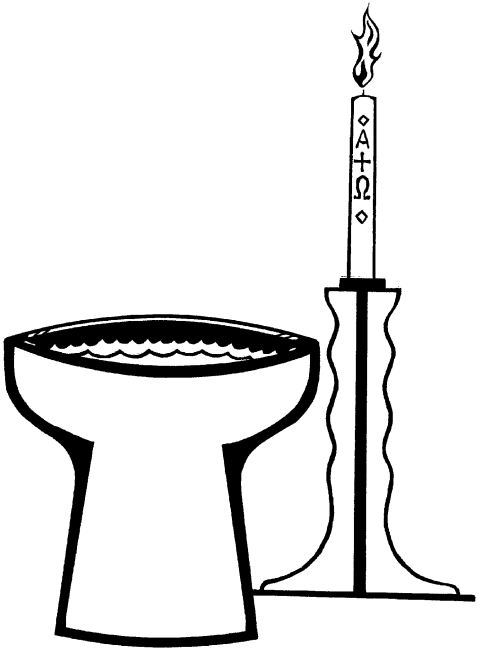


Easter Vigil

Sunrise Service

ST. MARTIN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
203 S. Defiance Street + Archbold, Ohio
www.the-welcome-place.org

April 5, 2026 + 7:00 am

Welcome to Worship

On this holy day, we gather with Christians throughout the world to celebrate Christ's passover from death to life. The early Christians continued to observe the first passover in which God delivered the people of Israel from slavery at the hands of Pharaoh. They saw the death and resurrection of Christ as their passing over from death to life, from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom.

As our celebration of the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection comes to culmination, we too gather to worship and pray. A new fire is kindled, representing the new creation we share in Christ. This fire is kindled outside and the Easter candle is lit. We follow the paschal (Easter) candle in procession, a pillar of fire which is for us the light of Christ's resurrection and that light spreads among us. This candle is a visual connection to Easter when it is lit at all baptisms and at all funerals.

We remember that God's salvation did not begin at the cross. God has been active in the lives of his people from the very beginning. Our worship gradually moves to the joy of Easter and the sanctuary again decorated after being stripped bare on Maundy Thursday. We then proclaim this passage from death to life in the New Testament from John's Gospel.

Next we gather around the baptismal font. Surrounded by the saints through the ages we renew our baptismal vows, promising, with God's help, to live as the body of Christ in the coming year of grace.

At the Lord's table we meet our risen Lord, as we receive a foretaste of the feast to come. But this day is only the beginning of the great fifty days of Easter, in which we shout our alleluias and celebrate the great banquet of victory. The season of Easter lasts for seven Sundays, a week of weeks.

L: Indicates text spoken by Worship Leader

C: Indicates the response of the Congregation

GATHERING

We gather in silence. The Congregation is invited to stand and face the rear of the church when asked. The candle is lit from the fire that has been created outside.

L: Brothers and sisters in Christ, on this most holy day when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in worship and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water, bread and wine, we celebrate Christ's death and resurrection, share Christ's triumph over sin and death, and await Christ's coming again in glory.

*LIGHTING THE PASCHAL CANDLE

A candle is lit from the fire representing the new creation we share in Christ.

L: Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world. With this new fire, create in us a burning desire to shine with the brightness of Christ's rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through Jesus Christ, the Sun of righteousness.

C: Amen.

L: Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending. To Christ belongs time and eternity; to Christ belongs glory and dominion now and forever!

C: Amen.

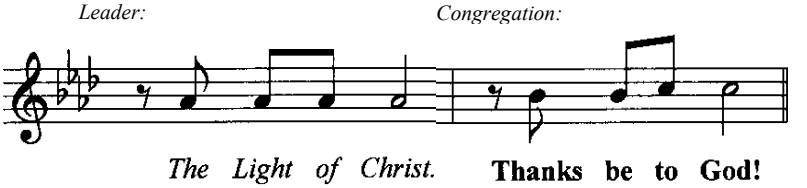
L: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, shatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*PROCESSION OF LIGHT

The procession into the darkened church begins, led by the paschal candle.

The procession continues into the church, stopping in the middle of the worship space.

The procession continues to the front of the church.



*Easter Proclamation

L: Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation; and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O mother church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy, echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

It is right and just that with full devotion of heart and mind and voice we should praise the invisible God, the all-powerful creating Father,
and the only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
who paid for us the price of Adam's sin and who, by his precious blood, redeemed us from bondage of sin.
This is our Feast of Victory in which the true Lamb is slain, by whose blood the doorposts of the faithful are made holy.

in which we remember that you delivered Noah and his family from the destruction of the Flood when we remember that you promised Abraham that he would be the father of all nations in which we remember, that in ancient times, you delivered our ancestors, the children of Israel, and led them, on dry ground, through the Sea;
and breathed life into our dry bones and raised us to new life.

in which the darkness of sin has been purged away by the rising brightness.
This is the day in which all who believe in Christ are rescued from evil and the gloom of sin, are renewed in grace, and are restored to holiness.
This is the day in which, breaking the chains of death, Christ arises from hell in triumph, when wickedness flies away;
sin is washed away; joy comes to those who mourn;
hate is cast out; and peace reigns.
Therefore, on this day of grace, receive, O God, this sacrifice of praise, which the church places before you in the offering of this candle.

in which heaven and earth are joined— things human and things divine.
We, therefore, pray to you, O God, that this candle, burning to the honor of your name, will continue to shatter the darkness of night and be mingled with the lights of heaven.
May the Morning Star find it burning, that Morning Star who never sets, that Morning Star who, rising from the grave, faithfully sheds light on the whole human race; through the same Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Congregation may be seated.

WORD

GOD'S SALVATION HISTORY

Creation – by Gerald McDermott, *a paraphrase of Genesis 1*

I was before time.
I was everywhere.
There was nothing.
I was there.
My spirit moved over the deep.
I floated in darkness.
Then I breathed light into the dark.
The light became day. The darkness became night.
I divided the mists, sweet and salt.
There was water above.
There was water below.
Between them was heaven.
I gathered together the waters below and made the sea.
Out of the sea I brought the earth.
Out of the earth I brought grasses and herbs, seeds and roots, flowers, trees, and fruit.
I put shining lights in heaven.
The great light is the sun. The small light is the moon. The smallest lights are the stars. Sun, Moon, stars. These signs mark the seasons.
Between heaven and earth my spirit soared on the wings of birds.
My creatures began to fill the world.
They swam in the sea.
They crawled in the grass.
They moved over the earth.
Out of myself I brought man and woman. I gave my gifts to them. They would be the keepers of all this beauty. Darkness, mist, water, light. Seed, root, flower, tree, and fruit. Sun, moon, stars.
Creatures that swim. Creatures that crawl. Creatures that fly. Creatures that move over the earth with woman and man to care for them.
I am all this. All this I AM.

L: Thank the God who formed the cosmos, who delivered the world from nothing. Thank the God who filled the skies with light. *(Genesis 1)*

C: God's love endures forever!

L: Thank the God who saved Noah and his family, who cleansed the earth from evil. Thank the God with whom we can stand fearless in storms and quakes. *(Genesis 7, 8 & 9)*

C: God's love endures forever!

L: Thank the God who promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, who called Abraham to be the father of the nations.
Thank the God who is the creator and father of us all. *(Genesis 15)*

C: God's love endures forever!

The Red Sea Crossing – *a paraphrase of Exodus 14*

The sea stood trembling at His command,
walls of water rising.
Israel stepped onto the seabed—
dusty feet on a path that no human had ever walked—
and behind them, the roar of an empire chasing them.

But the breath of God held the waters firm,
a sheltering wind guiding His people through the deep.
And when the last weary traveler reached the far shore,
the sea returned with thunder,
erasing the threat, but not God's promise.

So the people stood in the dawn's new silence,
saved not by strength,
but by the God who carves roads through the water
and turns fear into freedom.

L: Thank the God who rescued Israel with a powerful hand and dumped Pharaoh's army in the Red Sea.
Thank the God who brought them to the Promised Land. *(Exodus 14 & 15)*

C: God's love endures forever!

L: Thank the God who breathes life into our dry bones, who brings life from death. Thank the God who speaks words of hope in the midst of despair. *(Ezekiel 37)*

C: God's love endures forever!

Raise What Has Fallen – *a paraphrase of Ezekiel 37*

The prophet is carried by the hand of the Eternal—into a valley where silence has settled like dust. The ground is littered with bones, sun-bleached and brittle, the remnants of dreams long abandoned.

They are not arranged with dignity; they are scattered like the aftermath of a forgotten war, a landscape where hope has been dead so long that even memory has stopped visiting.

And then the Voice speaks as a question in the air:
C: "Can these bones live?"

It is a question that feels impossible, absurd even, yet it is asked by the One who formed galaxies with a word. The prophet answers with trembling honesty: *"Lord, only You know."*

Then comes the command—strange, bold, impossible:
C: "Speak to the bones."

So he does. He speaks into the emptiness, into the silence, into the places where life seems gone. The words resound and the valley stirs. Bones rattle like distant thunder. They slide across the ground, finding one another, joining, aligning. Tendons weave themselves like threads. Flesh grows, skin wraps around what once was nothing but fragments. Yet they stand still as statues—formed, but not alive.

Then the Voice speaks again:
C: "Call to the breath."

So the prophet calls—not to the wind, but to the Breath that hovered over the waters at creation, the Breath that animates dust into humanity. It rushes in from the four corners of the earth, a storm of life, and fills the lifeless forms. They inhale. They rise. They stand as a vast, living army where death once reigned.

And God declares:
C: "This is what I do. I open graves. I raise what has fallen."

"I breathe life where despair has claimed victory. I restore what was written off as beyond repair. You will know Me when I bring you up from the places you thought were your end."

L: Thank the God who promises everlasting life, who sent his only Son to save the world.
Thank the God who is the Author of salvation.
Thank the God who did it all!

C: God's love endures forever!

All of the decorations and furnishings return to the Chancel that were removed on Maundy Thursday. The following songs beginning on page 10 are sung. Please stand →

"Salvation is Here"

Please repeat to the beginning for Verses 2 and 3
After Verse 3, continue below and to the next page

'cause You are a - live and You live in me. 'Cause I know my God
saved the day, and I know His Word nev - er fails, and I know
my God made a way for me. It's going to be al-right, 'cause I
know my God saved the day, and I know His Word
nev - er fails, and I know my God made a way for me.
We're going to be al - right, 'cause I know my God
saved the day, and I know His Word nev - er fails, and I know
my God made a way for me. Sal-va-tion is here.

*Gospel Reading — John 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to
the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. [2]So she ran and
went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to
them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have
laid him." [3]Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. [4]The
two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb
first. [5]He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not
go in. [6]Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the
linen wrappings lying there, [7]and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with
the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. [8]Then the other disciple, who
reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; [9]for as yet they did not
understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. [10]Then the disciples returned
to their homes.

[11]But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into
the tomb; [12]and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been
lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. [13]They said to her, "Woman, why are
you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know
where they have laid him." [14]When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus
standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. [15]Jesus said to her, "Woman,
why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener,
she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him,
and I will take him away." [16]Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in
Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). [17]Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to
me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to
them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" [18]Mary
Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told
them that he had said these things to her.

L: Alleluia, Christ is risen!
C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Message

"In Christ Alone"

*Remembrance of Baptism

L: Dear friends, we give thanks to God for the gift of baptism as we present ourselves before God this day to affirm our baptism into Christ during this Easter celebration.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold your servants as we affirm the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth through this holy sacrament. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

L: As you affirm your baptism, I ask you to reject sin, profess your faith in Christ, and confess the faith of the church.

L: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

L: Do you turn to Christ as your Lord and Savior?

C: In faith I turn to Christ.

L: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.
Do you believe in God the Father?

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

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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 into hell.
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.**

L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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**

L: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

C: I do, and I ask God to help me.

*Thanksgiving for Water

L: Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and creeks. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection. Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray. Through this water remind us of our baptism. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us. Satisfy all our thirst with your eternal fountain, and bring to birth the body of Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

L: Almighty God, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed on us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life through the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you. *(You may greet one another with the words, "Peace be with you.")*

MEAL

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, Lord of Heaven and Earth, Father, Son and Holy Spirit: Dwelling in eternal light you cast the stars across the heavens as a sign of your glory and a sign of hope in our darkness. In the blazing fire of the sun, you give light to the world that we might walk with open eyes and in the company of your people.

And while darkness and shadows still cross our path, you have in these last days sent the Light of the World among us in human form. In the face of Jesus, we see the Light that was before Creation; the Eternal Word spoken before any human voice was given speech; Emmanuel, God in human flesh, so that death might die and we might be given new life. For the light of His Word spoken on lake and mountaintop, for His healing of the sick and dying, for his open welcome to the outcast and unloved, we now are called into the brightness of His Light and into the power of His new life in us.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my Body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and gave it to 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 in remembrance of me."

P: Remembering his suffering and death; his days in the tomb; and the light of His resurrection so that we too might live, we offer our thanks and our praise and proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again!

P: Just as this bread was once scattered wheat upon the hills, has now been brought together and is one, Lord, now gather your Church from every people and every land, from every town and village, from every nation and language, crossing every barrier that divides your people from one another and from You, and make of us a single Church, a people of Your Life and Light.

C: Lord Jesus, let your light shine upon us.

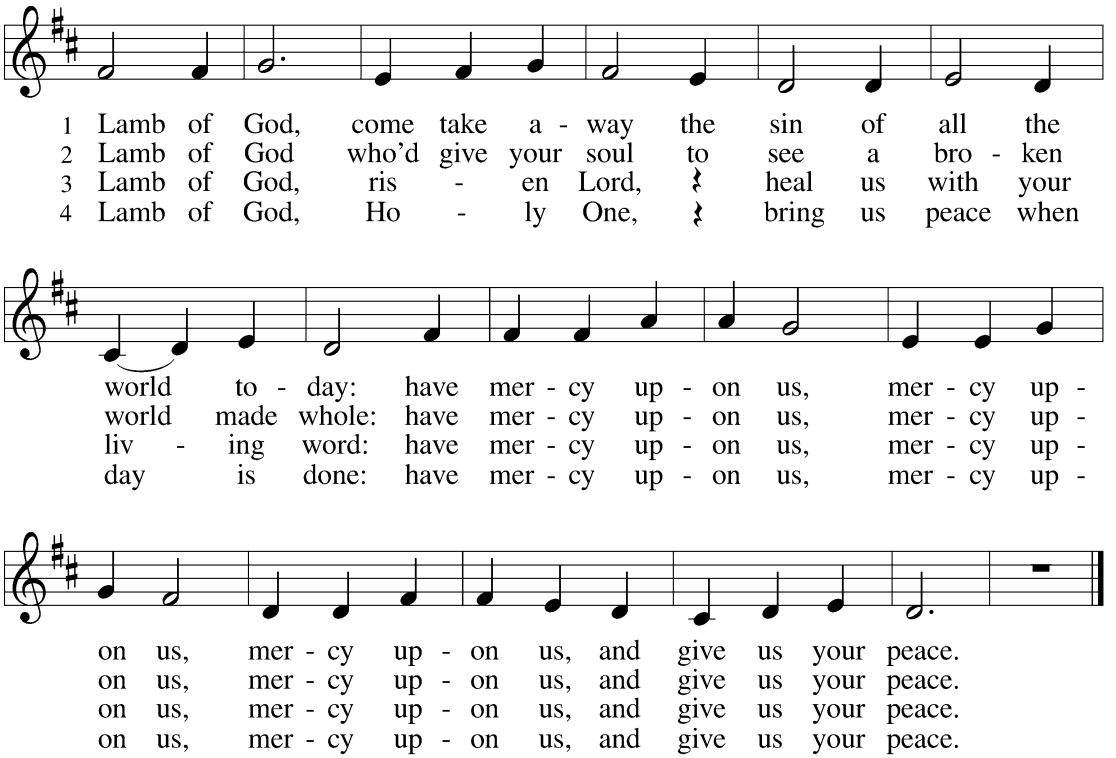
P: As the light of the rising sun falls upon us, let the light of the rising of your Son fall upon us as well, that filled with the power of the Holy Spirit, we might pray with joy and confidence the prayer our Lord taught us…

C: 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

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Communion will be distributed in a continuous fashion. Please come forward by the center aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. The center ring in each tray of wine is grape juice.

"Lamb of God"

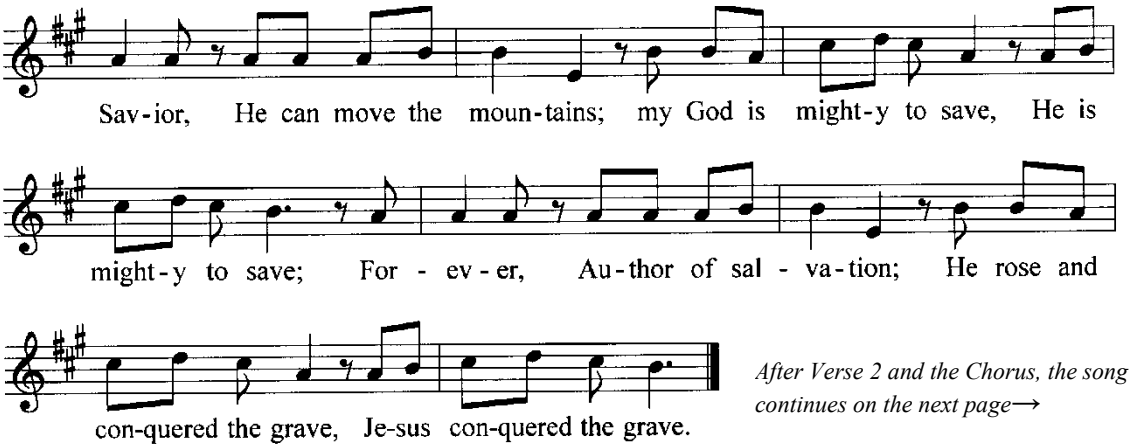


"Mighty to Save"

Verse 1 – Leader *Everyone needs compassion, love that's never failing; Let mercy fall on me;*
Everyone needs forgiveness, kindness of a Savior, the hope of nations.
Chorus

Verse 2 – Leader *So take me as You find me, all my fears and failures; fill my life again;*
I give my life to follow everything I believe in; now I surrender.
Chorus

Chorus - All



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Shine your light and let the whole world see we're sing - ing
for the glo - ry of the Ris - en King, Je - sus;
shine your light and let the whole world see we're sing - ing
for the glo-ry of the Ris-en King.
Sav-ior, He can move the moun-tains; my God is might-y to save, He is
might-y to save; For - ev - er, Au-thor of sal - va-tion; He rose and
con-quered the grave, Je-sus con-quered the grave.

SENDING

*BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

*PRAYER

P: We have tasted your goodness in your gifts of word and sacrament, O God. Nourish us again as we soon gather and share food and fellowship on this glorious resurrection day. May our hearts burn within us, so that we may live as your chosen people and joyfully proclaim that Christ is risen!

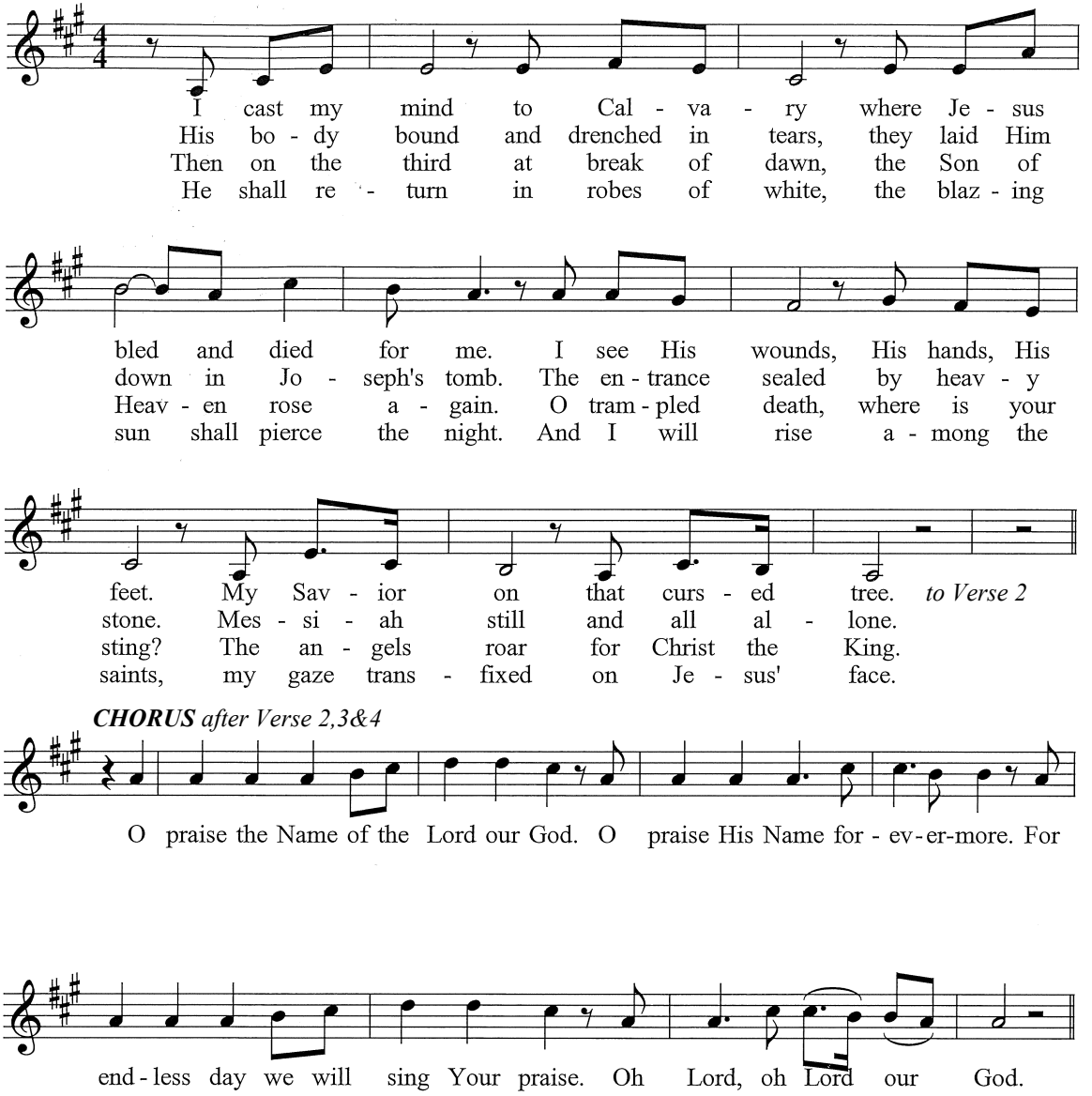
C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen!

*BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*CLOSING SONG *"O Praise the Name"*



*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord!
C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to the Fellowship Hall for breakfast with a free-will offering, and the donations will support ongoing youth ministries. We appreciate your support!

WORSHIP CONTINUES at 10am!

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Worship Leaders	-St. Martin's Youth
Preaching	-Pastor Steve Basselman
Pianist	-Matthew Wachtman
Guitar	-Emma Wachtman
Bass	-Zach Basselman
Drums	-Maddie Short
Vocals	-MacKenna Whitacre, Jade Whitacre

The St. Martin's Webstore is open! If you would like to order some apparel you can go to https://stmartinsarchbold.itemorder.com, click the link in your Friday email, or scan the QR code provided.

We are looking for people who would like to **provide the Wednesday Night meals**. Erinn Thompson is organizing this, so you can contact her if you would like to help. You can also scan the QR code provided or click the link in your Friday email to sign up!

Spring Cleaning? Puzzles, fidgets, simple games? If those items happen to be in that cleaning out process, please consider donating them to the new ***After School Tutoring*** *(AST)* ministry here at St. Martin's. Our next session is March 18th.

Simply put those items on a table in the Fellowship Hall and label them ***AST*** and we'll make good use of them. *You are appreciated!*

Coming Up: Burger Bash, Sunday, May 3rd – Ruihley Park. It's our community-wide ecumenical mission fundraiser to help improve lives in rural communities around the world through Growing Hope Globally.

Senior Citizen Luncheon: Archbold High School is hosting the 14th Annual Senior Citizen Luncheon on Friday, April 24th at 11am in the High School Gymnasium. Please pass on to any senior citizens in your life who live in the Archbold School District. Lunch is free with a State of School Address, along with Band and Choir performances. To make reservations, please call 419-445-5579 or email aoyer@archboldschools.org. Reservations begin Monday, March 30 and need to be received by Monday, April 20.

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will be held at the end of April leading up to a First Communion on May 3. If you have a young person interested in First Communion, please contact Pastor Steve soon.

Northwestern Ohio Synod Assembly is Saturday, May 30 at St. Mark's, Bowling Green. St. Martin's is allowed at least 2 voting members. A third voting member is allowed as a youth or young adult member. Please see Pastor Steve if you'd be willing to consider serving.

Confirmation will be April 19 . . . Ellison Benecke, Kayla Benecke, Andilyn Pinter, Emerlyn Pinter and Jalen Thompson will affirm the promises made by their parents, sponsors, and us at their baptisms. You are invited to be part of this next step in the faith journey for these five young people. As a faith community we are connected to them because of the promises we make as a congregation at each baptism to encourage and support them. We have all been involved in their growth as young Christians. Please remember them in prayer as they prepare to affirm their baptism through the Rite of Confirmation, and please plan on being present in worship that day.

April Concert Series- Baroque & Roll- Harpsichord

Most of us have probably never heard a harpsichord live—and it's a completely different experience than you might expect. On our St. Martin's Concert Series,

Dylan Sanzenbacher invites you into the sound world of the 16th–18th centuries, where composers wrote music full of humor, dance, and surprising drama.

Instead of long, heavy pieces, this program is made up of short, engaging works—variations on popular tunes, elegant court dances, and showy toccatas that would have impressed listeners just as much then as they do now.

Dylan, a peer of Matthew's at Baldwin Wallace, and specialist in early keyboard music, has a gift for making this repertoire approachable and alive. If you've ever been curious about early music—or just want to hear something genuinely different—this is an easy and enjoyable place to start.

THANK YOU to those who offered Lenten Devotions that were emailed each week: Matthew Wachtman, Jake Keil, Whitney Wyse, Al Siewert, John Poulson, Eliza Avers, Andrea Avers, Darren Sonnenberg, Wyatt Gericke, Miley Gericke, Gwen Grisier, Susan Dominique and Deb Schmidt.

This Week at St. Martin's

TODAY-Sunday – April 5-Easter Sunday
Sunrise Service, 7am
Easter Breakfast, 8am
Egg Hunt, 8:45am
Sunday School, 9am
Easter Celebration Service, 10am

Monday- April 6
High School Bible Study, 7am
Adult Zoom Group, 7pm

Tuesday – April 7
Men's Breakfast, 7am @ McDonald's
Parkinson's Group, 1pm
Community Meal, 5pm @ St. John's Christian

Wednesday- April 8
Welcome Place Meal, 5:15pm
Worship, 6pm
Kids Club, 6pm
Adult Circle, 6:30pm
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6:30pm
Catechism, 6:30pm
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 7:30pm

Thursday- April 9
Women's Breakfast, 7am @ The Home Restaurant
Bulletin Deadline, 8am
Church Council, 7pm

Next Sunday – April 12-First Sunday after Easter
Worship, 9am
Sunday School, 10:15am
Adult Sunday School, 10:30am
High School Youth, 10:30am
Middle School Youth, 6:30pm

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We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. – Romans 15:7

Online Giving - Mobile Access

Mobile users can now access the giving page to set up recurring donations or make one-time donations directly from phones using this QR code.
To change or delete recurring donations you will still need to go to: **https://givingtools.com** and sign in to your account.

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

- The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, Tanzania, and Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer, Toledo, may they continue to carry out God's ministry in their areas of mission.
- Those caught in the fighting between Israel and Palestine, the Ukraine, Iran; those recovering from natural disasters and the work of Lutheran Disaster Response, Lutheran World Relief and other relief agencies.

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God:

Bob Alley, Louise Beldon's brother-in-law, health concerns
Tim Anderson, Bjorlin cousin, cancer
Bonnie Badenhop, pancreatic cancer
Beverly Bettison, friend of Angie Avers, health concerns
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Jim Hayes, brother of June Hayes, health concerns
Jeanise Hoeffel, Jane Sonnenberg's sister
Jayne Jewell, Diana Ziegler's cousin
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon Blair, Leukemia
Colleen Kelly
Sue Keil, Jake's mom
Bonnie R. Lauber
Ann Ott
Dorothy Gifford, Diane Parsons' sister, cancer
Dick Nagel, health concerns
Conrad and Karen Perry, Andi Erbskorn's brother and sister-in-law
Bruce Pearson, Trudel family friend, cancer
Bill Phelps
Peg Roth
Eric and Susan Rupp, Greg Rupp's brother and sister-in-law, health concerns
Deb Schnitkey, friend of Deb & Stan Schmidt
Mary Schwartz, Dianne Parsons' sister
Al & Lois Siewert
Megan Spengler, cousin of Whitney Wyse
Brad Welsh, brother-in-law of John & Chris Shafer, cancer
Joyce Winzeler
Paul Wyse, health concerns
Joe Wyse
Homebound – Milla Kohv, Jerry & Alice Geiger

For those who need God's protection and the assurance of God's presence:

All members, family & friends who serve in our military: Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradly & Victoria Nilsson, Kennedy Hartung, Brendon Johns

Any prayer requests to add or remove can be sent to the Church Office by Thursday of each week: stmartin@the-welcome-place.org **We include a person's name and details only with their permission.**

Easter Flowers . . .

Thank you to all who donated flowers for worship today. You are invited to take your flowers home after any Worship Service this morning

- **Angie Avers** in honor of **Phil, Kristen, Maura, Gwyne, & Dane Riley.**
- **Angie, Richelle, & Matthew Avers** in memory of **Daniel, Ray, and Tom Avers, Hether Grime, & Brice Jernigan**, and in honor of **Leta Avers Beck**.
- **Pat Basselman** in memory of **Morris(brother), Denny(son), and Clinton & Andrew(grandchildren).**
- **Jeff & Jo Ann Benecke** in memory of **Joe & Juanita Goubeaux, Dexter & Janis Benecke** and in honor of **Levi & Emerson Benecke.**
- **Bruce & Linda Bernath** in memory of our parents**, "Pup", Rosie, Russell and Roberta.**
- **Rick Breier** in memory of **John & Sharon Breier.**
- **Martin Kohv** in memory of **Bette Kohv** and in honor of **Milla Kohv, Chad, Michelle, Carter & Kennedy Kruse, and Marty, Kelly, Olivia, and Emersyn Kohv.**
- **Thana Rae Morong** in honor of **Thielman Morong and the Hartman Families.**
- **Linda Parnell** in memory of **Bob Parnell and Harold & Betty Schroeder.**
- **Dianne Parsons**
- **Jay & Kiley Schnitkey** in honor of our **parents and children**.
- **John & Chris Shafer** in memory of **Paula Miller, Don Arps, Butch & Romaigne Shafer** and in honor of **Lois Arps, Brian, Lindsay, Owen & Willa Baden, David, Ashley, Zofia, Luke & Jude Shafer.**
- **Jim & Jane Stevens** in memory of our **parents** and in honor of our **children & grandchildren.**

- **Emma, Hayden, & Liam Thatcher** in memory of our **parents**.
- **Jane Trudel** in memory of **Jim & Jon** and in honor of **John & Janette**.
- **The Trudel Family** in memory of **sons Jim & Jon.**
- **Joyce Winzeler** in memory of **Cory Sprow.**
- **Bonnie Wyse-Meyer** in memory of **Steve Meyer.**
- **Kevin Wyse** in memory of **Lowell & Louise Wyse and Robert & Grace Ricker.**
- **Cynthia Wyse Family** in memory of **Mabel & Wayne Wyse.**
- **Tim & Chris Ziegler** in memory of **Jim, Willie, Alexa, Jr & Harriette** and in honor of their **children and grandchildren.**