

HOLY EUCHARIST
Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5th, 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

*Heart of Worship
I Believe in Jesus
Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble?*

Welcome & Confession

Song of Praise

And All the People Said, Amen

Prayer of the Day

Word

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

For the printed text of the first reading see page 7

Psalm 98

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

For the printed text of the second reading see page 9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks 5

Gospel

St. John the Evangelist 15:9-17

For the printed text of the Gospel see page 10

Sermon

The Revd. Emilie Casey

Song of the Day

A New Commandment

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Song

Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord

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

*O Lamb of God, ELW 197
Beautiful Savior*

Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Announcements

Sending Song

God of Justice

Dismissal

Thank You for Serving

Pastor

The Revd. Joseph E. Summerville III, STS

Director of Faith Formation

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

Robert Hopper

Reader

Sondra Shehab

Communion Set Up

Heidi Somers

Altar Guild Candles

Tamara Swenson

Computer Technician

Mason Gunnels

Acolytes

Anni Lantagne, Dara, & Dax Dversdall

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

PRELUDE

Fairest Lord Jesus
H. Alexander Matthews

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

We stand

GREETING

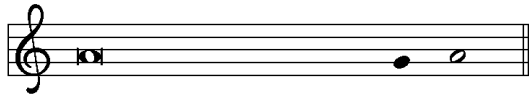
Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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.



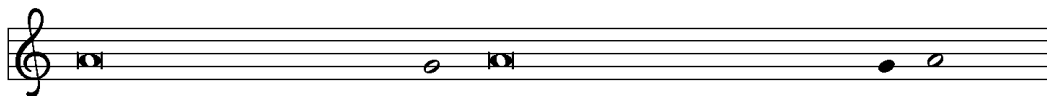
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



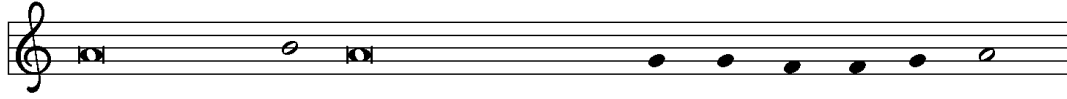
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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 God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 10:44-48

While Peter shares the good news of Jesus with a Gentile soldier and his family, the Holy Spirit comes upon them. Recognizing that the Spirit works inclusively in the lives of both Jews and Gentiles, Peter commands that these Gentiles also be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and

extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98



Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous / things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the / victory.
O Lord, you have made known your / victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the / nations.

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of / Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our / God.
Shout with joy to the Lord, all you / lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and / sing.

Sing to the Lord with the / harp,
with the harp and the voice of / song.
With trumpets and the sound of the / horn
shout with joy before the king, the / Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that / fills it,
the world and those who dwell there/in.
Let the rivers clap their / hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the / earth.
(2nd half) The Lord will judge the world with / righteousness
and the peoples with / equity.

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 5:1-6

God's children believe that Jesus is the Messiah and love God by keeping God's commandments. Thus the world is conquered not through military might but through love and faith.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We stand

Gospel Acclamation



HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the Evangelist 15:9-17.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the night of his arrest, Jesus delivers a final testimony to his disciples to help them in the days ahead. Here, he repeats the most important of all his commands, that they love one another.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has

greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

We sit

SERMON

The Revd. Emilie Casey

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God Beyond All Praising WOV 797

1 O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day
2 Then hear, O gra-cious Sav - ior, ac - cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a - maz-ing that songs can-not re - pay;
that we who know your fa - vor may serve you as our king;

for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
and wheth - er our to - mor - rows be fill'd with good or ill,

at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

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Music: Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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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.

Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth, our own Bishop, Becca, and all bishops, presbyters, and deacons. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another.

God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. 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.

Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. 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

*Day by Day
Martin How*

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**

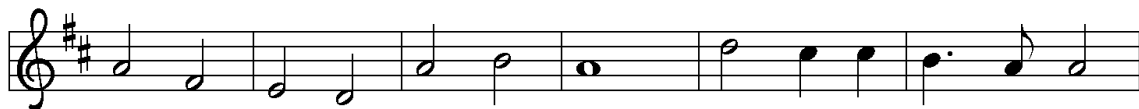
The Lord be with you
And also with you.

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.

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,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave,
and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

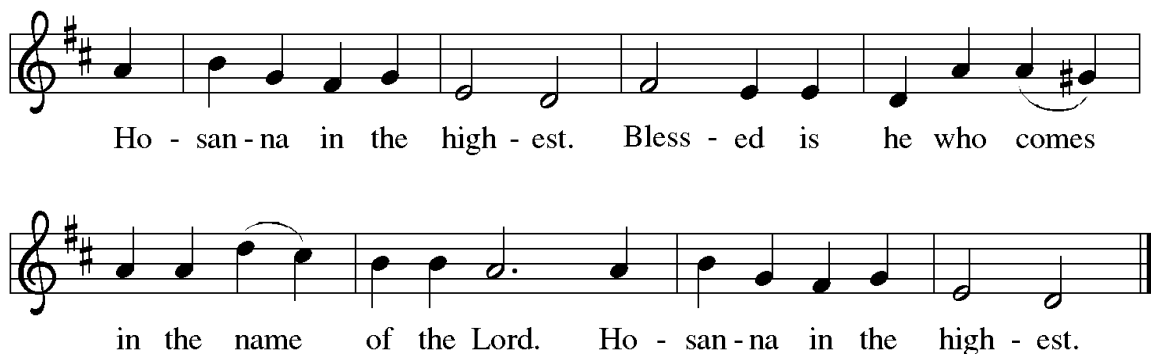
SANCTUS



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

Beautiful Savior ELW 838

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's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee ELW 836

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune
Harald Rohlig*

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Lector	Diane Hardersen
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Communion Set up/Clean up	Elisa Long & Simone Smith

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR: Flowers for the altar are given by Cathy and Doug Bowden in celebration of their 14th wedding anniversary. The congregation extends its appreciation to the Bowdens 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.

Sunday School and Christian Education for Pre-k through 12th grade will be on hiatus, May 26.

Summer Sunday School meets June 2-July 21 in classroom 4 for those in Pre-K through 5th grade.

ULCSC YOUTH STOCK SALE: You can take stock in our youth! Purchase stock to support our youth attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering this July. Make a monetary contribution and receive our appreciation and thanks.

CONGRATULATIONS! We congratulate ULCSC's own, Cathy Bowden. Cathy was awarded the James O. Harp Environmental Recognition Award at the Earth Day Festival. This award is presented by the city of Norman's Environmental Control Advisory Board for all of her hard work to keep Styrofoam out of our landfills. It is a well deserved recognition!

ENDOWMENT TRUST FUNDS: Funds remain available for distribution from the Endowment Trust. Visit the Trust's section (under About) on the church's website ulcsc.com to determine if your request fits disbursement guidelines. Complete the application form and return to either the church office or a Trustee.

Serving as Trustees are; Keith Weyenberg, Bruce Snyder, Donna Shaw, Ron Jayne, and Jon Bredeson.

GREENSPEAK IS THIS THURSDAY, 5/9!" AIM Norman" is seeking the input of our GREENSpeak members to help map 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 (like those attending GREENSpeak!). AIM Norman will design a crucial roadmap that will provide essential guidance for 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 needs to be heard by AIM Norman! They sought out our input. Once the themes are set for the evening, the AIM Norman

representatives will listen to our input and combine it with other information gathered to form a cohesive picture. Please plan to be with us May 9!

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!

PLEASE NOTE: The Crafting Group will Not meet in May. Please join use when meetings resume in June. Thank you!

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.

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!

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. In Education, in-home tutoring in English continues. If you would like to join this group, Jeff Coe or Marilyn Brinker can point you in the right direction. Volunteers are needed at summer school for Afghan middle school and high school students, held at First Presbyterian Church in June and July. Hours are from 8:30 to noon, Monday through Thursday. Two volunteers are needed per day. To help with consistency, volunteers are asked to choose one day a week to claim as their own. Volunteer responsibilities will include monitoring student learning, reading to and with students, managing copies/lesson prep and any other task the teacher requests. Here are dates available for volunteering:

Mondays: June 10, 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29.

Tuesdays: June 11, 25, July 9, 15, 23, 30

Wednesdays: June 12, 26, July 10, 17, 24, 31

Thursdays: June 13, 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1

You will need to have a background check. Marilyn will see if NCRS can help with that. A plan is in place if you have an unexpected scheduling conflict or if you have a planned vacation.

Email Marilyn Brinker at pjaunt@sbcglobal.net if interested or wanting to sign up for the days and times available.

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.

FOAM TAKE OUT 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. Local egg producers are reliant on your recycling egg cartons. If you have more than one carton, "nest" them to take up less space in your bag and they will remain uncrushed. We gave away 704 egg cartons last week, about a month's worth of donations. Thanks!

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!

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.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE DEALING WITH CANCER: This past month, a number of our members have fallen ill to some type of cancer. All illnesses are challenging, but the fear that the word 'cancer' introduces spreads throughout the family. A prayer that may be used is: “Dear Lord, we ask with all or our heart, please touch these special lives. Bless them with courage and hope; may all find solace in your loving embrace. Heal them in body, mind, and spirit. Let their hope shine a hallowed light that burns forever to honor their spirited fight.”

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Jack Alley	Samantha & Gordon Carlson	Tova Olkinetzky
Lisa Black & family	Ike Isaacs	The Roberts Family
Michelle Black	David & Darlene Iverson	Mark Somers
Carol Bohley	Debbie Johnson	Luke & Maria Stockstill
Kathy Buller	Kim Johnson	Tamara Swenson
Krista Cannicott	Larry Klumpp	Richard White
Angela & Dan Carr	Don Longcrier	Jane & Duane Winegardner
Sydney Lowery	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
Darin Hagey	Friend of Debbie Downey
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. HIPA regulations will be respected.

WEEK AHEAD

May 5th, 2024– May 12th, 2024

Sunday

8:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM

6th Sunday of Easter

A-OK Synod Assembly
Holy Eucharist
Breakfast
Choir rehearsal
Christian Education & Sunday School
Holy Eucharist

Monday

Tuesday

8:30-4:00

St. Sophia Classical Academy

Wednesday

6:30 PM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM

Choir Rehearsal
Band Rehearsal
Facilities Committee Meeting

Thursday

8:30-4:00
7:00 PM

St. Sophia Classical Academy
GREENSpeak Presentation

Friday

11:00 AM
5:00 PM

NAMTA Spring Luncheon
Bastos Violin Studio

Saturday

10:00 AM
2:00 PM

The Quilters
Clarinet Recital

Sunday

8:30 AM
9:30 AM
10:00 AM
10:00 AM
11:00 AM

Ascension of Our Lord

Graduate Recognition
Holy Eucharist
Breakfast
Choir rehearsal
Christian Education & Sunday School
Holy Eucharist