

# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*“Welcome to First Lutheran Church! All are accepted and affirmed just as we are, with all our differences and gifts – unique children of God. No matter your race, ethnicity, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental abilities, social or economic status, we have a place for you. As part of the whole complex, colorful spectrum of God’s creation in all its diversity we are all one in Christ!”*



## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

*April 5, 2026*

*ELW Setting Three*

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!*

# GATHERING

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*\*Indicates the congregation is invited to stand as you are able.*

*Christ is risen!  
Rejoice and be glad in this special day  
the LORD has made.*

## PRELUDE

*A Trumpet Fanfare*

Gilbert Martin

## \*GATHERING SONG

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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## \*GREETING

*Presider:* Alleluia ! Christ is risen!

*Congregation:* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Presider:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*Congregation:* **And also with you.**

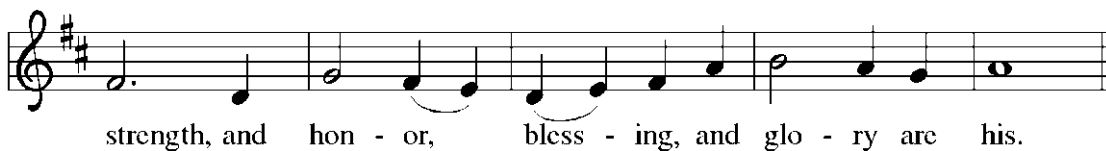
## \* HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb  
who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

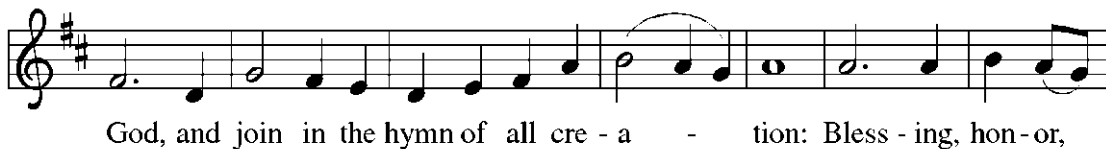
*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon-or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**CHILDRENS MESSAGE**

**SOLO**

*I Know that My Redeemer Liveth*  
Carolyn Worley, soprano

G.F. Handel

**WORD**

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**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of 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, <sup>35</sup>but 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: <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.”

*Assistant:* The Word of God. The Word of life.

*Congregation:* **Thanks be to God.**

## 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)*

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24

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<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. R**

- 18 The Lord indeed pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.
- 19 **Open for me the<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks<sup>1</sup> to the Lord.**
- 20 “This is the gate<sup>1</sup> of the Lord;  
here the righ-<sup>1</sup>teous may enter.”
- 21 **I give thanks to you, for you have<sup>1</sup> answered me  
and you have become<sup>1</sup> my salvation. R**
- 22 The stone that the build-<sup>1</sup>ers rejected  
has become the chief<sup>1</sup> cornerstone.
- 23 **By the Lord has<sup>1</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.**
- 24 This is the day that the<sup>1</sup> Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it. **R**

## SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<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.

*Assistant:* The Word of God. The Word of life.

*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.

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel according to...

*Congregation:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<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.”

*Presider:* The Word of God. The Word of life.

*Congregation:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Silence for reflection may follow.*

*Pastor Jeffrey Ewing*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

Vs.3 Women; Vs.4 Men

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## **\*NICENE CREED**

*Assistant: Let us confess our faith using the words of the 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**

*Congregation response:*

**A:** Merciful God,

**C:** Receive our prayer.

## SHARING THE PEACE

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord is with you always.

*Congregation:* **And also with you**

## **MEAL**

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**OFFERING** *An offering tray is available at the entrance of the sanctuary. For those wishing to do so, we encourage you to donate online at [flcwarren.com/give](http://flcwarren.com/give). As always, thank you for supporting the work of bringing God's love to all people through First Lutheran!*

**ANTHEM** [8 AM]  
[11AM]

*Devotion*  
***Christ the Lord is Risen***  
Senior Choir

Paul Benoit  
Anna Laura Page

## **\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Blessing, Honor, and Glory*  
**Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!**  
**Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.  
Death could not hold him down, for he is risen!  
Seated upon the throne, he is the Lamb of God!**  
**Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb.  
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb of God.**

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## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

*Assistant:* Risen One,  
**you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Presider:* *The Lord be with you.*

*Congregation:* ***And also with you.***

*Presider:* *Lift up your hearts.*

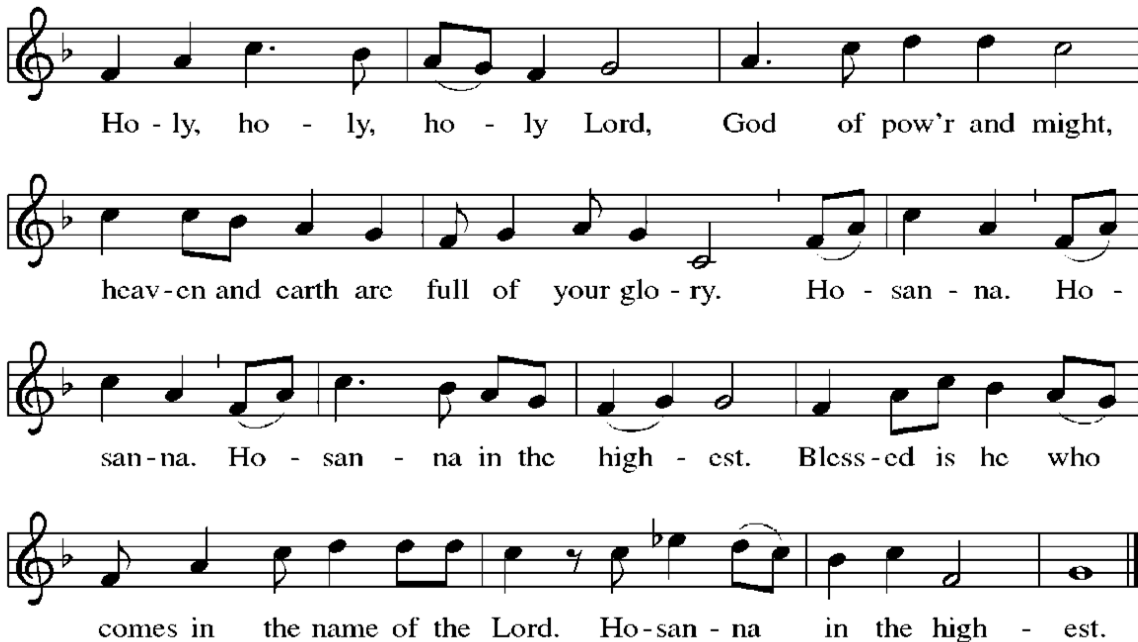
*Congregation:* ***We lift them to the Lord.***

*Presider:* *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*Congregation:* ***It is right to give our thanks and praise.***

*Presider:* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... (*the preface is sung*)...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## \*SANCTUS *Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

# EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

## 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.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Now let us feast this Easter day on Christ, the bread of heaven. Hallelujah!

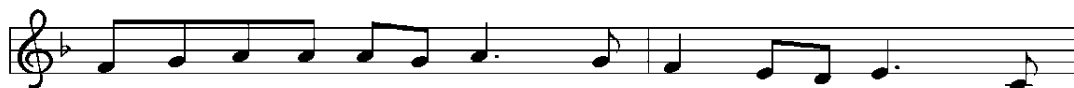
As Lutherans we believe that Jesus is present in the elements of communion, bringing forgiveness and new life to all who receive it. The table is open to everyone, and the gift is always given, never taken. Simply make a cradle with your hand(s) as you receive the bread. **Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available from the ushers. Bring them forward to be blessed by the pastor.**

The response after receiving both the gift of bread and wine is *"Amen."*

*For those who would like to continue to celebrate in the pews, please let the usher know.*

*For our friends who are not celebrating communion, simply fold your arms across your chest and receive a blessing.*

## 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.

**\*COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Thine the Amen  
Christ the Lord is Risen Today!*

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*Presider: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,  
keep and unite us, now and forever.*

*Congregation: Amen*

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*Be Not Afraid*

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**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

**Be not afraid, sing out for joy! Christ is risen, alleluia!**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Shepherding God,

**C: you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.**

**Send us forth from this banquet**

**to proclaim your goodness**

**and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

## ***SENDING***

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**\*HYMN**

*Thine is the Glory*

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**DISMISSAL**

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Come Thou Faithful Raise the Strain*

Wilbur Held

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<b>Serving Today</b>	<b>April 5</b>	<b>April 12</b>
<b>Cantor</b>	(8AM) John Beard (11AM) Donna Trubic	Anne Benson Brenda Hunter
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	(8AM) Randy Britton (11AM) Colleen Witmer	Don Reed Heidi Colosimo
<b>Acolyte</b>	(8AM) Jen Kersey (11AM) Charles Bielawski	Jen Kersey Andrew Gausman
<b>Children's Message</b>	Cynthia Klenowski	Adri Hunt
<b>Digital Deacon</b>	Denny Pearson	Denise Whipp
<b>Greeters</b>	(11AM) Penny & Gary Lester	
<b>Crucifer</b>	(11AM) Chase Colosimo	
<b>Counters</b>	Mary Worley Jane Beardsley	Jane Beardsley Barb Boger

### **PRAYER LIST**

*Names will remain on the list for a period of three weeks.*

*Names may be returned to the prayer list by contacting the church office.*

*Please receive permission before submitting names to be included on the Prayer List.*

**Prayer Requests:** *servicemen & women, especially Andrew Shodi, Swede Backhus, Adam & Ben Frederick, Shane Simpson, Curtis Royek, Ty Elmquist, Julie & Joey Gilman, Hunter Feeny, Kohl Feeny, Jordan Curtis, Erik Dippold*

**March 15:** *Kim Tome, Rose Troyan, Holly Schubert, Bonnie Gray, Velma Zock, Janet Wilson, Sarah Downey, Jeff Bastow, Elaine Powers, Donna Smith, Kia Lee, Betty Berdine, Vic Wolfe, Cara Smith, Joe Krall, Jerry Johnson, Mariah Nowacki, Barry Seastead, Maryann Long, Denise Cederquist, Jim Rapp, Cathy Morrison, Linda Philhower, Dusty Johnson, Lori Lee, Roberta "Bobbi" Hessley, Sue Burke, Nicole Hall, Cody Fetzeck*

**March 29:** *Christopher Smith, Brooke Benton, Annabelle Hartman, Jeff Granger, Carol Stone, Mike Madigan, Jan Thorpe, Katie Silvey, Margie Campbell, Laura Dieter, Jim Marquis, RoseMary Landon*

**March 22:** *Larry Rambish, Alyssa Dennewitz, Ron & Lois Hart, Connie Buerkle, Rita Hawk, Terry Pearson, Val & Nancy Condio, Brent Casey, Kristin Frick, Joel Nowacki, Doug Granger, Sarah Downey, MaryBeth Nawrocki, Ariel Mickle, Dee Schultz, Mitch Tabol, Addy Landrio, Robert Cooper, Corey Spattifor, Christopher Saylor, Denny Hedges, Margie Campbell, Judith Melton*

***Please contact the Church Office if you, a family member or someone from the parish is in the hospital.***

***Help us help you when pastoral care is needed!***

**Friday Night Out** will be at Dock 9 on April 10th at 6PM. We'll order off the menu. Sign up in the narthex. We hope you can join us!



### **ELEVATOR PROJECT**

Work on our new elevator project begins on April 6. While this project is underway we will not have an accessible elevator. We will have limited access to Niewoehner Hall, the basement, and upstairs classrooms. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call the church office during this time. We will do our best to make accommodations.

### **LUTHERAN LEARNING CLASSES SET FOR APRIL!**

Ever wonder about what Lutherans believe and how that fits into all the other Protestant faith traditions? Ever wonder what goes on here at First Lutheran (we have a lot of service opportunities) and how you can fit in? Ever just want a little reminder of what it means to be Lutheran? Join us on 3 Sunday evenings (12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>) in April as we dive a little deeper! Come to one session or all three! See you from 6:00-7:30 pm in the Parlor!



**Easter Flowers:** Thanks to all who ordered flowers for helping to make our sanctuary express the joy of Easter morning. Please remember to wait until after the 11:00 am service to pick up your flowers. You will know which ones to pick up because your name will be on the plant.



## Jesus lives

John 20:1-18

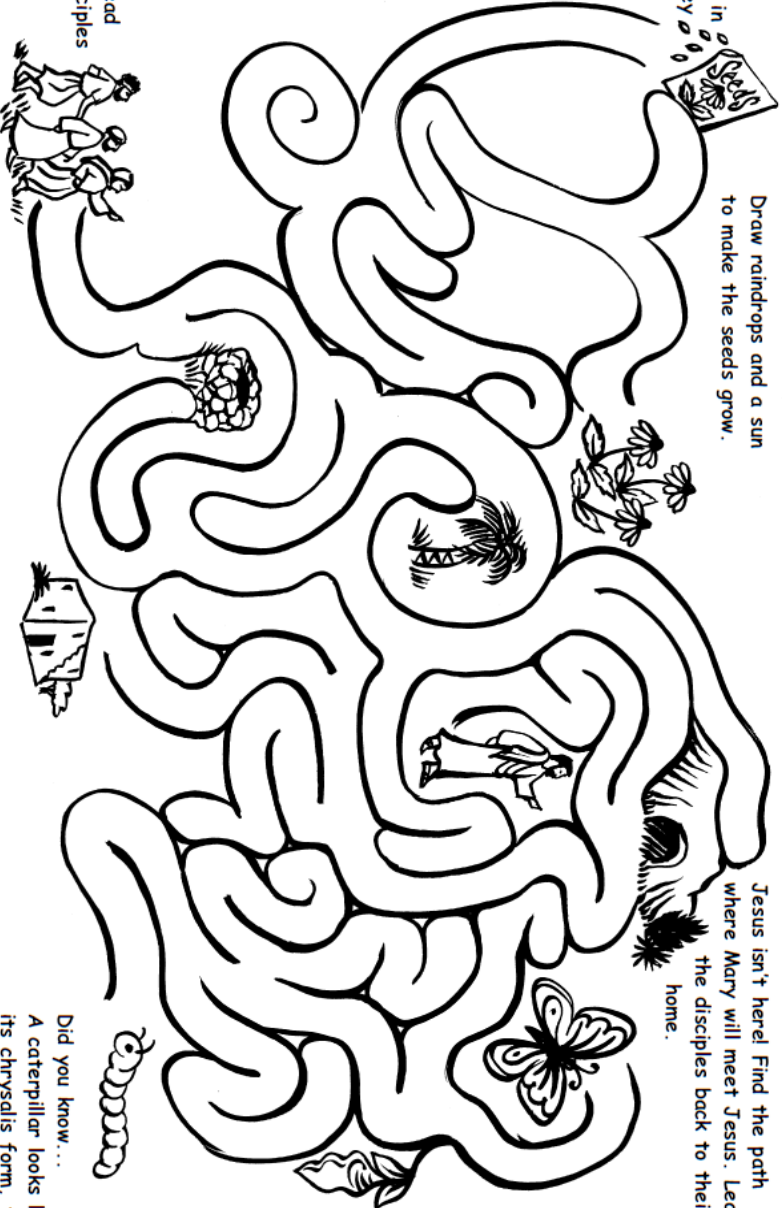
Mary and the disciples couldn't believe their eyes! Jesus was not in the tomb. Mary's eyes were full of tears. She thought Jesus was taken away. But Jesus' voice told her something completely different. Now Mary could see Jesus with Easter eyes and hear his voice with Easter ears. Jesus was alive, standing next to her!

Did you know...  
Seeds are buried in the ground so they can sprout into beautiful flowers.  
Follow the path and add what the seeds need.

Draw raindrops and a sun to make the seeds grow.

Jesus isn't here! Find the path where Mary will meet Jesus. Lead the disciples back to their home.

Draw a path to lead Mary and the disciples to the tomb.



Did you know...  
A caterpillar looks lifeless in its chrysalis form, then it becomes a colorful butterfly.



# Refrigerator Schedule

## NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS MEETS Monday, Wednesday, & Saturday at 6:30 PM (YR)

*HP/Hansen Parlor; NH/ Niewoehner Hall; OFH/Old Fellowship Hall,  
YR/Youth Room, UC/Upstairs Classroom, SY/Sanctuary, CR/Choir Room  
UCR/Upstairs Community Room, N/Narthex, K/Kitchen*

Sunday, April 5

### **RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

8:00 AM                    **Communion Service (SY)**  
9:28 AM                   **Sunday's Cool (OFH/NH)**  
11:00 AM                  **Communion Service (SY)**

Monday, April 6

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

1:00 PM                    Mahjongg (HP)  
4:00 PM                    WCSMS (HP)  
6:00 PM                    Silver Winds Rehearsal (SY)

Tuesday, April 7

1:30 PM                   **Stewardship (HP)**  
5:00 PM                   Ukrainian Bible Study (YR)  
6:00 PM                   **ESOL (UC)**  
7:00 PM                   **RIC (HP)**

Wednesday, April 8

12:00 PM                  **Bible Study (NH)**  
5:00 PM                   Grief Yoga (N)  
5:15PM                   **Handbells (SY)**  
6:00 PM                   Refugee and Supporter Rights (NH)  
7:00 PM                   **Choir (CR)**

Thursday, April 9

10:00 AM                  **Prayer Shawl (HP)**  
6:00 PM                   **ESOL (UC)**

Friday, April 10

Sunday, April 11

6:00 PM                   **FNO @ Dock 9**  
8:00 AM                   **Communion Service (SY)**  
9:28 AM                   **Sunday's Cool (OFH/NH)**  
11:00 AM                  **Communion Service (SY)**

Scan for online giving.

