to ALL who are helping foam recycling become a sustainable project at ULCSC!

PLEASE REMEMBER: Foam takeout containers can be put in your dishwasher, if necessary, to remove grease or sticky pancake syrup. Foam must be clean AND DRY to go in the densifier! WET FOAM MOLDS IF PUT IN CLOSED BAGS. WE THROW AWAY MOLDY FOAM.

WE NEED YOU! We are in need of people to provide breakfast each Sunday. Gather your friends and family and sign up in the binder in the Welcome Center for a Sunday or two. The sky is the limit for what you want to serve. You can cook, you can bring in food, whatever you wish to do. There are suggested amounts of "regular" breakfast foods in the binder. Paper goods are in the kitchen. You can be reimbursed for expenses. Please sign up so that we can continue this important ministry in the life of our congregation. Families, ministry teams, committees, and groups of friends can all sign up!

*Effective Stewardship Monthly Quote:
Helping Churches to train better stewards.*

God wants us to ask for material possessions and other things we need. ". . . ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you" (Luke 11:9).

IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED in the life of our congregation, or to tell others about all of the things we do, we encourage you to look in the narthex. There are now sheets with many of our groups/committees/outreach programs that have contact information, as well as a place to leave your preference for being contacted if you are interested in joining. As we continue to return to normal from this pandemic, we encourage everyone to find a way to become involved in our congregational life, and to invite others to do the same.

OU FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS: Please drop off food donations directly to the pantry at 333 Cate Center Dr. or email the Pantry at oupantry@ou.edu to make an arrangement to drop off your donation. The OU Food Pantry is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Current needs are canned meats (chicken, tuna, beef stew, chili), dried and canned beans, peanut butter and jelly, rice, canned vegetables and fruits, soups with meat/beans,

dried pastas, spaghetti sauce, and toiletries. Their FB page has an Amazon wish list, which makes for easy shopping/donation.

FOOD AND SHELTER DONATIONS: The ULCSC outreach committee thanks all of you who have so generously supported Norman's Food and Shelter for Friends. Each day the shelter services over 150 Norman folks in need of a meal or housing, so keep filling our baskets with large canned food items and cereal. Individual jars of peanut butter and jelly are also needed now that they have a community pantry. Thanks to many, we have provided large quantities of ground beef and other perishable food. If you would like to consider a monetary donation, this would also be quite helpful in providing such needed items as eggs, milk, cheese, meat, etc. We will do the leg work for you. More information may be found on their website: www.foodandshelterinc.org.

Online donations are welcome and may be found on the Giving page of the church website: ulcsc.org. Again, thanks for your support of this ministry! Gary Gress

HEALING PRAYERS: The Prayer Team is providing everyone an opportunity to offer intentional prayers for an individual on our prayer list, or someone you know who is in need.

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jack Alley	Samantha & Gordon Carlson	Tova Olkinetzky
Lisa Black & family	David & Darlene Iverson	The Roberts Family
Michelle Black	Debbie Johnson	Mark Somers
Carol Bohley	Kim Johnson	Luke & Maria Stockstill
Kathy Buller	Larry Klumpp	Tamara Swenson
Krista Cannicott	Don Longcrier	Richard White
Angela & Dan Carr	Sydney Lowery	Jane & Duane Winegardner
	Jake Manzanares	

Kim Johnson and her family as they mourn the passing of her mother, Veryl Holmes
Samantha Carlson and her family as they mourn the passing of her father, David Lynn Spear.
Bob Metz and his family as they mourn the passing of his uncle, Gary Glassco.
The Purcell family as they mourn the passing of Mary Ann Purcell.
Jerry Black and his family as they mourn the passing of his father, Melvin James Black.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS WHO ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER:

Cecilia Jo Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Mary A. Alvarez	Aunt of Sandra and Don Longcrier
Jon Bakewell	Son-in-law of Joe and Janie Thompson
Melissa Bell	Sister-in-law of Terry Bell
Charles and Lisa Belletto	Friends of Pr. Joe and Dcn. Donna Summerville
Jacob Black	Friend of Evan and Amanda Way
Dave Boeck	Friend of ULCSC
Holis Breeding	Friend of Christian Day
Christine Burkhart	Friend of Peggy Stoltenberg
Scott Carr	Friend of Bev Lafferrandre
Skip and Iona Chapin	Friends of Richard White
Julie McDonald Comer	Friend of Linda Lockett
Carole Couch	Friend of Cathy Bowden
Marvin and Verna Couchman	Friends of Richard White
Clifford DeLarm	Father of Angela Carr
Tim DeLarm	Brother of Angela Carr
Bren Doreck	Friend of Pr. Joseph and Donna Summerville
Marcus Dickinson	Student of Maria Stockstill
Don and Mandy Downey	Brother and sister-in-law of Alfred Downey
Kathie Gale	Cousin of Donna Shaw
Tim Gibbons	Brother of Tamara Swenson
Elizabeth Green	Daughter of Roger and Deb Bain
Hilda Hunter	Sister of Alfred Downey
Glenn and Andrea Kimmerle	Mother and Step-father of Angela Carr
Daryl Malas and family	Brother of Kathy Buller
Anthony Martin	Son of Angela Carr
Finley Miller	Cousin of Amanda Day
Millie Mount	Friend of Maria Stockstill
Kathryn Mullen	Friend of the Winegardners
Lloyd Muterspaugh	Father of Maria Stockstill

Avery Nicole
Daren Paddyaker
Bruce Parry
Jonathon Pine
Betty Price
Marlies Quattrochi
Murray Reagen
Mark and Emily Salmon
Steve Schnell
Helen Shaw
Jhett Skaggs
Ken & Lynn Stanton
Trevor Steele
Pate Stith
Zach Terry
Chasitey Turner
Judy Waters
Laura Weyenberg
Gennette Wilbanks

Granddaughter of Barbara Starling
Father of Evan Way
Cousin of Sandra Longcrier
Son of Angela Carr
Friend of Linda Roberts
Sister of Ursula Purcell
Friend of Donna Shaw
Friends of Marilyn Brinker
Friend of ULCSC
Mother of Donna Shaw
Friend of Heidi Somers
Friends of Jerry Black
Friend of Christian Day
Grandson of Richard and Tamara Swenson
Friend of Eric and Amanda Day
Friend of Mitchell Nauman
Friend of Cathy and Doug Bowden
Niece of Keith Weyenberg
Friend of Amanda Day

THOSE IN THE MILITARY, WHO SERVE IN HARM'S WAY, INCLUDING: Jonathon Anderson, US Army; Nicholas Bryant, US Army National Guard; Barry Roche; Justin Smalley, US Coast Guard; Matt Carnal, US Navy, and civilians doing relief work.

MISSIONARIES OF THE CHURCH, ESPECIALLY: David and Alicia Brondos in Mexico.

PRAY FOR PEACE for those suffering from the COVID-19 virus, their caretakers, and the scientists working to find a cure.

PRAY FOR A PEACEFUL settlement of the war in Ukraine.

PRAY FOR PEACE and avoidance of escalation of tensions in Syria, Iran, and Israel/Gaza.

PLEASE NOTE: We are happy to keep people on the prayer list as long as they are in need of prayers. However, if you know that someone has recovered from their illness or no longer needs to be on the list please call or email the office and let us know. Thank you.

Prayer requests will be kept on the list for thirty (30) days unless the office is notified otherwise. HIPPA regulations will be respected.

WEEK AHEAD

April 14th, 2024– April 21st, 2024

Sunday	3rd Sunday of Easter
	Green Team Earth Day Plant Sale
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
4:30 PM	Voices for the Voiceless Spero Project Presentation
Monday	
Tuesday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
Wednesday	
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
2:00-5:00 PM	OEAFCS Tea Party
7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Friday	
1:30 PM	Book Club
5:00 PM	Bastos Violin Studio
Saturday	OU Spring Game
9:30 AM	Crafting Group
Sunday	4th Sunday of Easter
	Green Team Earth Day Plant Sale
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:30 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Social Ministry Committee Meeting
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist
Noon	Earth Day Festival at Reaves Park