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**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**

**April 20, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

**Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

*Canzona per sonare No. 2* by Giovanni Gabrieli  
**Festival Brass**

*Please stand.*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**P:** In the name of the Father, and of the **✝** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,  
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world,  
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.  
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.  
At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,  
and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.  
Shower us with your Spirit,  
and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

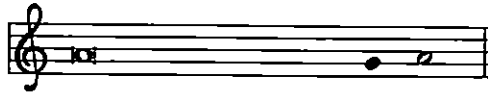
**Amen.**



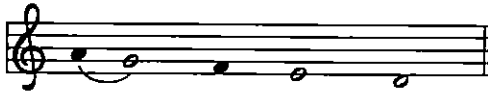
**Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
C: And also with you.

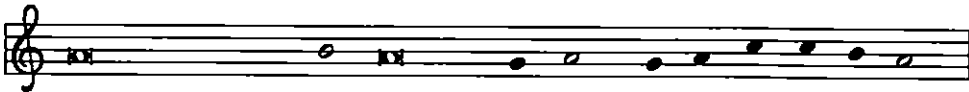
**Kyrie**



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



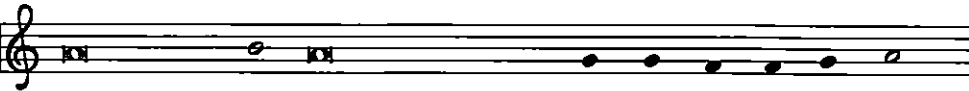
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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



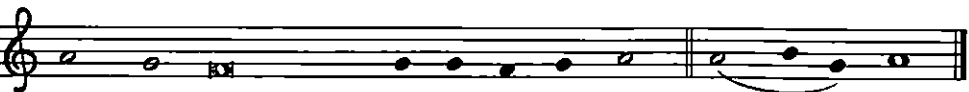
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Canticle 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.

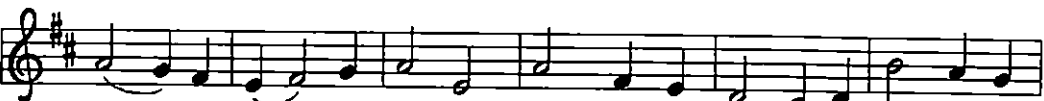
*Refrain*



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

*Please be seated.*

### First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

<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.”

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

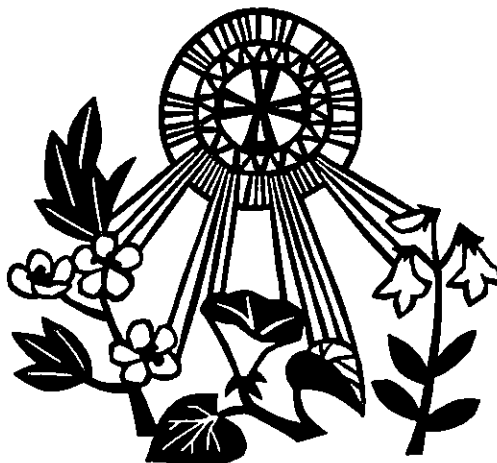
### Psalm: Psalm 118 (*Refrain sung by all, verses sung by choir*)



O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
for God's love endures forever.  
Let the house of Israel say:  
“God's love endures forever.” R

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone chosen.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes. R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
God's right hand has raised me.  
I shall not die, but live  
and recount all God's deeds. R



## Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of the Lord.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** (*Cantor sings refrain, then all repeat*)

**Refrain:**



*Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed;  
let us then feast with joy, with joy in the Lord.*

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke.  
**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Refrain:**



*Please be seated.*

*Please stand.*

**Hymn of the Day**

***Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bonds*** (arr. Hildebrand) (ELW 370)  
(Verses 1-3 & 5 sung by all, verse 4 sung by the choir)

**PROFESSION OF FAITH**

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**C: 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.**



*Please be seated.*

**Prayers of Intercession**

In your charity, please remember in prayer: Mary Boehme, Bob King, Kenneth Shadrock, Caroline Nentwich, Billy Honc, Melody Lemoine, Beverly Ware, Esther Guerrero, Daniel Guerrero, Andres Acosta, Sandra Olson, Viola Caraway, Dottie Bowles, Karen Iredale, Lee Iredale, Betty Abbot, and Cliff Imken.

*Please stand.*

## Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you. *(Please greet those nearest you with these or similar words: "Peace be with you.")*

*Please be seated.*

## Offering

### Offertory

*Alleluia! Dic Nobis, Maria by Francisco López Capillas*  
**St. John's Choir**

*Alleluia!*

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?  
Sepulcrum Christi viventis:  
et gloriam videntesurgentis. Alleluia!*

*Alleluia!*

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?  
I saw the tomb of the living Christ,  
and his glory as he arose. Alleluia!

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?  
Angelicos testes, sudarium et vestes. Alleluia!*

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?  
I saw the angels attesting, the clothes, and shroud. Alleluia!

*Dic nobis, Maria, quid vidisti in via?  
Surrexit Christus spes mea:  
præcedet vos in Galilæam. Alleluia!*

Tell us, Mary, what did you see on the way?  
Christ, my hope is risen:  
He goes before you into Galilee. Alleluia!

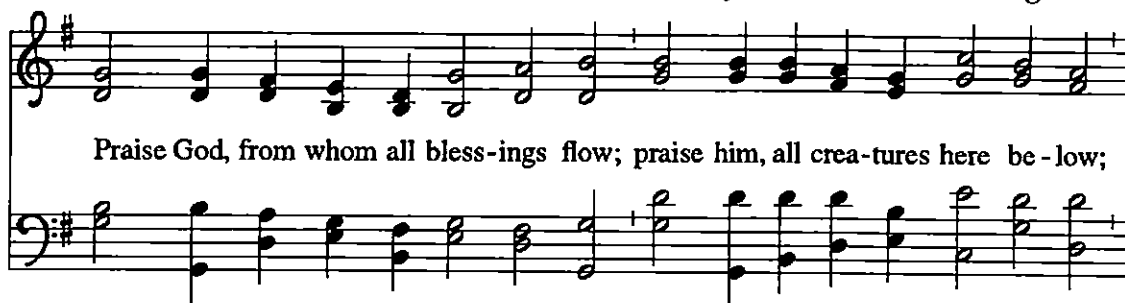
*Scimus Christum surrexisse a mortuis vere:  
tu nobis, victor Rex, miserere. Amen. Alleluia!*

We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead;  
To us, Victorious King, have mercy. Amen. Alleluia!

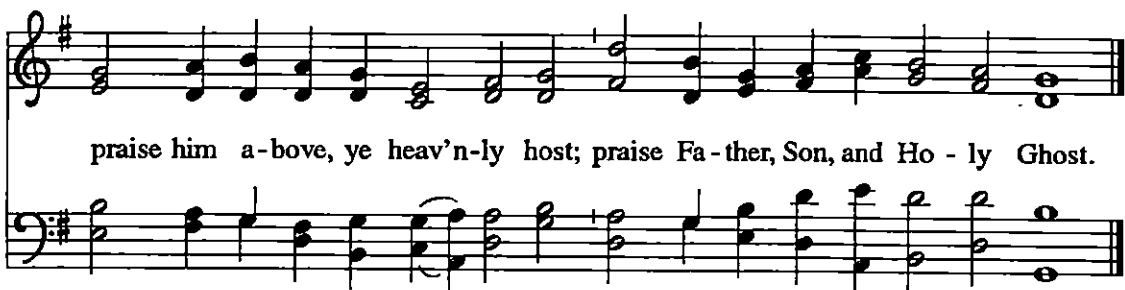
*Please stand.*

### Offertory Response

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (ELW 884)*



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;



praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

## Dedication of the Paschal Candle

### Offering Prayer

A: 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. C: Amen.

### Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

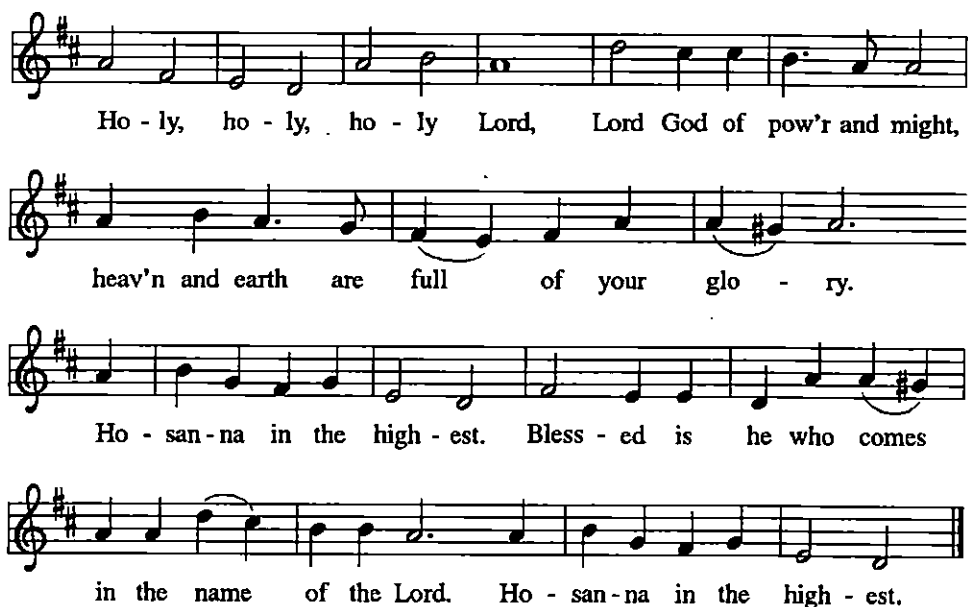
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is ...

we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r 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.

P: You are indeed holy...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Remembering...

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



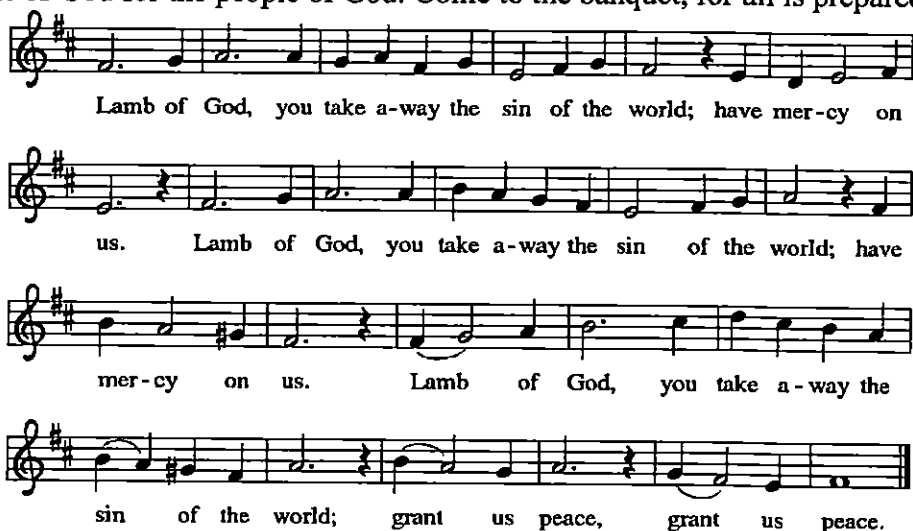
A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P: When we eat this bread we share in the body of Christ. When we drink this cup we share in the blood of Christ. These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Come to the banquet, for all is prepared.



## Holy Communion

*This is the TRUE presence of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sin. All baptized believers are welcome to communion. Others may come forward with hands folded for a blessing OR remain seated. Those interested in baptism are invited to speak with Pastor Burk. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please come to the communion rail and inform the minister.*

## Music During Holy Communion

*Salvation is Created* by Paul Chesnokov, arr. Rettger – Festival Brass

*Alleluia* (from *Exsultate Jubilate*) by W.A. Mozart – Brittnee Simone, soprano

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (ELW 362)

*Please stand.*

## Blessing

### Communion Prayer

A: 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. **C: Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain* (arr. Wolff) (ELW 363)

### Benediction

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

### Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

*Sonata* (from *Die Bänkelsängerlieder*) by Anonymous  
Festival Brass

Following the service, all children are invited to the courtyard for an Easter egg hunt.

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## EASTER LILIES

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who donated toward the beautiful lilies adorning the altar for Easter Sunday. Your generosity helps create a sacred and joyous space as we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. Each lily blooms in honor or memory of someone dearly loved, a fragrant symbol of hope, renewal, and the promise of new life. We invite you to reflect on the names listed below and join us in lifting them up in prayer and thanksgiving. May the splendor of this season call to mind our eternal life in the Risen Christ, who, by his glorious resurrection, has delivered us from the power of death. Thank you for being a part of this special tradition. Donors may pick up their lilies following worship today. After this, remaining lilies will be given to homebound individuals.

*In memory of our mothers, Lilly Spreen and Nita Harding Wilson*

*In memory and missed so much Nicole Renee Knippa*

*by Louis & Mary Ann Spreen*

*In honor of our children and grandchildren, Greg Dickson and Christina, Tim, Wyatt and Cody Zelenak*

*In memory of our parents Herb & Shirley Lieck and Tom & Inge Dickson*

*by William & Susan Dickson*

*In memory of Welma Cobb, Malcolm Cobb, and Joyce Moczygemba*

*by Doug & Kathy Cobb*

*In memory Frank & Barbara Shadrock*

*by Barry & Julie Shadrock*

*In memory of Otto & Dora Boenisch and Gloria Boenisch*

*by Paul Boenisch, Betty Boenisch, Carol Rjemenschneider, and Barry & Julie Shadrock*

*In memory of Loren Caraway  
by Viola Caraway*

*In memory of Robert & Hertha Scott, Albert & Dena Tietze, and John Tietze  
by Albert & Deleyce Tietze*

*To the glory of God and in honor of our children and grandchildren,  
Anthony, Rhonda, JT, Reagan, Shawn, Kim, Maddie, Colton, Bryan, Tiffany, and Mason  
by Bernie & Rosemary Petry*

*In memory of Marjorie & Arthur Richie  
by Brad and Wayne Richie*

*In memory of my parents, Arnold & Lillie Wehmeyer and sister, Adeline  
by Ruby Wehmeyer*

*To the Glory of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
In memory of Jack Yancey, Christopher Hebert, Kathleen (Hyden) Hebert, M.A. Hyden,  
Elizabeth (Campbell) Hyden, Herbert Tondra, Augusta Tondra, Roy Hebert, Sr.,  
Gladys (Tondra) Hebert, Robert Little, Merle (Hebert) Little, and Eleanor (Hebert) Hanley  
by Justine Belaire-Yancey & family, Roy Hebert, Jr., & family, and the family of Eleanor Hanley*

*In memory of Nelson Layne Pfeiffer and Lea Pfeiffer  
by Maria & Fred Pfeiffer*

*In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Stahl, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Walter Schessenhagen,  
and Mr. & Mrs. Louis Blank, Jr.  
by Dwayne, Denise, and Emma Stahl*

*In memory of Gaelyn Burk  
by Frank Burk*

*In memory of Jackson Ronningen  
by Rebecca Rojas*

*To the glory of the Risen Christ.  
In memory of our parents, Stanley and Florine Schmidt, and our mother, Ruth Iredale  
In honor of Elizabeth Walker, Rusty, and grandchildren Barrett and Sydney;  
Katie Johanningmeier, Alan, and grandchildren Hunter and Daphne;  
Kristi Dean, James  
In honor and celebration of Jacob Hoffman on his graduation from St. Mary's University  
by Karen & Lee Iredale*

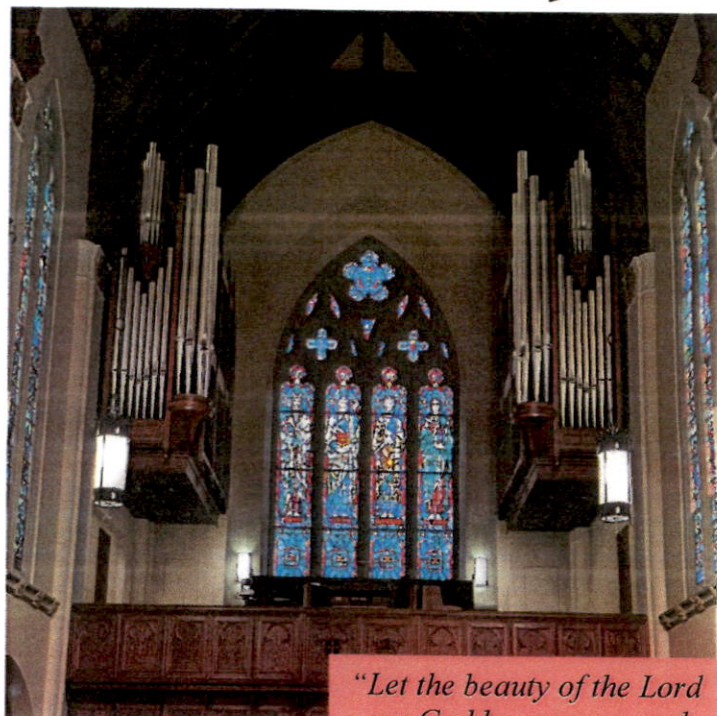


This Easter, we invite you to give joyfully toward the renewal of sacred sound at St. John's through our new pipe organ project (pictured on the right, to be installed in 2026). More than an instrument, the pipe organ is the living voice of the Church—leading our worship, honoring our space, and offering a lasting legacy of beauty and reverence. Your Easter gift helps preserve our tradition, proclaim our faith, and glorify God through music that stirs the soul and fills this sacred space. Our goal is \$400,000—we joyfully celebrate the nearly \$100,000 already raised to date and thank the generous donors listed below.

Viola Caraway, Carol Detwiler, Kyle Dorsey, Harry Hauschild, Regina Hovey, Maike Hudson-Foegelle, Clinton Jeffers, Muriel Leafstedt, Sam & Nina Mendez, Caroline Nentwich, George & Ellen Pawkett, Fred & Maria Pfeiffer, Bradford Richie, Mary Jean Schessenhagen, Barry & Julie Shadrock, Louis & Mary Ann Spreen, Dwayne & Denise Stahl, Deleyce & Albert Tietze, Jr., William Traylor, Brandon Wied, Janice Williams



## *Easter Offering: Sacred Music, Sacred Space*



*"Let the beauty of the Lord  
our God be upon us, and  
establish the work of our  
hands." — Psalm 90:17*

