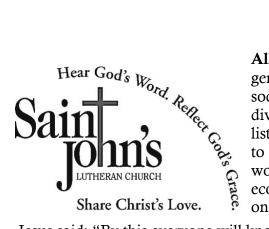
Resurrection of Our Lord



March 31. 2024 | 10:30 AM



All are welcome at Saint John's regardless of race, culture, ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socioeconomic position, immigration path, or faith journey. We believe that a diverse and inclusive congregation benefits all, and that we grow when we listen to and learn from those who are different from us. Scripture teaches us to do good and seek justice, and we invite you to join us in striving for a just world. We are committed to continuing the work of anti-racism, social and economic justice, and environmental care. We look forward to learning from one another and growing together on this journey of faith, grace, and love.

Jesus said: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35).

Guests are welcome. We are pleased you are worshiping with us today. So that we may be in contact with you, we invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. Our programs are open to all and you are invited to participate. We hope you will worship with us again soon.

Children are welcome. We encourage them to attend worship with their parents—even their noise and restlessness are surely a delight to God. Children's bulletins are available.

Offerings: Saint John's is a tithing church. We dedicate a percentage of our offerings to the mission of the wider church through the NJ Synod of the ELCA and to many other mission partners. We are able to support these ministries because of your offerings and tithes.

Musicians participating in today's services: Saint John's Choir, The Luther Ringers, Saint John's Festival Brass Ensemble: Mark Lagatic–trumpet, Ryan Krewer, trumpet, Alex Mastrando–French horn, Dave DeMair–trombone, Frank Ortega–tuba, and Travis Salim–timpani.

Hallelujah Chorus: If you would like a music score to join in singing "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* during the liturgy, please pick one up from the ushers and return it after today's service.

Mobility Issues: Please inform an usher if you would like the pastor to commune you at your pew.

Assisted Listening: To access assisted listening, Connect to the StJohnsALS WiFi network. Download the free WaveCast app to your phone. Tap ST_JOHNS_ALS to connect. Please use your own headphones to listen.



Ministers: The People of Saint John's

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet, Pastor Christopher Harlow-Jennings, Director of Music Carolyn Rothman, Church Administrator Jama Bowman, Communications Coordinator Deacon Linda Walker, Minister of Children's Faith Formation Harold Wyss, Weekday Sexton pastorbscalet@stjohnssummit.org charlowjennings@stjohnssummit.org crothman@stjohnssummit.org jamabowman@stjohnssummit.org wk154linda@gmail.com

We're delighted you're worshiping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by Saint John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.



PRELUDE

Toccata in C, BWV 564 Entrata Festiva

WELCOME

Please stand.

INVOCATION AND EASTER ACCLAMATION

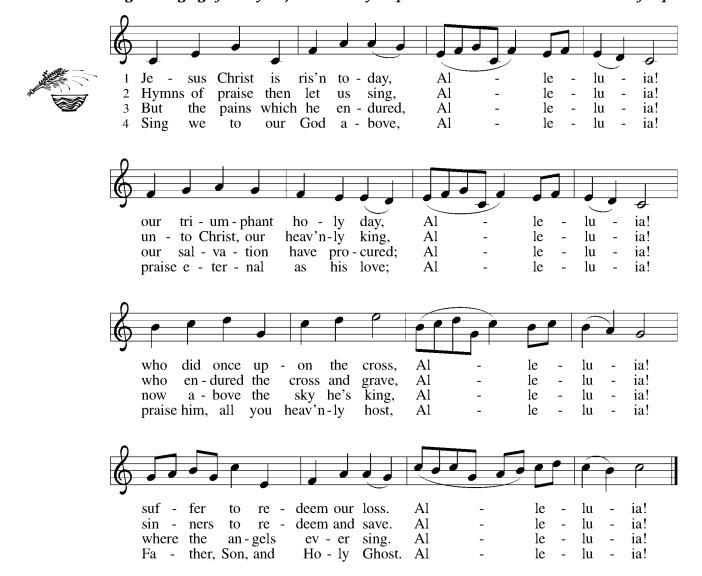
In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN ELW 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

During the singing of the hymn, the assembly is sprinkled with water in remembrance of baptism.



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, Lyra Davidica, 1708 J.S. Bach Flor Peeters

arr. Paul Sjolund

APOSTOLIC GREETING

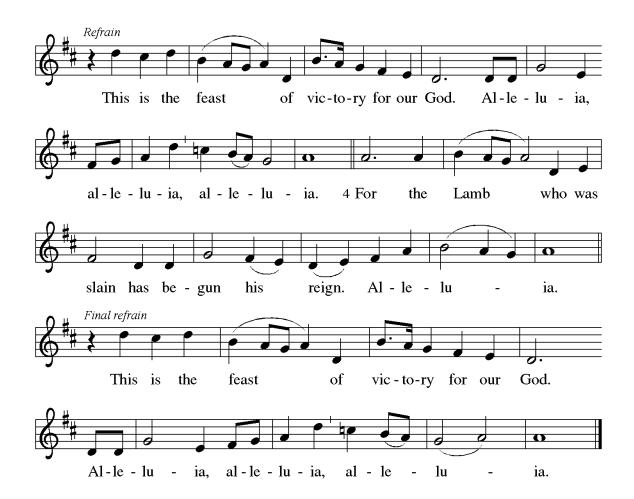
Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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





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.**

Luther Ringers

Please be seated. **ANTHEM** Song of Joy

Anna Laura Page

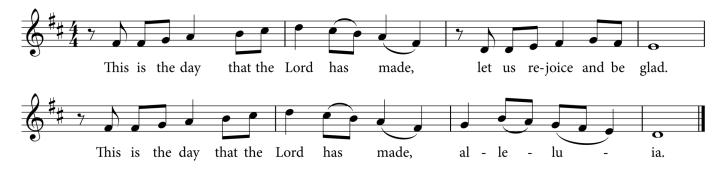
FIRST READING Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "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 reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Setting by Christopher Harlow-Jennings

Refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by all. Verses sung by the choir.



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

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

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

¹⁵Shouts 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!" Antiphon

¹⁷I 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.

¹⁹Open 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." *Antiphon*

²¹I 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.

²³By 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. *Antiphon*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. The assembly responds: Thanks be to God.

Acclamation sung first by choir, thereafter by all. Verse sung by choir.



V. Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

GOSPEL Mark 16:1–8 The Holy Gospel according to Mark.



¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. 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 of the Lord.



Please be seated. CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

The Rev. Blake A. Scalet

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 370 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands arr. Christopher Harlow-Jennings



Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. composite Music: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN, J. Walter, *Geistliche Gesangbüchlein*, 1524 Text st. 2 © 1999 Augsburg Fortress.



Please stand. **NICENE CREED** With the whole church, we confess our faith:

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

We pray to Jesus Christ, who is present with us now and to eternity.

Jesus, risen and ascended Lord, you alone are the head of the Church.

Unite all Christians in our common calling to proclaim your death and resurrection.

Jesus, author of creation, renew the face of the Earth.

Make us good stewards of the plants, animals, and environment you have placed in our care.

Jesus, light of the world, bring the light of your justice and peace to the nations.

Give wisdom to all who govern and grant us peace in our time.

Jesus, bread of life, give food to the hungry and your Word to sustain all people.

Fed and strengthened by you, move us to come to the help of all in need.

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep, recover the straggler, bind up the injured, strengthen the sick, be with those who walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

Lead us all our days that we may dwell in the Lord's house forever.

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life, be with us and all who follow in your way.

Deepen our appreciation of your truth and fill us with your life.

Jesus, you are both victim and priest in this our Eucharistic feast.

Feed us all with your presence and grant forgiveness to all who receive your body and blood this holy day. Jesus, firstborn from the dead, we give you thanks for all who have lived and died believing in you. Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life, in your mercy, hear us, accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace and say "Peace be with you" or similar words.

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

We present offerings for God's mission in the world through this congregation. Members and visitors alike may use the offering envelopes in the pews to make a monetary gift. If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org or scan this code.



OFFERING MUSIC Surrexit Christus Hodie

Surrexit Christus hodie, alleluia. Humano pro solamine, alleluia. In hoc Paschali gaudio, alleluia. Benedicamus Domino, alleluia. Christ is risen today, alleluia. For the comfort of all people, alleluia. In this paschal joy, alleluia. Bless the Lord, alleluia.

- Anonymous 14th-century Latin Resurrection Hymn

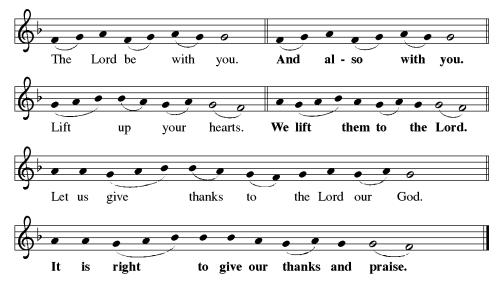




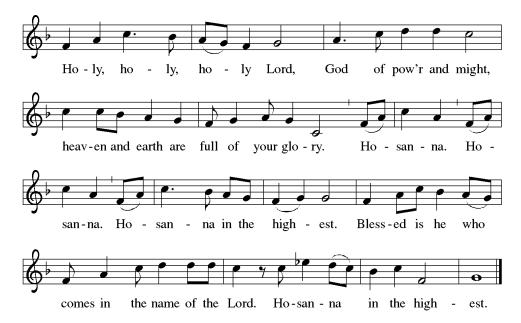
Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622 Text © 2011 GIA Publications, Inc., giamusic.com. All rights reserved.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Blessed are you, O God of the universe . . . With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



O God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine . . . 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

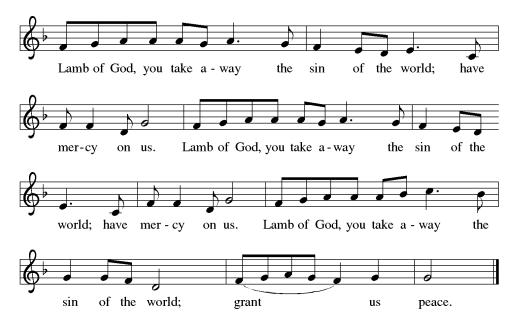
Please be seated. RECEPTION OF COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion, please approach the pastor one at a time. The pastor will place a wafer in your open hands. Please indicate if you need a gluten free wafer. Wine is served from the chalice—either by intinction or drinking from the common cup. Wine and grape juice are available in pre-filled individual cups.

> All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. If you do not wish to commune, you may come forward for a blessing.



LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC Christo Resurgenti

Rachel Clark and Becki Tarby, soloists

With Christ risen,

François Couperin

Christo resurgenti, Christo triumphant applaudant sydera. Alleluia.

Fide vindicata, morte superata lætentur omnia. Alleluia. with Christ triumphant, the stars clap their hands. Alleluia.

With faith vindicated, with death conquered, all things rejoice. Alleluia. –Traditional Latin Hymn

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt. Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623 Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

COMMUNION HYMN ELW 619 I Know that My Redeemer Lives



- 5 He lives to bless me with his love he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793 The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE "Hallelujah!" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

The assembly is invited to join the choir in singing this chorus. Please remain at your seats.

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah! The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ. And he shall reign forever and ever! King of kings forever and ever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! and Lord of lords forever and ever. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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.

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!







Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, rejoicing in Christ's resurrection. Alleluia, alleluia! Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

POSTLUDE Toccata (Symphonie in F, op. 42 no. 1)

Charles-Marie Widor



Looking Ahead

To sign up for our weekly email announcements, visit www.stjohnssummit.org.

Children's Choir, Sundays at 9:30 AM and Faith Formation at 10:00 AM. All children are welcome. Contact Christopher Harlow-Jennings or Deacon Walker for more information.

Council Update and Q&A: Our Congregation Council will be holding two forums, the first on **Sunday, April 21 at 9:00 AM** to provide the congregation with updates on several ongoing projects, overall ministry, and answer questions. the second forum will be held on **May 12 at 9:00 AM**.

"The Black Experience - Portrayed in Opera" on Sunday, April 21 at 7:00 PM, hosted by the Anti-Racism Committee. Heinz D. Roth will lead us on a journey from Verdi's Aida to Terence Blanchard's Fire Shut Up in My Bones. American composers, both people of color and white, have written operas dealing with slavery, African folklore and history, the travails of marginalized people, and today's black experience

Bridges Collection, April 7–21: We will be preparing 200 sustainable lunches for the May Bridges Run on **May 4** to feed our homeless neighbors in Newark. On **April 28 at 9:00 AM** during Faith Formation, we will pack up the lunches. Sign up in the weekly email to donate items and to participate in the run.

Afternoon Tea for Cross Roads, April 27 at 3:00 PM: All are welcome and fancy dress is encouraged. Recommended donation for the fundraiser is \$50 per person. See the weekly email to register by April 12.

Choral Vespers for Eastertide, Sunday April 28 at 4:00 PM. Celebrated at the close of the day, this service of candlelight, chant, hymns, and choral music is the perfect way to start the week. Join us for contemplative reflection and moving singing by the Saint John's Choir.

May 19, Pentecost Confirmation Sunday: Six of our youth will affirm their baptisms at the 10:30 AM service. Remember to wear red–Come Holy Spirit!

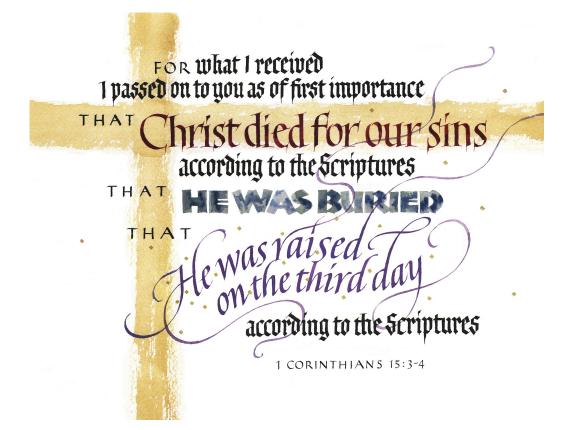
June 2, Music Sunday, 10:30 AM: We will give thanks for Saint John's music ministry. All ensembles will participate at this service.

There will be One Service on June 9 at 10:30 AM with our annual Spring congregation picnic immediately following the service to kick-off the summer.



Gifts for the decorations this Easter are given to the glory of God by:

The Bennett and De Freitas families in honor of our loved ones who sleep in Christ and our families The Bowmans in memory of loved ones The Bresnahan family in memory of Raymond Reed The Calis family in memory of Luc Calis The Clark family in memory of loved ones The Coble family in memory of loved ones, especially David Anne Crawford in memory of loved ones The Cristino family in memory of Jean Grabinsky and Johanna Cristino Linda DeMetro in memory of family Karen & Bill Feezer in memory of loved ones The Gahan family in honor of Kevin's birthday Pattie Gould & Hasan Karsligolu in memory of our grandparents Carol Groote in memory of loved ones The Kaczmarski family in memory of Pat Kaczmarski Lois & Rodger Kopf in memory of loved ones The Larsen family in memory of loved ones The Leelike family in memory of loved ones Linda Liebiedz in memory of Gladys & George Biederman, and Catherine Biederman Burkitt Stephen & Dianne Miller in memory of loved ones George Moser & Mary Lou Burde, Tammy Moser and Aaron Moser in memory of Kathryn R. Moser Janet Onnen in memory of loved ones Wilma Packard Joyce & Harold Rannestad in memory of Hope & Michael Stevans and Lisebeth & Syvert Rannestad Heinz & Robin Roth in memory of their parents Helen & Stephen Sanders in thanksgiving for God's many blessings Mark, Kris, Sarah, Anne, & Molly Shannon in loving memory of Patricia & Paul Shannon and Laura Shannon Hartman The Sharpe & Bowler families in memory of Roy & Marie Patterson and Kay & Ray Sharpe Joan Smedberg in thanksgiving for my St. John's family and St. John's staff Jennifer Terrizzi in memory of loved ones Linda & Bill Walker in memory of family The Wey family in memory of loved ones The Zabel family in memory of loved ones





From Evangelical Lutheran Worship copyright © 2006 and All Creation Sings copyright © 2020. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission of Augsburg Fortress under license #9925-S, OneLicense.net license #A-722032, &/or Church Copyright License #11453771 which provide permission to podcast the music in this service.