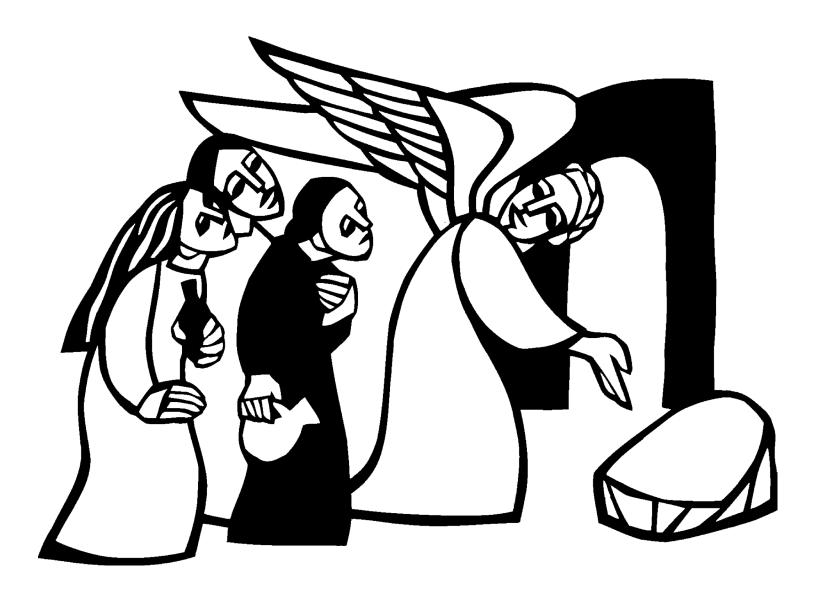


# **Easter Sunday**



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## **WELCOME**

WELCOME TO THIS EASTER SERVICE. The people and pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church wish you a Happy Easter wherever you are in your faith journey! If you are visiting, please know we are glad you have joined us and would love the opportunity to get to know you better. Please visit us again for Sunday worship at 9:00 a.m.

There is an unstaffed nursery room for preschool children located down the long hallway, just take a right after you exit the sanctuary going through the second set of double doors. There are changing stations in the restrooms, which are also located in that hallway, to the right next to the water fountains.

If you wish to donate to Messiah, the offering plate is next to the Sanctuary exit.

We will celebrate Holy Communion when Christ meets us in a special meal. All those who seek Christ and his grace are welcome at our communion table. Further instructions on communion are in the bulletin in the Communion Section.

ALL ARE WELCOME to join us in the Fellowship Hall following worship for a special Easter Brunch and conversation.

#### **WORSHIP NOTES**

- Please turn off all cell phones, pagers, and other devices.
- Bold wording is to be said by the congregation.
- All Bible readings are from the New Revised Standard Version.

## **GATHERING**

NOTE: Congregational Responses in Bold Type

### **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

PRELUDEThe Trumpet Shall SoundHandelDaniel Reardon, trumpetarr. Reardon

Please stand if you are able.

### **EASTER GREETING**

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

People of God, rejoice! You seek Jesus Christ who was crucified.

He is not here! He is risen!

He is risen indeed!

By his death we have died to sin. By his resurrection we have been born again.

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. **Amen**.

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Messiah Wind Ensemble



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

#### **GREETING**

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.

#### AN EASTER LITANY OF PRAISE

The risen Christ meets us at the tomb, and turns our tears to joy.

For your love and goodness

we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes through our locked doors, and turns our fear to courage.

For your love and goodness

we give you thanks, O God.

Christ comes to daily life and work, and turns our failure to new vision.

For your love and goodness

we give you thanks, O God.

Christ breaks the bread, and turns our despair to hope.

For your love and goodness

we give you thanks, O God.

### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated

**SPECIAL MUSIC** 

An Easter Alleluia
Chancel Choir

McDonald

### **WORD**

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

NT 113

Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name." <sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

### PSALM: PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tent of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

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

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

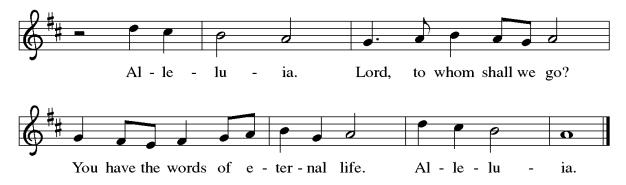
<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8 NT 47

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁶But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁵So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

**SERMON** Rev. Jason Talsness

Please stand if you are able.



Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche, 1833

#### **NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

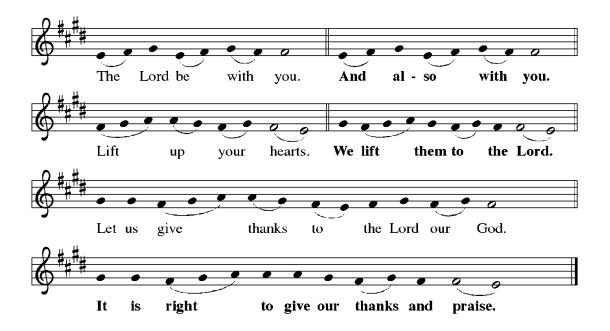
### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response after each prayer: God of grace, hear our prayer.

*Response at end*: 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.

# **MEAL**DIALOGUE

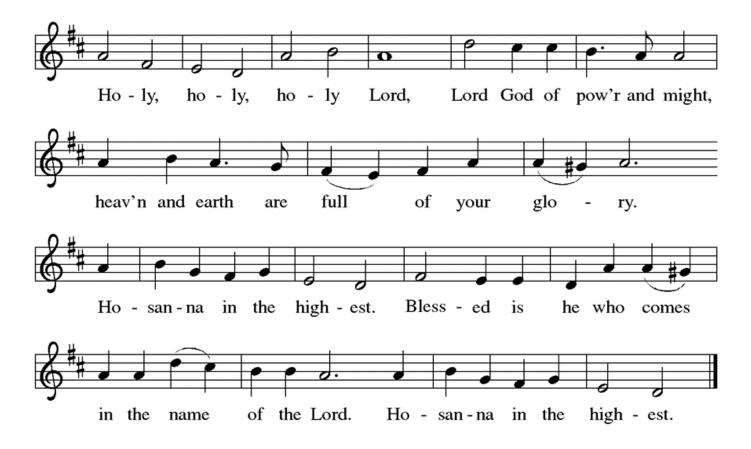


### **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ...

We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



#### THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

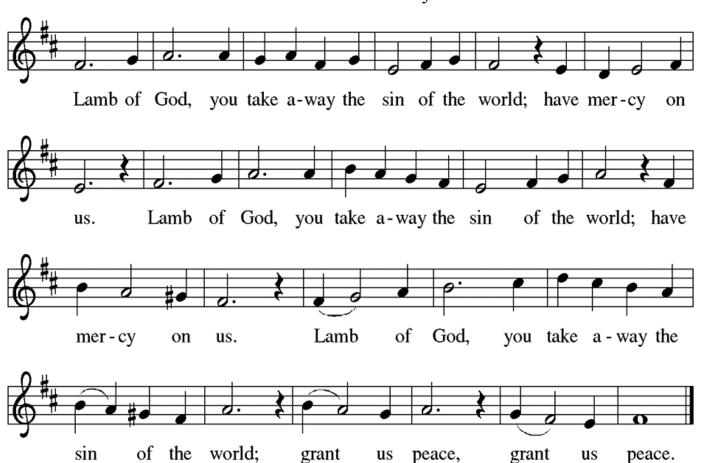
### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated.

#### **COMMUNION SONG**

### Lamb of God



### COMMUNION

Participation in Holy Communion is open to all believers. To receive communion, the ushers will notify each row when it is their turn to go up for communion. Two lines will form, one for each side of the church. When you come to the front of the line, a good way to receive the bread is to put one hand on the other, with your palms facing up. The communion assistant will place the bread in your hand. Gluten-free bread is available -- please let the communion assistant know when you get to the front of the line. After receiving the bread, depending on which side of the church you are on, you will place the bread in your mouth as you walk to the left or right to receive wine. The communion assistant distributes red wine in small cups, which you will take from the tray. White grape juice cups are available in the center of each tray. After drinking the wine, you may put your empty cup onto the tray held by the communion assistant next in the line.

Please stand if you are able.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **SENDING**

### **PASTORAL BENEDICTION**

The God of all, who raised  $\pm$  Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

Amen.

# Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Messiah Wind Ensemble



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al le lu ia! Ris en our vic to rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev-er death or hell shall us en thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead! through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more; now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day. We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears; death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now, See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground; All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears. an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow. Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found. hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

J. S. Bach arr. Reardon

#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ALTAR FLOWERS** (both vases) are given today by Mary & Ron Maner with grateful hearts for our wonderful life experiences at Messiah.

**ETERNAL CANDLE** this month is given by **Kay Yablecki** to the glory of God.

### **EASTER BRUNCH**

Everyone is invited to join us for a potluck brunch in Fellowship Hall following today's worship service. There will be ham and side dishes–and conversation.

# SAVE THE DATE Welcome the New Choir Director April 14 Following Worship

The congregation will welcome new Choir Director Rodney Powers with a special Fellowship Time following worship on Sunday, April 14. That will be his first Sunday leading the choir following his first day of work on April 4.

# Celebrate the Mortgage Payoff Friday, May 3 at 6 pm

The congregation and the community will gather to burn the mortgage and celebrate this milestone in the life of Messiah. The Bourbon Boys Band will play, and there will be BBQ sandwiches. Ice cream will be for sale. Bring chairs and a beverage--invite your friends and neighbors to join the fun!

### 2023-2024 FELLOWSHIP DINNERS

Deadline: Sunday, April 14

Norrita Thorne and Lana Gilster will soon assign groups for Fellowship Dinners that will begin later this year. The signup sheet is posted on the Narthex Kiosk.

Norrita and Lana hope that those of you who have not participated in one of our Fellowship Dinner Groups will consider joining us this round. You will <u>not</u> be disappointed. They are unbelievably FUN!

# REVEREND KAREN AND PAT COOPER ARE GOING BACK TO PRISON Please Help

On April 11, Reverend Karen and Pat Cooper will return to Emanuel Women's Facility in Swainsboro, Georgia as part of the Kairos Prison Ministry. Kairos means "God's Special Time." The purpose of this program is to establish a Kairos Community inside this prison by the transforming love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ. A Kairos Team of twenty-one Kairos volunteers will spend 3 ½ days with the residents sharing God's love for them.

### Here is how you can participate:

- **Pray for us:** Be a part of the Prayer Chain. This is vital...without prayer this weekend cannot happen. There will be a sign-up sheet and suggested prayers on the Kairos Table in the Fellowship Hall for the next three Sundays.
- **Donate:** All Kairos activities are funded by donations. One way to help is to buy meal tickets for the prisoners. A \$5 donation is suggested, but any amount will be helpful. The residents see that someone they did not know was thinking about them and paid for their meal.

• Color Placemats: These placemats are used for each meal to brighten their mealtime during the weekend. The residents are thrilled to see that someone has taken the time to brighten their day.

Please stop by the table in the Fellowship Hall and participate in this worthwhile mission. You may also contact Pat Cooper at 912-508-4250. God Bless.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

The Monday Morning Women's Bible Study will be studying *The Risen Christ: Jesus Final Words on Earth* beginning Monday, April 8. The study examines the words that Jesus, while dying on the cross, uttered often called "The Last Words of Jesus"--but his words on the cross were not the last words he uttered while on earth. After his resurrection, he spoke many words of encouragement to his disciples and followers. His conversations with these men and women truly are Jesus' last words.

In this eight-session LifeGuide Bible study, *The Risen Christ*, you will meet the risen Jesus Christ and hear his words. Each of the 8 sessions focuses on a specific dialogue and passage of Scripture from the books of John and Acts.

If you would like to participate, please contact Randi VenHuizen at 402-216-3067 or randiv1026@gmail.com so she can order your study guide.

# SECOND HARVEST April Collection

Canned fruit is the food this month.

## **SERMON PREVIEW**

We celebrate the joy of the resurrection with Mark's account of the resurrection in Chapter 15. Women gather early in the morning to walk to the tomb, wondering how they might roll the big stone away. Once there, they find the stone rolled away at the tomb and an angel sitting nearby. He tells them that Jesus is not there but has risen from the dead and is going ahead of them to Galilee.

Questions for reflection: Mark's Easter story has no resurrection appearance, only an empty tomb. How satisfying an ending do you find that to be? How much does it matter to you that women were the first to discover Jesus' resurrection and not the male disciples? If you wrote a personal Easter song of victory, what would you focus on this year?



## THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH

Ministers The People of Messiah

Pastor Jason Talsness

Minister, Pastoral Care Karen Scheib

Pastor Emeritus James Peper

Presiding Bishop ELCA Elizabeth A. Eaton

Bishop, SE Synod ELCA Kevin Strickland

Organist Shirley Newhart

Choral Director Shirley Newhart (Interim)

Messiah Wind Ensemble Director Mary Maner

Altar Guild Janet Reardon

Reader Connie Squibb

Evangelism Greeters Cheryl & Frank Liebgott

Ushers Susan and Ron Whitaker

Communion Assistants Marcia Stinson and Jody Voss

Acolytes Helena Talsness and Sophia Wade

Audio Visual Steve Allen and Ken McLauchlan

Coffee Hour Potluck Brunch

### MILESTONES THIS WEEK:

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: Alison & John McVeigh 04/04



# **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Sunday, March 31	9:00 am Worship 9:00 am Children's Sunday School 10:00 am Easter Brunch		
Monday, April 1	OFFICE CLOSED  10:00 am Women's Bible Study  5:00 pm RMH Dinner  6:30 pm Mahjong		
Tuesday, April 2	2:30 pm Stephen Minister Training 3:00 pm Serendipity		
Wednesday, April 3	8:30 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10:00 am PLARNing Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice		
Thursday, April 4			
Friday, April 5 Saturday, April 6	12:00 pm Needlepoint Society		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Italics indicate an outside group.

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Officers/Executive Team: Claire Cornwell-Williams, President; Tim Andrews Vice-President, Steve Derr, Secretary; and Parker Pearson, Treasurer.



## **2024 EASTER LILIES**

### IN LOVING MEMORY OF

Our Parents and Brother Douglas

By-Lana & Eric Gilster

Agnes & Dr. John Kuhn, Dr. & Mrs. Frederich Zausmer, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Taylor, and Samuel Adams

By-Carol & Dr. Fred Kuhn

**Our Parents** 

By-Lynn & Ken McLauchlan

Dolores Cornwall, Jack Munroe & Elissa Nichols

By-Diane Munroe & Jim Nichols

Ellen Olson

By-Clyde Olson

My dad, Carr Baldwin

By-Connie Squibb

Bette Lufburrow

By-Lou and Anne Stewart

Loved Ones

By-Tom Thomas

Jean & Richard Williams

By-Deborah Williams, Ann & Terry Brantley, and Elizabeth W. Harrelson

### IN HONOR OF

All my Sisters in Christ

By-Dawn Meade

Our Grandchildren

By-Janet & Walter Reardon

Having Sheila & Michael Watson coming for Easter to our Church and God bless the Nack Family

By-Shirley & Phil Nack

My mom, Ethel Baldwin; my children,
Cody & Amanda Squibb and Courtney
& Hugh Ingram; my grandchildren,
Tucker, Skyler, Hunter, Summer,
Arynne, & McKenna; and my Fairy
Goddaughters, Fayha & Lyric
By-Connie Squibb

### Thankfulness for our 7 greatgrandchildren

By-Shirley & Carl Stiber

**Our Family** 

By-Barbara Van Doren and Tim Andrews

# TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY

Terry & Milda Blaney

For our many blessings Tammy & Gerry Quirk

Layne & Gary Rabold

Sara Sandsf

Shirley & Carl Stiber

Diana & Geoff Wilson



