

HOLY EUCHARIST
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21st, 2024



University Lutheran Church and Student Center
Norman, OK
ulsc.org
405.321.1584

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

*We Are All Together
You are my King/Amazing Love
Blessed be Your Name*

Welcome & Confession

Song of Praise

And All the People Said, Amen

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 4:5-12

For the printed text of the first reading see page 7

Psalm 23

Second Reading

1 John 3:16-24

For the printed text of the second reading see page 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Gospel

St. John the Evangelist 10:11-18

For the printed text of the Gospel see page 9

Sermon

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Song of the Day

Cornerstone/In Christ Alone

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Song

You Never Let Go

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
Communion*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Sending Song

What a Friend

Dismissal

Thank You for Serving

Pastor

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Director of Faith Formation

The Revd. Dcn. Donna Huffman Summerville

Retired Deacon-in-Residence

The Revd. Dcn. Diane Bloodworth

Organist/Choir Director

Scott Raab

Early Service Music Director

Holly Lantagne

Team Leader

Jim Lowery

Reader

Cheryl Jorgenson

Communion Set Up

Cheryl Jorgenson

Altar Guild Candles

Tamara Swenson

Computer Technician

Sierra Hill

Acolytes

Ben & Zachary Henniges-DuChene

Holy Eucharist– 11:00AM

Traditional with Setting 4 of Evangelical Lutheran Worship

PRELUDE

*Prelude on “The King of Love”
Wilbur Held*

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

Come, Thou Almighty King ELW 408

GREETING

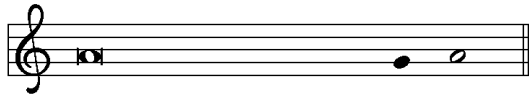
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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



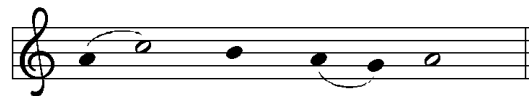
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



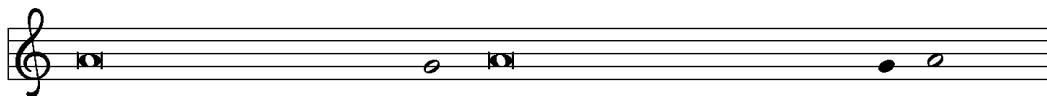
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



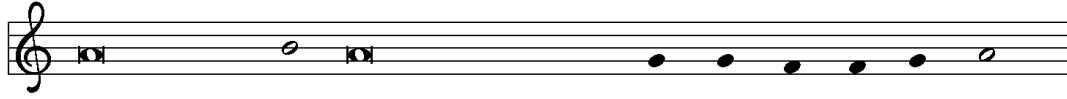
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

We sit

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and

elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.’

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23



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The Lord is my / shepherd;
I shall not be in / want.

The Lord makes me lie down in green / pastures
and leads me beside still / waters.

You restore my soul, O / Lord,
and guide me along right pathways for your / name’s sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no / evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running / over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my / life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for/ever.

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 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist 10:11-18.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

[Jesus said:] ¹¹“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming

and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.”

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

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken ELW 647

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.

Shepherding God, gather your church whenever we wander from you and one another. Empower our church in ministries around the world to worship and serve alongside global companions as equal partners and coworkers in the gospel. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our own Bishop, Becca, and all bishops, presbyters, and deacons. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, preserve the health of biomes and ecosystems. Inspire scientists, researchers, conservation organizations, and all people entrusted with the task of caring for creation, that we may be better stewards of the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, lead nations and communities to share resources, cooperate in solving conflicts, and listen to the wisdom of Indigenous peoples. Help all those with power to share it and to use such power for good. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, protect the very young and the very old, those living without housing, victims of domestic abuse, and all who live with chronic illness or compromised immune systems. Guide communities to actively care for people who are vulnerable. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, help this and all communities of faith to listen for your voice. Call us away from things that distract us from following you. Invite us to more deeply love and serve people who are lonely, isolated, and on the margins. 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.

Living God, we give thanks for our ancestors in faith including Anselm of Canterbury and all who labored to help generations understand the good news of the gospel. Strengthen us to share the good news in our own day. 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

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
W.A. Mozart, arr. Hopson*

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

We stand

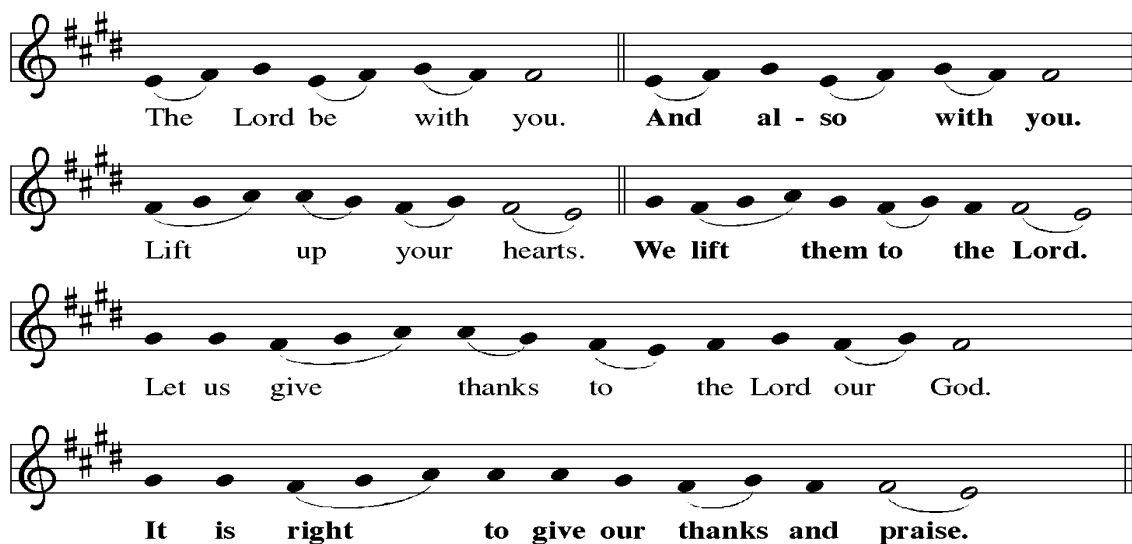
OFFERING PRAYER

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

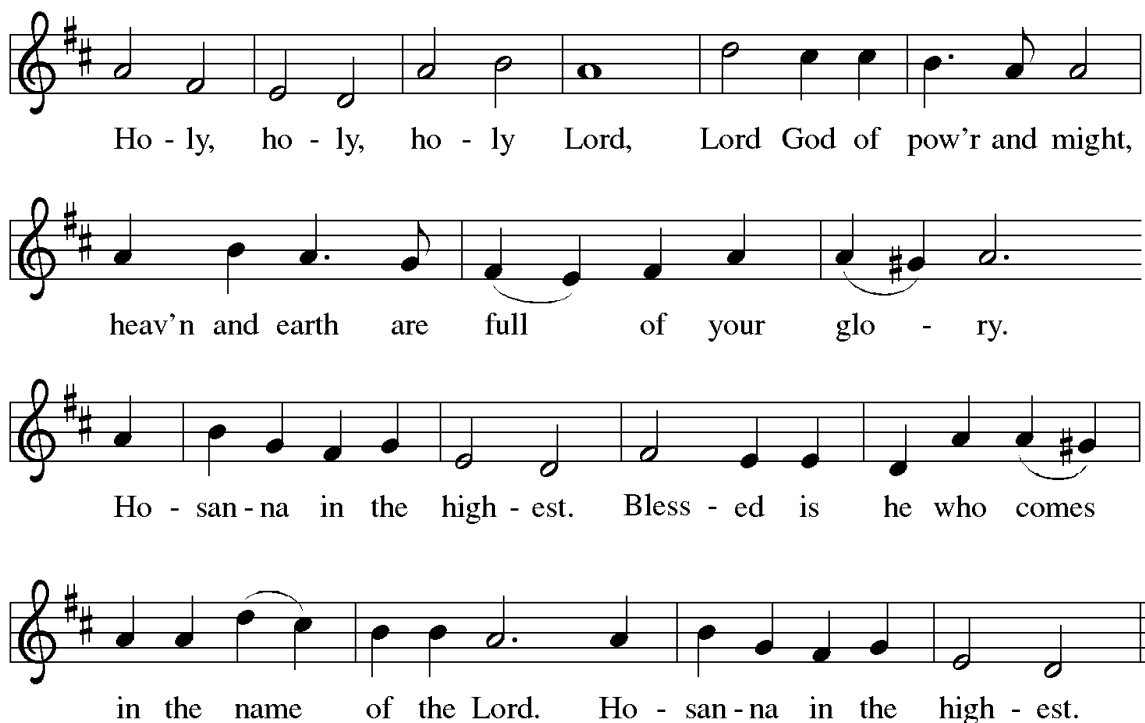


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.
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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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!

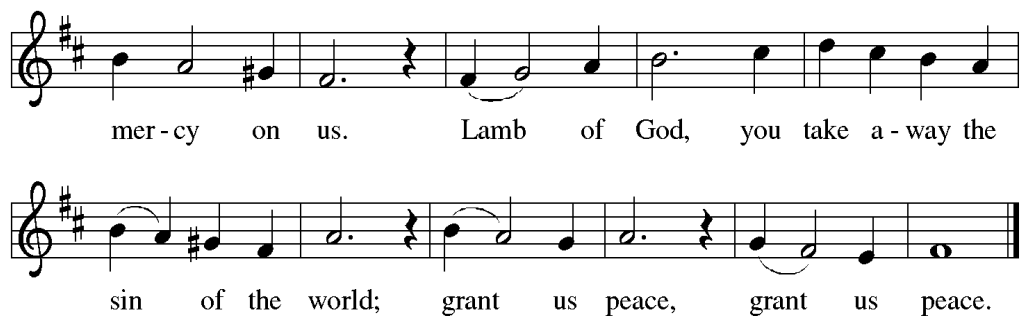
LAMB OF GOD



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



We sit

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COMMUNION MUSIC

The King of Love My Shepherd Is ELW 502

We stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

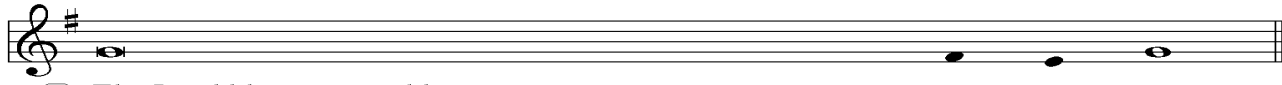
The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and his Precious Blood strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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

Praise the Lord, Rise Up Rejoicing ELW 544

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Plein Jeu (Suite de Deuxième Ton)

L.N. Clerambault

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Lay Assistant	Christina Hagens
Lector	Carol Bohley
Altar Guild Candles	Tamara Swenson
Communion Set up/Clean up	Carol Bohley

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Flowers for the altar are given by Roger and Mary Madole in celebration of their anniversary. The congregation extends its appreciation to the Madoles for this generous gesture.

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.

TOMORROW IS EARTH DAY, and the Green Team is celebrating by continuing our 7th Annual Plant Sale for a 2nd week! THANK YOU for your purchases last week! Your purchases support the Green Team's foam recycling efforts! Choose from veggie seedlings and indoor/outdoor plants. 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!

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE: Jon Giuliano is working on organizing a new church softball league this summer. If you are interested in playing church league softball, or forming a team here at University Lutheran, please contact Jon Giuliano at 405-561-1091 or by email at jon@legendsoftballok.com, or visit the website legendsoftballok.com for further information.

TODAY! COME OUT TO NORMAN'S EARTH DAY FESTIVAL NOON - 5:00P.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 in the parking lot for tours. **How to Help:** Tell your friends about the event so they can bring foam. 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.

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. Bring your discussion ideas on Wednesday. See you then! 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.

SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, MAY 9 at 7:00 p.m. for our next GREENSpeak event. "AIM Norman" is seeking the input of our GREENSpeak members to help guide the city's future as part of the City of Norman's Area and Infrastructure Master Plan (AIM Norman). AIM Norman will help shape the course of the community over the next two decades through the insights and engagement of Norman residents. AIM Norman represents a crucial roadmap that will provide essential guidance to city leaders and decision-makers as the community plans for the future. Our GREENSpeak attendees represent multiple faith communities and are environmentally active and concerned, a unique group that AIM Norman hasn't already surveyed, and wants our input. More in the next week.

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!

VOICES FOR THE VOICELESS: 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!

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!

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!

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.

*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).

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 ULCS
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
Lisa Hackmeister	Friend of Debbie Johnson
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	Granddaughter of Barbara Starling
Daren Paddyaker	Father of Evan Way
Bruce Parry	Cousin of Sandra Longcrier
Jonathon Pine	Son of Angela Carr
Betty Price	Friend of Linda Roberts
Marlies Quattrochi	Sister of Ursula Purcell
Murray Reagen	Friend of Donna Shaw
Mark and Emily Salmon	Friends of Marilyn Brinker
Steve Schnell	Friend of ULCS
Helen Shaw	Mother of Donna Shaw
Jhett Skaggs	Friend of Heidi Somers
Ken & Lynn Stanton	Friends of Jerry Black
Trevor Steele	Friend of Christian Day
Pate Stith	Grandson of Richard and Tamara Swenson
Zach Terry	Friend of Eric and Amanda Day
Chasitey Turner	Friend of Mitchell Nauman
Judy Waters	Friend of Cathy and Doug Bowden
Laura Weyenberg	Niece of Keith Weyenberg
Gennette Wilbanks	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 21st, 2024– April 28th, 2024

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
Monday	
7:00 PM	Styro Home Club Meeting
Tuesday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
5:15 PM	Girl Scouts
Wednesday	
10:30 AM	The Visionaries
2:00 PM	Ladies Get Together
6:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal
7:00 PM	Band Rehearsal
Thursday	
8:30-4:00	St. Sophia Classical Academy
Friday	
5:00 PM	Bastos Violin Studio
Saturday	
6:30 PM	Pr. David Brondos Wine and Cheese Gathering
Sunday	5th Sunday of Easter
8:30 AM	Holy Eucharist
9:00 AM	Blood Drive
9:30 AM	Breakfast
10:00 AM	Choir rehearsal
10:00 AM	Christian Education & Sunday School
11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist