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The Fourth Sunday of Easter (Jubilate)

11 May AÐD 2025
Divine Service, Setting I

✠ Welcome in the name of Jesus! ✠

Today we observe the Fourth Sunday of Easter. On this day, we remember Jesus' promise, sealed in His resurrection, that in Him our sorrow will turn into joy. As we know, in this world we face many sorrows, especially we who follow Christ. However, we can be sure that, just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we too will be delivered. Therefore, we bear every sorrow patiently, waiting eagerly for the Day when they will all turn at last into joy.

If you are a VISITOR here, we'd like to offer you our warmest welcome! We pray that your experience among us is blessed, and that you depart filled with God's peace and life.

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter,
as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth,
I humbly pray that You would open my heart
to the preaching of Your Word so that I may
repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my
only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness.
Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
 He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

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Service of the Word

Introit (*spoken responsively*)

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

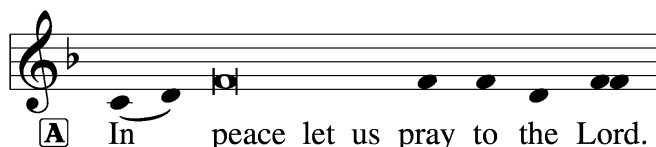
- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.
- P** Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.”
- C** **Come and see what God has done:**
he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man.
- P** Bless our God, O peoples;
let the sound of his praise be heard,
- C** **who has kept our soul among the living**
and has not let our feet slip.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

- P** Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alleluia.
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alleluia.

Kyrie

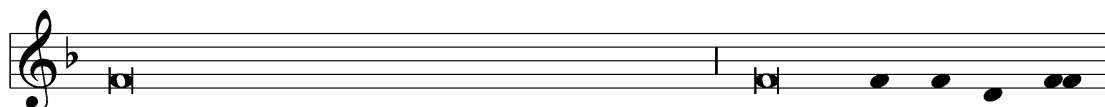
Mark 10:47



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



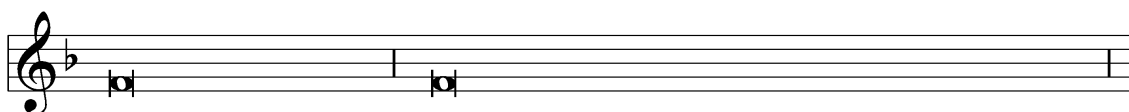
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



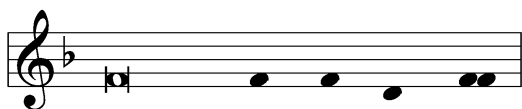
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



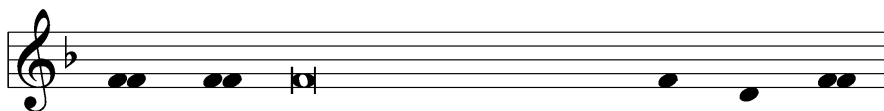
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



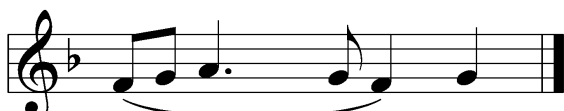
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



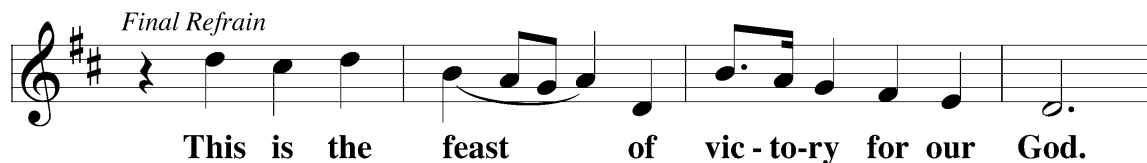
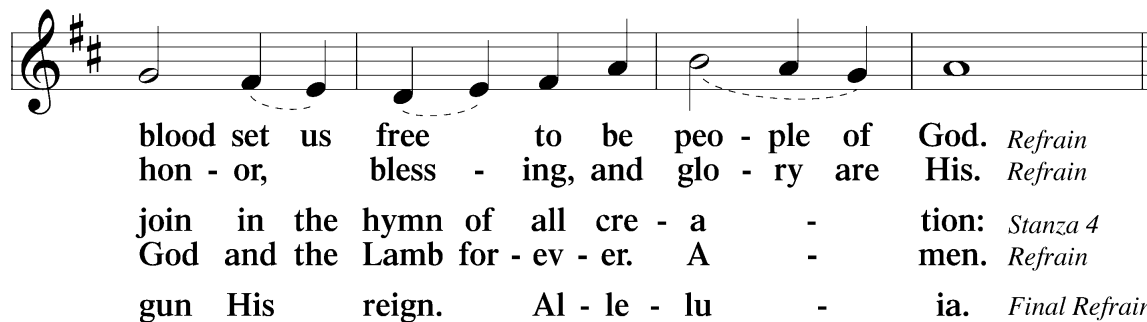
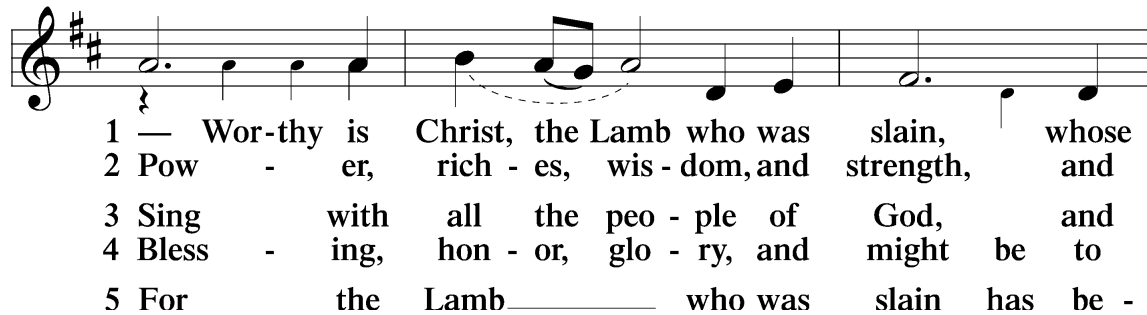
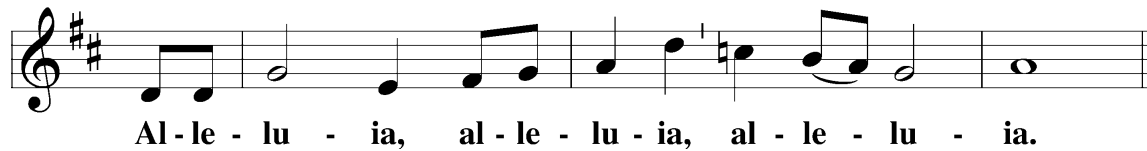
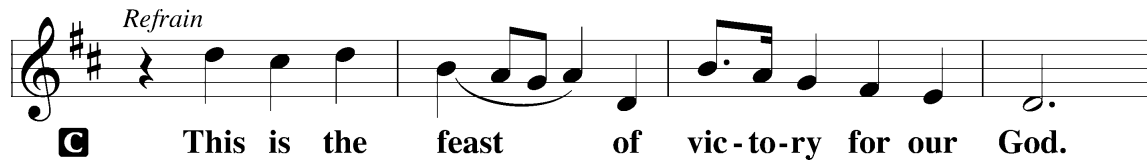
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



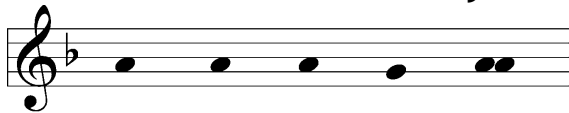
C A - men.

This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12–13; 19:5–9



Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me,
that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:
who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,
calling them all by name,
by the greatness of his might,
and because he is strong in power
not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,
and my right is disregarded by my God”?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;
³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

During the Sundays of Easter, the Gradual is omitted and the Verse is expanded.

P Alleluia. He sent redemption
to his people. Alleluia.

C Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things
and enter into his glory? Alleluia.

Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father’?” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

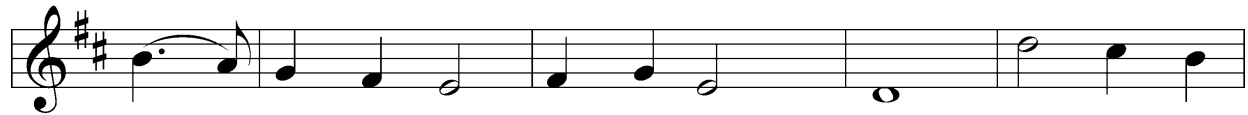
Hymn of the Day: 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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Sermon

Stand

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In praise of the awesome works of our God — most of all, the resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ; that God would have mercy on all who have fallen into darkness, bringing them graciously into the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church, that God would preserve her in the midst of every sorrow; that in this little while between Christ's resurrection and our own, the threats of persecution, loss or discomfort would not turn us from the joy and confidence of His redemption; and that God would sustain all preachers faithful to their calling, all confessors steadfast in their trials, and all Christians firm in their faith, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the gift of family, that God would bless those who have shown us a mother's love, all mothers with child, all those who have suffered miscarriage or the death of a child, and all those who continue to yearn for children, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For every human institution, that according to God's will, each would exercise its authority rightly; for good government, under which we may honor everyone, love the brotherhood and fear God; and for us, that our obedience would be offered always for Christ's sake as sojourners and exiles in this world, and that any suffering we must endure would be borne mindful of Him, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the sick or the suffering, [*especially* _____,] that God would deliver and comfort them, guard them against despair, and grant them patience in the days of our trouble as we await together Your perfect healing, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair, but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit
Offering

During the Offering, we ask that you please sign a black attendance book located in your pew.

Stand
Offertory

Psalm 116:12–13, 17–19



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Stand

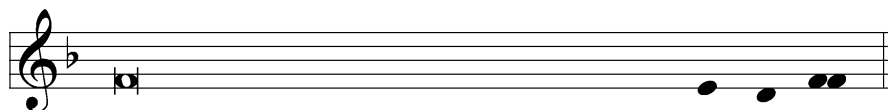
Collect

P Lord God, bless Your Word wherever it is proclaimed. Make it a word of power and peace to convert those not yet Your own and to confirm those who have come to saving faith. May Your Word pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to the lip, and from the lip to the life that, as You have promised, Your Word may achieve the purpose for which You send it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24–26



P 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.



Closing Hymn: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Stanzas 4-7



4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;
5 The world a - gainst me ra - ges, Its fu - ry I dis - dain;
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;
7 He brings me to the por - tal That leads to bliss un - told,



Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.
Though bit - ter war it wa - ges, Its work is all in vain.
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.
Where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal Is found in script of gold:



Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;
My heart from care is free, No trou - ble trou - bles me.
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;
"Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown pre - pared;



It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.
Mis - for - tune now is play, And night is bright as day.
He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glo - ri - fied."

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. 5/11 The Fourth Sunday after Easter
Mother's Day
Pastor Rod Zwonitzer, Presiding

- **Divine Service 9:30 a.m.**
Without Communion
- **Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.**

Thur. 5/15 Quilting Bee 10:00 a.m.

Fri. 5/16 Newsletter Articles Due

Sun. 5/18 The Fifth Sunday after Easter
Pastor Mark Arendell, Presiding

- **Divine Service 9:30 a.m.**
With Communion
- **Adult Bible Class 10:45 a.m.**

TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT BIBLE STUDY will be held at 10:45 am in the fellowship hall which is located in the lower level. Members and non - members are invited to attend.

SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING is being called on June 1st at 10:45 am. On the Agenda will be voting to finalize our candidate congregation. Also, there will be vote to Empower the Council/Ad Hoc Committee with a Blanket authority to complete all steps necessary (Ie: Obtaining legal representation for transfers of deeds, etc.; if needed, hiring real estate agent; signing documents, etc.) to complete the Merger. Please mark your calendars and please attend this very important meeting.

QUILTING BEE is currently meeting on Thursday mornings at 10 am. Anyone interested in joining and have questions please reach out to Leslie Oehring. She will be able to answer any questions you may have; or just show up.

LUTHERAN SPECIAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES is looking for a part-time resource room teacher position at Our Savior Lutheran School in Hartland, MI to start this fall. Applicants must hold a current Michigan Teaching License and have a special education certification/endorsement. Interested applicants looking for more information or wishing to

submit a resume are asked to contact Richard Schumacher at (734) 748-5253 or email him at rschumacher@luthsped.org.

TOILETRY/HYGIENE DONATIONS FOR THE OPEN DOOR OUTREACH CENTER –

We continue to receive hygiene & toiletry products year around for the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford. The Open Door is a non-profit organization that assists needy families in the Lakes Area. They are ALWAYS in need of toiletry and hygiene items, so **if you can provide any of these throughout the year, it would be appreciated.**

WE CONTINUE TO COLLECT used postage stamps for Wycliffe Bible Translation Ministries, and used eyeglasses for MOST Ministries in the two plastic bins on the shelves at the bottom of the sanctuary stairs. Wycliffe sells the stamps to stamp collectors and then uses the proceeds to fund Bible translation projects throughout the world. MOST Ministries repairs/refurbishes used eyeglasses and distributes them via eyeglass clinics to the needy around the world. If you donate postage stamps, please be sure to leave ¼” of the envelope paper around the stamp so that the stamp isn’t damaged. Thank you.





SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS THIS MORNING

Presiding Minister	Pastor Rod Zwonitzer
Altar Guild	TBD
Elder on Duty	None
Greeter(s)	Cathy Fitzgerald
Offering Counters	TBD
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Tom Kaufman



SERVING THE LORD WITH GLADNESS NEXT WEEK

Presiding Minister	Pastor Mark Arendell
Altar Guild	TBD
Elder on Duty	Darryl Swainson
Greeter(s)	Mary Ann Lockwood
Offering Counters	TBD
Organists	Rob Wheeler
Usher	Matt Maier