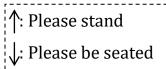


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4th Sunday of Easter
May 11, 2025
10:30 AM
Holy Communion
ELW Setting 4



**Greeting/Announcements** 

#### Prelude

Look Ye Saints! The Sight Is Glorious!

Arr. Birchwood

Cinda Roteman, piano

# Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or sits. Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

- C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.
- P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

# Opening Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

**ELW 414** 

## **Apostolic 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.



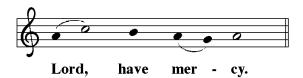


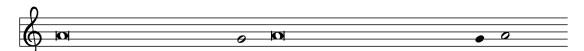
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





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





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







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





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

## **Hymn of Praise**





This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



## Prayer of the Day

A: Let us pray... O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

## The Lessons

First Lesson: *Acts 9:36-43* L: A reading from Acts:

<sup>36</sup>Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. <sup>37</sup>At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. <sup>38</sup>Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." <sup>39</sup>So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. <sup>40</sup>Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. <sup>41</sup>He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. <sup>42</sup>This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. <sup>43</sup>Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 23

L: We will now read the psalm responsively:

<sup>1</sup>The LORD | is my shepherd; I shall not | be in want.

<sup>2</sup>The LORD makes me lie down | in green pastures and leads me be- | side still waters.

<sup>3</sup>You restore my | soul, O LORD,

and guide me along right pathways | for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they | comfort me. R

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence | of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is | running over.

<sup>6</sup>Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days | of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the | LORD forever.

Second Lesson: *Revelation 7:9-17* L: A reading from Revelation:

<sup>9</sup>After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup>For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

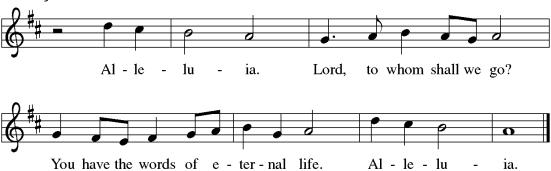
<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL: *John 10:22-30* 



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>22</sup>At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, <sup>23</sup>and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. <sup>24</sup>So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." <sup>25</sup>Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; <sup>26</sup>but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. <sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

# <u>|Sermon</u>

# ↑Hymn of the Day

The Lord's My Shepherd

**ELW 778** 

# Apostles' Creed

P: Let us confess our faith together with the Apostles' Creed.

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

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, was buried; he descended to the dead.
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 dead.

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.

## Prayers of the Church

A: In the light of Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who long for the grace of new life.

## A brief silence

A: Watchful Shepherd, allow your church, the sheep of your flock, to hear your voice through the pastors, bishops, and other leaders you have given to tend to your church. God of our salvation,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: Watchful Shepherd, as we look to the heavenly Jerusalem where people of every tribe and nation gather, establish peace among the diverse ethnic groups that live throughout our world. God of our salvation,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: Watchful Shepherd, instill in us devotion to serve all peoples in your name. Strengthen the service ministries of our congregation and synod. God of salvation,

## C: hear our prayer.

A: Watchful Shepherd, give increase to the fields tended by all farmers. Increase in us gratitude for those who grow the land's crops and who produce the food that nourishes us. God of our salvation,

# C: hear our prayer.

A: Watchful Shepherd, gather under your protective care all who feel neglected or shunned in our society, all who are oppressed by persecution, and all who suffer physical ailments. God of our salvation,

# C: hear our prayer.

A: Watchful Shepherd, wipe away the tears of those who mourn the death of loved ones. May we one day sing with all whose robes have been washed in the blood of the Lamb. God of our salvation.

# C: hear our prayer.

A: God of mercy, we pray for all who are sick or suffering, especially..., the shut-in members of our congregation, all who are on our prayer list, and the ones we name in our hearts.

#### A brief silence.

A: Hear our prayers, O God, and grant us what we truly need, in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

#### C: Amen.

#### **Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

A: Let us share God's peace.

The assembly is invited to spread God's peace in whatever way is most comfortable to them: peace sign, fist bump, elbow bump, air kiss, prayer hands with a bow, heart hands, etc.

# Offering

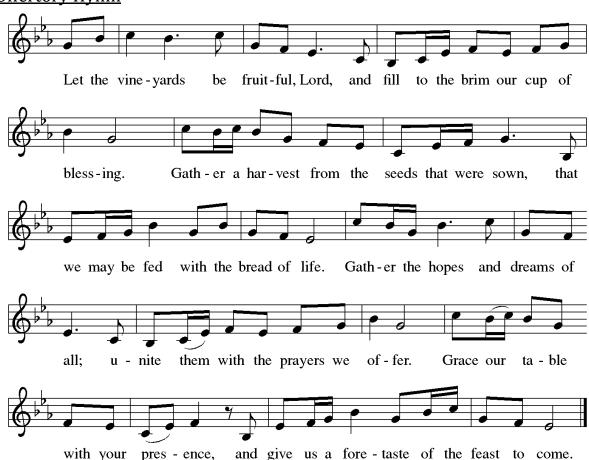
At this time we give thanks for the members of Mount Zion who are able to give financially to further our mission of spreading the Gospel in accordance with God's plan by ministering to the spiritual and human needs of all people through our gifts, talents, and our love in Jesus Christ.

#### Come, Ye Sinners Poor and Needy

arr. Shearing

## Cinda Roteman, organ

# ↑<u>Offertory Hymn</u>



## Offertory Prayer

A: Let us pray... 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.

C: Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

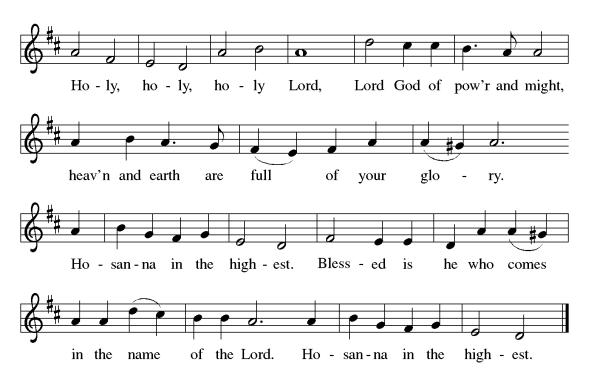
P: Lift up your hearts.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

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

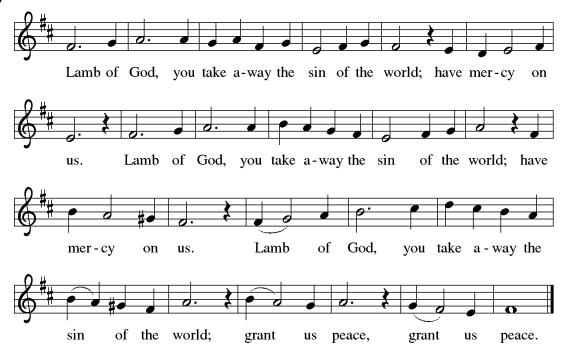
C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is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

#### **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come now faithful servant, taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Thanks be to God.

# Lamb of God



#### **Communion Meal**

We ask that anyone unable to approach the altar for communion please stay seated and notify the usher. The pastor and assistants will gladly come down to give communion to those who remain seated.

## Hymns during distribution:

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
For All Your Saints

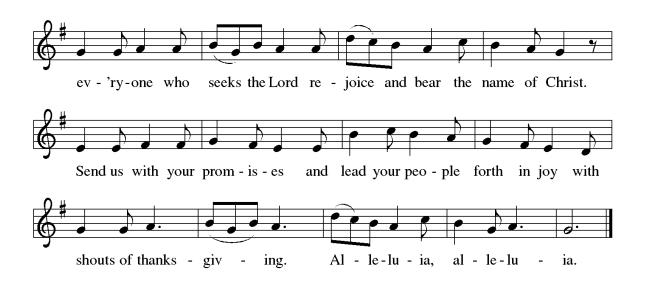
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# ↑ Post Communion Blessing and Canticle

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

C: Amen.





## Post Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray...Shepherding God, 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.

#### C: Amen.

#### Benediction

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

C: Amen

#### Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

## <u>Postlude</u>

Open the Gates to the Temple

Crosby-Knapp

Cinda Roteman, organ

The Altar Flowers today are sponsored by Kathie Boop in honor of Rachael and Austin Boop's  $10^{\rm th}$  anniversary.

# **Parish Nurse Program**

The Parish Nurse Program will be held monthly.

Blood Pressure screenings will be done in the Chapel area after the service.

Questions? Contact Sue Luchka at (717) 434-9581.

**ABOUT TODAY'S THEME:** The gift of new life, of eternal life, is the gift of the risen Christ. It is the promise of Jesus. It was true for Dorcas in Joppa. It was true for those "who have come out of the great ordeal" in the Revelation vision. It is true for us and for all the baptized: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

#### **ABOUT TODAY'S LESSONS:**

**First Lesson:** Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

**Second Lesson:** Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

**Gospel Lesson:** Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

Deacon Ellen Doughty (Chaplain at UPMC Memorial) is in need of Spiritual Care volunteers at UPMC Memorial. You do not have to be trained in ministry to be a volunteer, just have a heart to walk alongside others of all beliefs and willingness to learn and grow. We provide training.

Spiritual Care volunteers assist with visiting patients, rounding on staff (who may suggest a patient or two for a visit), and can also assist with other things such as Tea for the Soul or Code Lavenders (both staff care items)

If anyone is interested, please go to the volunteer page for UPMC Memorial (<a href="https://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/memorial/about/volunteer">https://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/memorial/about/volunteer</a>) and fill out the online application. If a printed application is needed, please contact Rebecca Gross, Volunteer Coordinator at 717-849-5470 or <a href="mailto:grossr3@upmc.edu">grossr3@upmc.edu</a>.

If there is a group interested, I can try to arrange to meet with everyone at the same time and will ask Rebecca if she can join us.

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#### Financial Snapshot for May 6, 2025

Current checking account balances - May 6, 2025

 Administration
 \$ 3,878.84

 Memorial
 \$ 90,592.25

 Pastor's Discretionary
 \$ 427.51

 Special Needs
 \$ 48,691.77

 Contingency
 \$ 15.01

 Rental
 \$ 2,993.90

 Youth
 \$ 4,978.49

Food Bank: May 2025: Deposits \$180 Expenses \$0 Balance \$237.08

#### Total Contributions - Offering/Electronic May 4, 2025 \$ 2,320.00

Bills paid but not yet cleared bank \$ 650.96 Estimated monthly bills as of May 6, 2024 \$ 30,865.00

Thank you for remembering our consecrated commitment we made in 2024; just as God is faithful to His promises to us, we are faithful to our promises to Him.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Swords, Treasurer at mtzionyorktreasurer@gmail.com.

or call at 717-503-0527 (cell)

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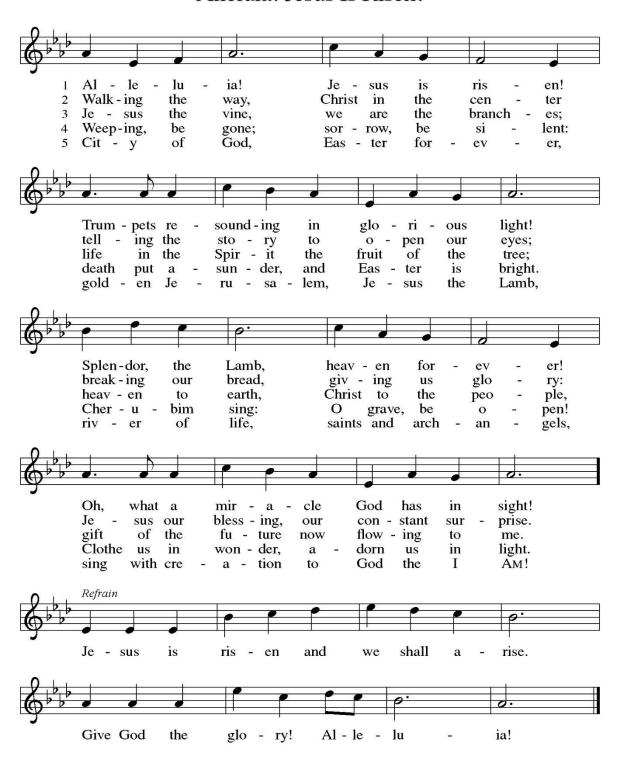
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# Mt. Zion Prayer List

Continue to pray for: Bonita Anderson, Fran Anderson, Jerry Arnold, Shannon Arnold, Janet Shermyer Berkheimer, Lauren Beyer, Jacklyn Billet, James Billet, Mary Bishop, Mary Sue Bottstein, Joan Brenner, Joyce Brown, Ralph Brown, Robert Brown, Sarah Brown, Scott Brown, Ted Brown, Eric Bruner, Joseph Bruggerman, Julie Christy, Jess Combs, Phyllis Comery, Ian Conover, Billee Couch, Tim Couch, Lizzy Cowit, Steven Cowit, Tana Cox, Jason Crowley, Vivian Deardorff, Lynn Deitzer, Dee DeVeny, Annie Diehl, Gerri Deller, Kendall Dellinger, Zoe Doll, Andrew Doughty, Joe Ellis, Carol Emswiler, Layla Esteves, Pastor Courtney Erzkus, Chris Farmer, Pam Fay, Dudley Fink, Jason Frederick, Martha Frederick, Scott Frederick, Jacinda Frigm, Rev. Donald & Kathy Green, Lonnie Ginter, Ronnie Ginter Jr., Gina Goodrich, Jeannie Grove, Bob & Mary Gundlach, Mary & Tom Haberkorn, June Hain, Jay Hammel, Dolly Harbolt, Donna Hayes, Mike Healey, Alicia Hedrick, George Heller, Sharon Harvey, Brian Hinderer, Ruth Hoak, Bob & Sue Hoffheins, Heather Hoffman, Dennis Hummel, Chase Kessler, Jolene Klinger, Gene Krisukas, Mike Kowslik, Sarah Kuhn, Kelly Lehr, Lou Ann Leibensperger, Jean Leiphart, Heather Luchka, Dick Lynn, Bob Lyon, Fran Marple, Brad March, Sharon March, Amy Martzall, Rose McGowan, Kenneth & Sue Miller, Sally Miller, Jennifer Mitterholtzer, Jodi Mitterholtzer, Matthew Mitterholtzer, Otto Mitterholtzer, Rebecca Mitterholtzer, E.T. Moore, Angy-Mike Mossengo, David Murphy, Sandy Murphy, Ellen Myers, Karen Naugle, Tom Needhum, Sandy Nelson, Nancy & Lou Orndorff, Deb Overly, Ben Renner, Alison Reppert, Carrie Roman, Jeff Sargen, Kaeley Saylor, Joan Schildt, William Schmeed, Maxine & Larry Shaffer, Tom Shaffer, Anthony Shaw, Zach Shiffer, Rick Shreve, Heather Smith, Condoda Smith-Boyle, Heidi Snyder, Thomas Somerville, Candy Stambaugh, Judy Stambaugh, Herb Stauffer, Bud Stevens, Carol Stickles, Lisa Striebig, Debra Tracey, Tom & Carol Trainor, Micheal Tudino, Jace Valenti, Jane Van Zant, David Walker, Andrew Walter, Ruth Ward, Bob Warren, Bonnie Warren, Bill Weaver, Bruce Weaver, Dodie Weaver, Victor White, Bob Wolf, Larry Wood, Donald Zepp, Rich Zerbe, Joan & Ben Zelinski, and the shut-in members of our parish.

The Prayer List is reviewed each month. Though names may remain on the prayer list for an unlimited time, periodic updates are appreciated. Contact KATHIE BOOP (717-855-6763) for any additions or subtractions from the prayer list. If a name has been mistakenly deleted, please notify KATHIE BOOP.

## Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



## What Wondrous Love Is This



## I Love to Tell the Story



# You Servants of God



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