

# EASTER SUNDAY



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## CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Welcome to worship at Christ Lutheran Church where we live in Christ and share God's love with all people.

CLC celebrates and affirms the sacred worth of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, including the LGBTQIA+ community; people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds; specifically Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; people of all ages and abilities; and people of all social and economic circumstances – as well as any who have experienced marginalization by the Christian Church.

We commit to the work of anti-racism and inclusion in a world that profits from our division. We remember Jesus' unambiguous call to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). We pray that all may encounter the living, loving God, whose grace meets us in our authentic humanity and who sees each of us as beloved.

We gratefully acknowledge that we gather on the ancestral homelands of the Lummi Nation of the Coast Salish language group who have stewarded this land since time immemorial, and we commit to the ongoing care of our shared land and relationships with its indigenous peoples.

Younger friends are welcome in the Pray Ground (accessed outside the sanctuary entrance) for any portion of the service.

Hearing assist units and large print bulletins are available as you enter the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance with these or any part of the worship service.

For all attending, we invite you to sign in on the friendship pad in your pew. We encourage you to participate in worship at your comfort level. The congregation reads the bold print and *stands as they are able.*

## SUNDAY, APRIL 5 | PARTICIPATING IN OUR CHURCH

**Presiding:** Pr. Leigh DeVries

**Greeter:** Carol Gahm

**Ushers:** Carol Brumet & Pat Flaherty

**Communion Assistants:** Melanie Halsell  
& Paula Sanders

**Reader:** Nancy Tupper

**Prayers of Intercession:** Betty Behee

**Cantor:** Jenise Clausen

**Piano/Organ:** Don Clausen

**Violin:** Joanne Donnellan

**Flute:** Nancy Tupper

**Altar Guild:** Jennifer Petersen

**Livestream Technician:** Beth Andres

**Soundboard Technician:** Calvin Petersen

**Liturgical Setting:** Now the Feast & Celebration

**Prayground Attendant:** Solveig Shermer

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SUNDAY | APRIL 5, 2026 | 9:30AM

## GATHERING

PRELUDE

HAPPY DAY

ANNA MALPICA

TONY MALPICA

EASTER GREETING

PR. LEIGH DEVRIES

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

WELCOME

PR. LEIGH

GATHERING HYMN

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

ELW# 365

GREETING

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**Amen.**

Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you. **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**Amen.**

# CANTICLE OF PRAISE: NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom



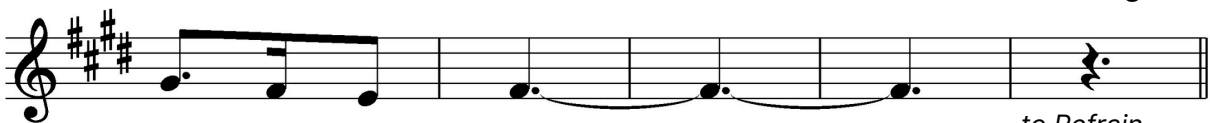
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



[1] Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose



blood has freed and u - nit - ed us to be one great



peo - ple of God.

*to Refrain*



[2] Pow-er and rich-es, wis - dom and might, all hon-or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

*to Refrain*

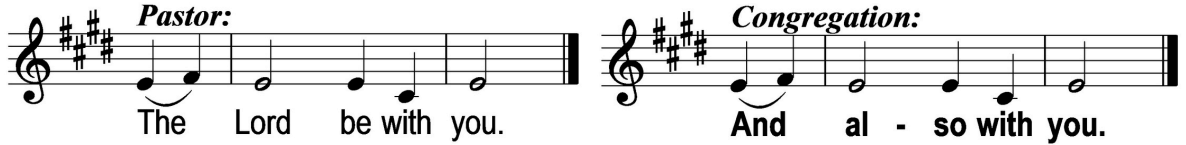


**3** For God has come to dwell with us, to make us



peo-ple of God; to make all things new. *to Refrain*

## SALUTATION



*Pastor:*  
The Lord be with you.

*Congregation:*  
And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*You may be seated.*

**WORD**

## FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness 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: <sup>38</sup> 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**

<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 tents 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.

## SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*\*Please stand for the Gospel.\**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

### THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came

to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### MESSAGE

### HYMN OF THE DAY

"NOW THE GREEN BLADE RISES"

ELW# 379

### CONFESSION OF FAITH

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\***

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*You may be seated.*

# MEAL

GIFT OF MUSIC

HAIL THE DAY THAT SEES HIM RISE

CLC CHOIR

- VICTOR JOHNSON

GEORGE HALSELL, TRUMPET



Hail the day that sees Him— rise,  
See! He lifts His hands a - bove;



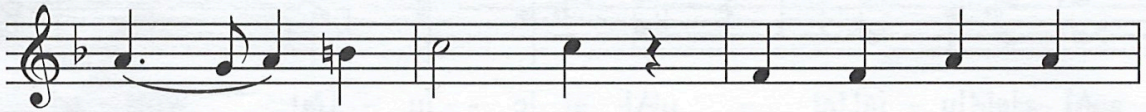
Al - le - lu - ia! to His throne a -  
Al - le - lu - ia! See! He shows the



bove the— skies! Al - le - lu - ia!  
prints of— love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners— giv'n,  
Hark! His gra - cious lips— be - stow,



Al - le - lu - ia! en - ters now the  
Al - le - lu - ia! bless - ings on His



high - est— heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!  
Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!

Stewardship is a response of gratitude and thanksgiving for what God has done for us. You are invited to respond to God's gifts with your own financial gifts through the offering. You may use offering envelopes (found at the end of the hymnal rack) or give using any of these ways:

- Mail checks to the CLC P.O. Box 845 or send a check through your bank's Bill Pay service. Please be sure to add "Attn: Financial Secretary" to the envelope;
- Give through the Church Center App (use QR code to access);
- Or through Church Center online: [christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com](http://christ-lutheran-church-ferndale.churchcenter.com)



## OFFERING COLLECTION

### TABLE HYMN: AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath - ered in - to one to be - come our bread;



so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be



gath - ered in - to one in you.



As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come, when



*to Refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,

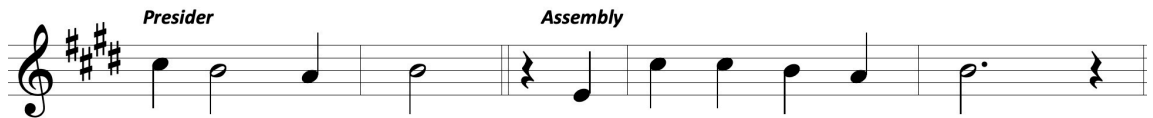
**accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



*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.**

It is our duty and delight  
that we should everywhere and always  
offer thanks and praise to you, O God,  
through Jesus Christ.

Who by his death on the cross and glorious  
resurrection broke the bonds of sin and death and gave life to all creation.

And so, with the church on earth,  
all creation and the host of heaven  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Assembly*

Ho - ly, ho-ly, ho-ly are you, God of pow-er and  
 might; Heav-en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho-  
 san-na in the high-est! Bless-ed is the one who comes in your  
 name. Ho - san -na in the high - est, ho -san-na in the high-est!

On the night of his arrest,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, resurrection, and ascension,  
 we await his coming again in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
 and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
 the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us in the language of our hearts.

### 1983 Version

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen.**

### 1892 Version

**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,  
for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

*You may be seated.*

## COMMUNION

All who desire a renewed relationship with Jesus are welcome to participate in Holy Communion. Children of any age, with the consent of a parent or guardian, are welcome to commune, or may come forward to receive a blessing instead. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. If you have any allergies or sensitivities to gluten, wheat, yeast, dairy, soy, nut, or corn, please ask for the wafer alternative, as they are made in a facility that is free of these allergens. If you prefer to take communion at your seat, please notify an usher to have it brought to you. As a part of your communion experience, you are additionally invited to **light a candle, use the prayer wheel, or seek additional prayer with a Stephen Minister** seated in the front pew near the candle station as you need.

# COMMUNION HYMN: LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
Lamb of God, you break the chains of hat-red and  
Lamb of God, you are the way of just-ice and  
Lamb of God, you are the way of mer-cy and



world: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
fear: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
peace: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.  
love: have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

WE COME TO THE HUNGRY FEAST

ELW# 479

HERE IS BREAD

ELW# 483

I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

ELW# 485

Holy One,

**through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## SENDING

### ANNOUNCEMENTS, BIRTH/BATHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES

*Happy birth/bathday to you, happy anniversary to you,  
may the Lord bless and keep you another year through.*

### BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN

CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING

**ELW# 389**

### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### POSTLUDE

PRELUDE IN C MAJOR

**ORGAN**

-J.S BACH

## COMING UP AT CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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|-----------------------|---------|---|
| <b>Sunday 4/5</b>     | 8:30am  | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                            |
|                       | 9:30am  | Worship: <b>Easter Sunday!</b> with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary) |
|                       | 10:45am | Easter Brunch (Fellowship Hall)                           |
|                       | 11:05am | Children's Activity! (Sanctuary)                          |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Monday, 4/6</b>    | 9:00am  | Quilting (Fellowship Hall)                                |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Wednesday, 4/8</b> | 9:15am  | Walk & Talk: (CLC Parking Lot)                            |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Saturday, 4/11</b> | 10:00am | Adopt-A-Highway (Meet at CLC)                             |
|                       | 1:00pm  | Darryl Wren Memorial (Sanctuary)                          |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Sunday, 4/12</b>   | 8:30am  | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                            |
|                       | 9:30am  | Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)                        |
|                       | 10:45am | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)                             |
|                       |         | Q&A: CLC Financial Navigation (Fellowship Hall)           |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Tuesday, 4/14</b>  | 6:00pm  | Q&A: CLC Financial Navigation (Fellowship Hall)           |
|                       |         |   |
| <b>Sunday, 4/19</b>   | 8:30am  | Musician Rehearsal (Sanctuary)                            |
|                       | 9:30am  | Worship with Pr. Leigh (Sanctuary)                        |
|                       | 10:45am | Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)                             |
|                       | 10:45am | Congregational Meeting (Fellowship Hall)                  |

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### APRIL

#### **April 8: Walk & Talk**

Walkers will head north on Malloy Ave and choose from various side routes as we progress to Malloy Village. Distance and weather may provide direction! Meet at the church parking lot at 9:15. We'll return to the Fireside Room for coffee/tea and fellowship about 10:00.

Walk and Talk is sponsored by CLC's Stewardship Committee. This is its fourth season of promoting Wellness and Relationships. Call or text Carolyn Jonson, 360-746-5653, for more information.

**April 11:****10:00am: Adopt-A-Highway**

Meet at Christ Lutheran Church at 10:00am if you'd like to join in with highway clean up! No experience or material necessary - all equipment will be provided. You can sign up here: <https://volunteersignup.org/x3kd9>.

**1:00pm: Darryl Wren Memorial Service**

All are welcome to attend and celebrate the life of Darryl Alfred Wren, long time and beloved friend and member of Christ Lutheran Church. The interment of both Marilyn & Darryl's ashes will also occur at this service.

**The Future of CLC: Q&A Sessions & Congregational Meeting**

With the continued deficit budgets CLC has approved over the last few years, the Congregational Council and staff are dedicated to the work and transparency of improving our financial circumstances. We are interested in the possibility of bringing on a church consultant firm, Ministry Architects (MA), to support that work. We've taken steps to plan a few Q&A sessions and a congregational meeting to prepare the congregation.

At these sessions, we will delve into such topics as financial stability, engaging Ministry Architects ([www.ministryarchitects.com](http://www.ministryarchitects.com)) to support the future of the church, and discern staffing priorities. Since the proposal cost to work with Ministry Architects is outside the approved budget for 2026, the CLC council will call a congregational meeting to vote on that proposal on **Sunday, April 19** directly after worship. Preceding the congregational meeting, two Q&A sessions will be available for those interested in learning and discussing these matters more. All sessions (Q&A and congregational meeting) will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Material supporting these meetings will be available on Sunday, April 12th.

**Q&A Sessions:**

Sunday, April 12 @ 10:45am

Tuesday, April 14 @ 6:00pm

**Congregational Meeting:**

Sunday, April 19 @ 10:45am

Assorted crayons, markers and pens can be found with the buddy bags at the entrance of the sanctuary!



**Please hold these people in prayer:**

- Sara, Brandon, Sean, Lucia, Gary, Jay, Col. Melissa Dooley, Rich Mason, family of Mark Pair, family of Heather Liske, Marina, Marisa, Louvenia, Ashley



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**Spring Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday, 9:15am - 3:00pm**

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