

Sunday, April 5, 2015
The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day

CHRIST IS RISEN!



HE IS RISEN INDEED!

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**The Altar Flowers are given to the Greater Glory of God and in memory of
Christopher Benson Newman, and Mr. & Mrs. John Newman
by Mr. & Mrs. Ronald B. Newman, Sr. & Family**

Assisting Minister: James Benson Lector: Nina Sousa

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Greeters: Jennie & Hans Christensen & Stacey Weatherbee and Matthew

Vision Statement

Our vision is to become a visible, outreaching community resource consisting of diverse, active, enthusiastic and supportive Christians of all ages, working together with dynamic leadership and ministering to the spiritual and social needs of the congregation and community.

Our Mission Statement

Gathered in Christ, Together We Serve

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FELC member and campground owner, Linda Nelson***

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PRELUDE

David Burnham, Organist

“Christ Lag in Todesbanden”

J. S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness
of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**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.**

**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.

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.

The assembly stands and faces the processional cross.

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Laast Uns Erfreuen

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

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

Let us pray. 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.

ANTHEM

FELC Choir 9 am

“Angels, Roll the Rock Away”

Healey Willan

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Lesson Ends: Lector: *The Word of the Lord* Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

THE PSALM: Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Chanted Responsively

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

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

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

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

(continued)

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

THE SECOND READING: Acts 10: 34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "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. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all.

³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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.

³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Lesson Ends: Lector: *The Word of the Lord* Congregation: *Thanks be to God*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

GOSPEL: Mark 16: 1-8

The gospel is announced. The holy gospel according to Saint Mark the sixteenth chapter.

Congregation: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. 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. ⁷But 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." ⁸So 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 concludes: The gospel of the Lord. **Congregation:** *Praise to you, O Christ.*

CHILDREN'S SERMON

9 am

SERMON

Pastor Sproul

HYMN OF THE DAY

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"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Easter Hymn

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

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you make yourself known in your creation: in mountains and valleys, in plants and animals, and in those who care for what you have made. Lead us and all your creatures to proclaim that this is the day that the Lord has made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you desire that all people live in peace. Guide all in authority at the local, state, national, and international levels, that they show no partiality in their care and concern. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Console those who are afraid, protect those who are persecuted, bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who mourn (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you choose us to be witnesses to your love. Bless visitors among us today, those celebrating Easter with family and friends, and those who travel during this holiday time. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Make us confident that we will feast at your heavenly banquet with those who have died and are now at rest especially this day do we remember the life and witness of Norma Churbuck and Leona Moore. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.
The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

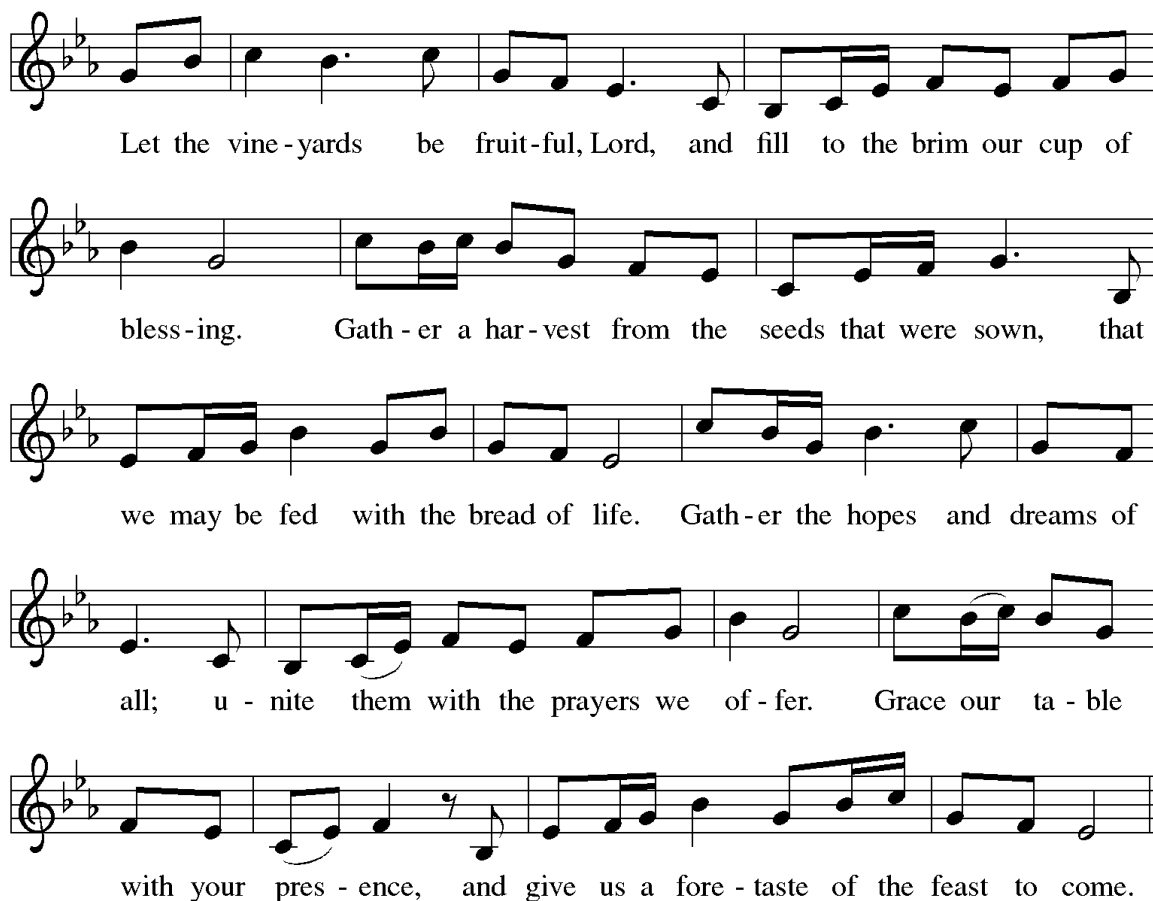
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

FELC Choir 9 am

“Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Johann Horn

OFFERTORY



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

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.

PREFACE

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
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.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
Amen

THE 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.

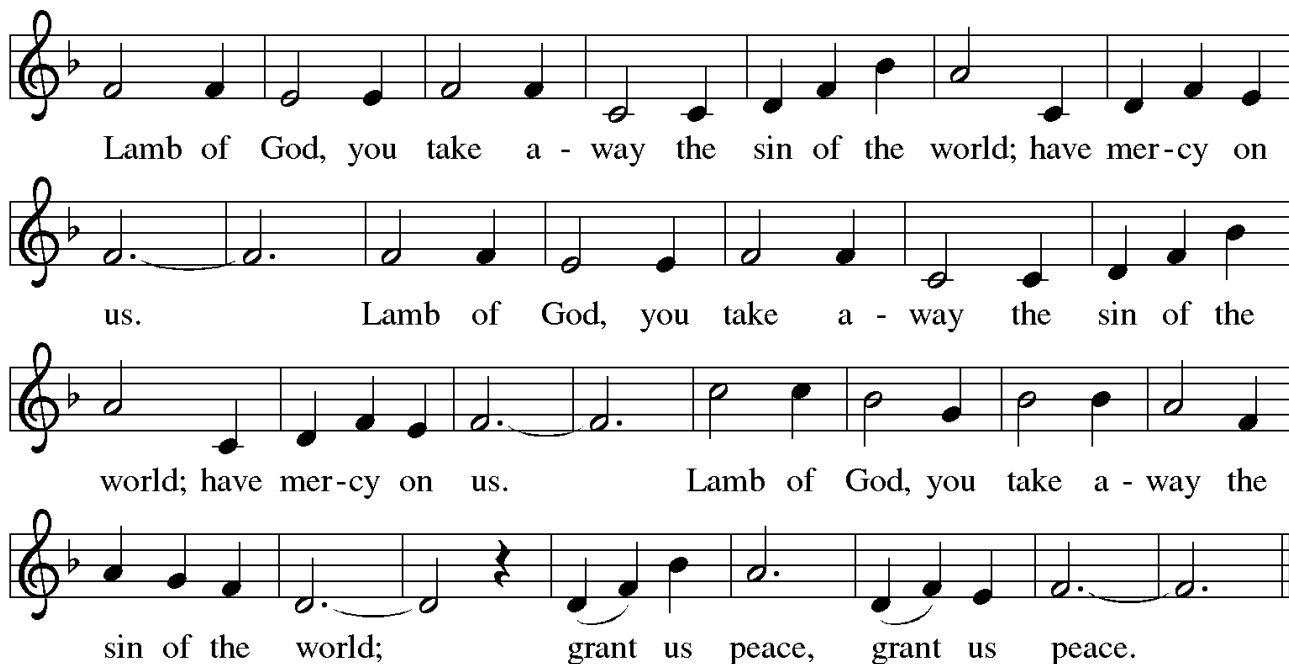
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread. Come to this table where you are known and loved.

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.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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THE COMMUNION

(The assembly may be seated)

*Christ welcomes you to this Feast of the Baptized. This morning's communion will be a communion at the rail using **intinction** as the method of distribution. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers, receive the bread from the Pastor or Assistant, then to the cup and dip the bread in either the wine (the chalice closest to the bread) or in the grape juice and proceed back to your seat by the side aisles. If you require gluten free bread, please indicate such to the Pastor/Assistant.. Please Do Not Drink from the Cup.
Small Children and infants are assisted by adults.*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

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Vruechten

ANTHEM

"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

FELC Choir

Luther/Walter

HYMN

"Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

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Auf, Auf, Mein Herz

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Assembly stands

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. *Amen*

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

7:45 AM

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev-'ry-one who seeks the Lord re-joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom-is-es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

FELC 9 am

“Now Christ is Risen”

Michael Praetorius

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray,

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

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.**

THE SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

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Earth and All Stars

We turn and face the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, reminding us of bringing the message of Christ into the world.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Choral on a melody by Michael Vulpius

Healey Willan

We welcome all who worship with us this day and invite to the Lord's Table all who are baptized in the name of the Triune God.

Let Us Pray for our members that are homebound or ill, or otherwise in need of our prayers:

Natalie Beaulieu, Marian Nelson, Brittany Czarnowski, David Tyler, Donna Persson, Carolyn Kenyon, Janet Studley—(Brockton), Leah Benson-(St. Joseph's), Laura Erickson, Eric Johnson, Jeanne Newman, Jeanne'e O'Connell, Alice Regnell, Gary Eliasson-(Champion), Elsa Persson, Vivian Tofteroo, Annette Lindh, Anna Haskins, Don Surgens, Damian Caffelle, Lester Johnson, Beatrice Monson (Golden Living Center, Attleboro), Craig MacNevin, Trudy Ciancarelli (Notre Dame Health, Worc), Ethel Sylvia (Lifecare WB), Mary Haraldstad.

And for those members of our extended family:

Frankie Vigorito-*friend of the Rovaldi's*, Bob Lowe-*friend of Susan Rovaldi*, Barbara Noe—*sister & sister-in-law to Skip & Cheryl Packard*, Bernice Ethier—*grandmother to Emily & Chris Kostka*, Lorena Giordano—*sister-in-law to Carolyn & Phil Giordano*, Linda Lemieux – *Mother of Tracy Perry*, David Thompson – *Brother of Bob Thompson*, Steve MacLeod —*Friend of the MacNevin's*, Jeenie Heeley—*grandmother of Jason Caffelle*, Callen Pellerin-*nephew of Jason Caffelle*, Rachel Grabau-*daughter of Russ & Marian Grabau*, Tom Grabau—*brother of Russ Grabau*, Alfred Nicolosi-*friend of Lloyd & Willette Thompson and Jim Benson*, Marilyn Gilmetti -*friend of Lloyd & Willette Thompson*, Rev. Eva Cudmore—*cousin of Debbie Johnson*, Brigitte Shaw—*mother of Angie Goucher*, Evelyn Shanahan-*cousin of Barbara DeCarli*, -Audrey Gordon - *aunt of Barbara DeCarli*, Carol Redden-*friend of Barbara DeCarli*, David Carlson-*brother of Ruth Johnson*, Kristiana, Steve, Steven & Lillian Pastir-*friends of Beth Christensen*, Bob Cook & Sharon Palumbo-*friends of Jean-Ellen Ouellette-Kenney*, Rev. Bob Stott-*Pastor of Zion Ev. Lutheran Church-Plymouth*, Tyson Reed—*friend of Lloyd & Willette Thompson*

And for a Special Measure of God's Grace:

The family & friends of Norma Churbuck — *upon her death*, the family & friends of Leona Moore — *upon her death*, Captain Scott Friski U.S.A.F ,— *grandson of Phyllis Nielsen*, Corporal Erik Akerblom—*now deployed in Afghanistan*, Sgt. Heather Davis, *daughter of Bill Chaplic, now deployed in Iraq*, Sgt. Ryan R. Casey, USMC *servicing in California*—*grandson of Carole Casey*, SPC Shawn Jenkins-*son of Tana Jenkins-now servicing in Afghanistan*, Lance Corporal Joseph Reardon, USMC, *cousin of Dana Christensen*,

Wednesday morning Bible Study resumes this Wednesday at 10 am in the church parlor.
All are welcome!

FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**“Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death where is thy victory? O Death, where is thy sting?”
“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”
(I Corinthians 15: 55-57)**

The Easter plants which beautify our chancel today are given:

IN MEMORY OF:

Sven & Anna Ahlgren and
Mr. & Mrs. Wesley C. Ahlgren

Corrine & Joseph Finnegan and
daughter, Karen

Christopher Benson Newman

Mr. & Mrs. John E. Newman, Mr. & Mrs. Benson H. Bosquet
& Loves Ones

Our Daughter, Susan

Doris E. Moore

S. Arvid & Edith G. Swanson & Stella Provost

Martin & Wilhelmina Monson

Loved Ones

Isabelle Nelson

Bud Ness & Devin Ness

Loved Ones

Merle Newberg

Harvey & Meredith Freer

Barbara Mallett

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Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Buker, Mrs. Susan (Buker) Coelho

Francis W. Nielsen & Karen Demers

Astrid M. Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Alden Anderson, Sr.,
Mr. & Mrs. John P. Pearson & Loved Ones

Susan Montisano

Our Parents & brother, Mr. & Mrs. Captain Eric Franzen

John “Bud” Ness, Evelyn & John Lagerval, Devin Ness, Karen Finn

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Kathy & Brad Ness

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His wife, Susan

Their daughter, Susan

Jeffrey Mallett, Jennifer, Adam, Allison, &
Katelyn Campbell

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Newman

Phyllis P. Nielsen

Alden Anderson & Family

Her sister, Lisa & niece, Hannah

Gail & Buddy Franzen

Lagerval Family

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My Sister, Susan	Paula
My Mother, Father & Brother, Bruce, and Arlene Moberg	Hope E. Mehaffey
Our Parents, Arthur & Ellen Hammerquist, Maurice & Dorothy Sullivan	Harry & Colleen Hammerquist Paul & Elaine Sullivan
My Great-aunt Hulda Hanson	Linda Sullivan
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George V. Hollertz & Elsa C. Hollertz	Leah & Erick Benson
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Loved Ones	Gail & Buddy
Our Parents: Orie D. & Ruth B. Ouellette and Edward & Beatrice Kenney & Loved Ones	Jean-Ellen & John Kenney
Elsie Sondeen & Gertrude Forsstrom	Jean-Ellen & John Kenney
Dorothy & Arnold Warne	The Theriault Family & The Cornetta Family
Dr. Kerri O'Neil-Derbyshire	Jennifer, Adam, Allison & Katelyn
Barbara Mallett	Loved Ones
Carl A. Anderson	Jean, Children, Grandchildren & Great- Grandchildren
Lloyd & Martha Thompson & Loved Ones	Mark, Maxine, Jamie, Johanna, Kamran & Juniper
Hal & Louise Richardson & Loved Ones	Mark, Maxine, Jamie, Johanna, Kamran & Juniper

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Italian Dinner:

April 11



The Martha Guild will be sponsoring a Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner on Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 pm. The dinner will be followed by a brown bag/pocketbook auction at 7:30. Tickets for the

dinner are available for a donation of \$5.00, all proceeds benefit the Martha Guild Scholarship Fund. Tickets are available in the church office and on Sunday mornings from Martha members.



The Fellowship Commission



would like to thank the congregation for their wonderful support of the Hot Cross Bun sale. With the support of a Thrivent grant covering the cost of sup-

plies, we raised \$320.00 to benefit FELC youth camperships. Also a big THANK YOU to all of our bakers!

FREE TICKETS: We have 6 tickets (each admits 2) to the Brockton Police Relief Association's COMEDY NIGHT on Friday, April 17 at the 7:30 pm in the Conference Center at Massasoit. These tickets have a \$30.00 value—if you would like a ticket please see Jim Benson (tickets are first come, first served)



Finally Spring!



Join us for frozen yogurt!

And some fun!!

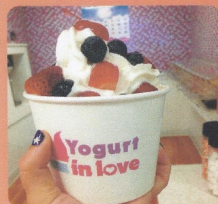
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Proceeds benefit the travel expenses of our youth attending the
ELCA Youth Gathering in Detroit this July



MALARIA SUNDAY, APRIL 26



Malaria is a preventable treatable disease spread through the bite of an infected mosquito. The disease claims the life of a child every 60 seconds. Malaria was virtually eliminated from the United States in 1951, but it remains a major health concern in more than 100 countries worldwide. To most of us in the United States, mosquitos are nothing more than a nuisance. But many countries in Africa just one bite from an infected mosquito could transmit malaria and lead to death. A bed net treated with long-lasting insecticide, coupled with training and education on how it is used, helps ensure that families are protected from this life-threatening disease as they sleep.

It takes only \$250.00 to supply mosquito nets for an entire village. Please help us reach that goal and save one village at a time. Look for the mosquito net outside of the chapel and donate as you are able.

Envelopes are provided for your convenience. Any questions, please contact Susan Rovaldi



WORLD MALARIA DAY 2015





As the snow melts and the temperatures warm we are reminded that we are but a few short days away from the ELCA National Youth Gathering in Detroit. This summer 4 of our youth and two advisors will travel to the Motor City to join with more than 40,000 Lutheran youth from North America!

This trip will cost approximately \$7,000.00. The initial registration fee has been paid from the Devin Ness Memorial Fund which leaves a need of \$6,000.00. Several fundraising activities are being planned to defray the expense.

On the counter in the hallways outside the pastor's office is a SHAREHOLDER'S LETTER, this is a great opportunity for you to become a "shareholder" in the youth of FELC—we did this for the last Youth gathering with great success and we hope that you will again invest wisely.

In addition, a Swedish Meatball Dinner is being planned for Saturday, May 2 with the proceeds benefiting the trip.

We hope that you will support these fundraisers to help make Detroit a memorable trip for our youth.

Thank you!



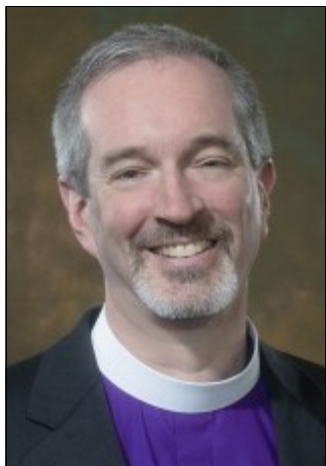
Last Sunday, Call Committee Chairman, Aaron Rovaldi announced that the committee was again without a candidate to bring forward to the Council and ultimately to the congregation.

A letter from New England Synod Bishop Hazelwood was printed in last week's bulletin and copies are available on the counter outside the Pastor's office regarding the Call process at FELC.

On Thursday, April 23 Bishop Hazelwood, along with his associate, Rev. Sara Anderson will meet with the Congregation Council and the Call Committee to discuss the process, where we are and where we are going in the search for the right pastoral leadership going forward.

We ask that you keep the Council & Call Committee in your prayers as they move forward in this process.

Next Sunday at the 9 am Service The Rt. Rev. Alan M. Gates, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts will bring greetings and deliver the sermon to us as he is here to visit with Grace Chapel later in the morning. Following is Bishop gates' biography:



Alan McIntosh Gates was born in Springfield, Mass., on March 25, 1958, the son of J. Edward Gates, a lexicographer, and Marion McIntosh (Thompson) Gates, a psychiatric nurse. He was baptized on July 13, 1958, at the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Mass., by his grandfather, the Rev. Dr. John A. Gates.

He is a graduate of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt. His studies included a semester in Moscow, USSR, in the late Soviet era. Prior to seminary he was a Russian language translator, researcher and intelligence analyst for the U.S. Department of Defense, from 1980 to 1984, including a tour of duty at the State Department from 1982 to 1983. Concurrently he undertook graduate studies in linguistics at Georgetown University.

Bishop Gates holds a Master of Divinity degree from Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Mass., and served while a seminarian at St. Stephen's Memorial Church in Lynn, Mass. He was ordained to the diaconate on June 13, 1987, at Washington National Cathedral, and to the priesthood on March 26, 1988, in the Diocese of Massachusetts. He served as curate at the Parish of St. John the Evangelist in Hingham, Mass., from 1987 to 1990, and as rector of Trinity Church in Ware, Mass., in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, from 1990 to 1996. While in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts, he was a member of the Commission on Ministry and the Adult Education Commission and served as dean of the Franklin-Hampshire Deanery (1993-1996).

He was then called to the Diocese of Chicago, where he served as senior associate rector (1996-2003) and priest-in-charge (2003-2004) at the Church of the Holy Spirit in Lake Forest, Ill. He was clergy caucus co-convenor for Lake County United on interfaith action (2002-2004) and served on the board of St. Leonard's House, an Episcopal ministry for ex-offenders (1999-2003).

In 2004 he was called to the Diocese of Ohio, where he served as rector of St. Paul's Church in Cleveland Heights until his election as bishop in 2014.

While in the Diocese of Ohio, Bishop Gates was a founding strategy team member for Greater Cleveland Congregations on interfaith action, and was a member and chair of the diocese's Commission on Ministry and a member of the Standing Committee. He also served on numerous ministry discernment committees. He was a member of the preaching conference faculty in 2008 for the Episcopal Preaching Foundation, and served on the board of the Teleios Foundation for U.S.-Russian church relations (1996-2005).

Bishop Gates was elected bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts at a special Diocesan Convention held on April 5, 2014, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul in Boston. He was ordained and consecrated a bishop on Sept. 13, 2014, and on that day succeeded Bishop M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE to become the 16th bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts. He serves on the board of Bexley Hall Seabury-Western Seminary Federation, having served as a Bexley Hall Seminary trustee (2010-2013) and governance chair (2011-2013). Bishop Gates and his spouse, Patricia J. Harvey, reside in Boston and have two adult sons.

The Food for Friends board of Directors will meet next Sunday, April 12 immediately following the 9 am service at the food pantry in the Fruth Center.

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