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Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

PRELUDE

Lora Sweeney

(* indicates standing - 'LBW' refers to the Green Hymnal Book & "WOV" refers to the Blue Hymnal Book)

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

LBW Pg. 77

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.

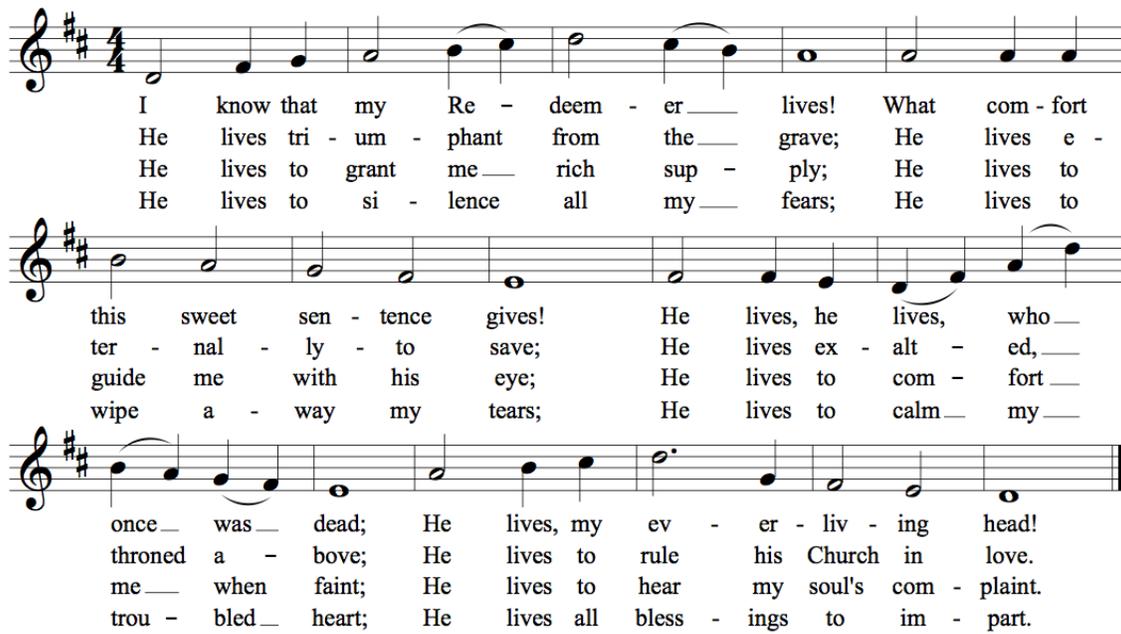
P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God
who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*Silence for reflection
and self-examination.*)

P: Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.



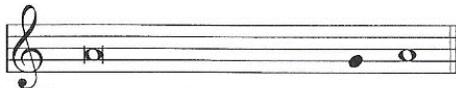
I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to
 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly - to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; He lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

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

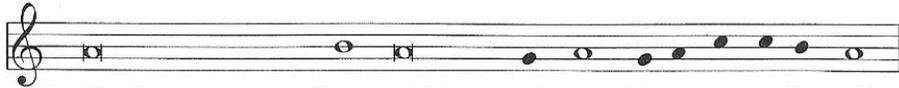
C: And also with you.



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



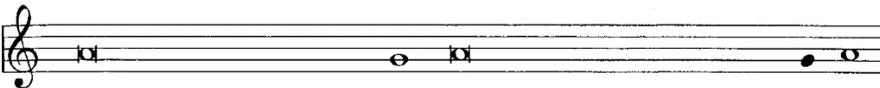
C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



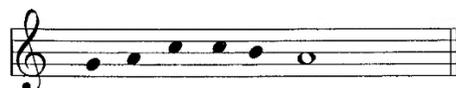
and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



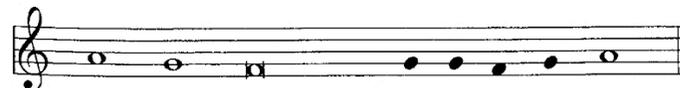
A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C A - men



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



B 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.



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



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.



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**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray (*brief prayerful pause*)

O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you raised up this fallen world. Teach us whom you have rescued from endless death to have the fullness of eternal joy, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. For he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 3:11-21

While {the lame man who had been healed} clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name — by faith in his name — has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

Psalm 4 (*Sung responsively*)

Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;*
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
"You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;*
how long will you worship dumb idols and run af- | ter false gods?"
Know that the Lord does wonders | for the faithful;*
when I call upon the Lord, | he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and | do not sin;*
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.
Offer the appointed | sacrifices*
and put your trust | in the Lord.
Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see | better times!"*
Lift up the light of your countenance upon | us, O Lord.
You have put gladness | in my heart,*
more than when grain and wine and | oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I | fall asleep;*
for only you, Lord, make me | dwell in safety.

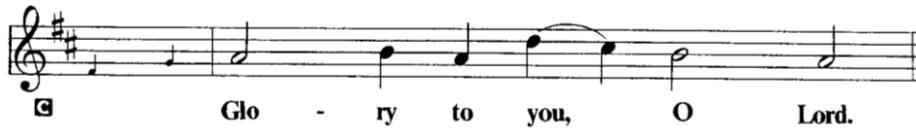
Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Holy Gospel: Luke 24:36-49



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

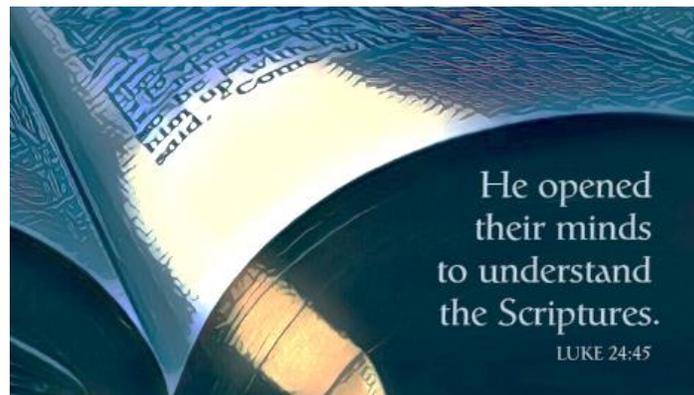
As {the disciples} were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Mark



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.

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.

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!

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, Tune: arr. John Hatton, 1710-1793, Sola Online Worship eResource

***THE NICENE CREED**

LBW Pg. 84

P: Let us confess our faith, using 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 whom all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: With reverence for the earth, those in need, and the whole human family, let us offer our prayers to God.
(Prayerful silence)

L: O Lord, open our eyes that we might see your power and glory. Encourage us to be helpers to the physically or spiritually blind, so all might come to see the goodness of your love. Help us all to see the love of God for us in Christ Jesus. Lord in your mercy,

C: **Hear our prayer.**

L: Holy God, you work miracles every day. Sometimes those miracles are profound and defy logic and other times they are simple answers to prayers expressed in faith. Give us better understanding of your ways so we would see the every-day-miracles you perform around us. Lord in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Almighty God, pour out your Holy Spirit on the Church of Christ which is his precious bride. Give to your people the will to follow the Good Shepherd in word and deed, acting in kindness and trusting in his mercy in our lives and in the life of the church. Send us out into the world you love to make disciples of all nations. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, there are so many people around the world who are suffering from disease, hunger, poverty, or attacks from an enemy. Grant us strength and courage in the face of such trials. Give us hope in our hearts and let us pass that hope on for the stricken and dejected. We especially for **Sarah, Leona, Elizabeth, George, Elaine, Mona, Edna, Betty, Pauline, Rick, Nancy, George, Harold, Nancy, Rex, Joe, Kevin, Dawn, Julie, Wayne, Annabelle, Lucy, and Mary Jane.** Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

L: We give you thanks, Heavenly Father, for the forgiveness of our sins made possible through the blood of Christ. Grant that we may be forgiving of ourselves and all who have sinned against us. Lord, in your mercy.

C: Hear our prayer.

L: Hear the prayers of your people that we speak now silently or aloud. (*silence for prayers of the people*)
Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, merciful Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING: The offering plates are in the last pew on each side of the sanctuary. Those who wish to mail their offering may do so to:

**Emanuel Lutheran Church
P. O. Box 363
Elmer, NJ 08318**

(Online giving is now available through our website, <https://www.emanuelelmer.church> and clicking on the Give Now  tab.)

***OFFERTORY**

"Let the Vineyards"

LBW pg.86

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our

cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that

we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and

dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble

with your pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

LBW Pg.87

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

LBW Pg. 88

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 and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

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.

***EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

LBW Pg. 89

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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

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

P. Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P. Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C. Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P. Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty
 of the Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is
 yours, al - might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

LBW Pg. 91

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.

***LAMB OF GOD**

LBW Pg. 92



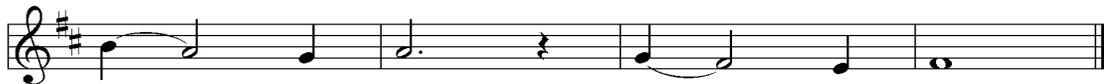
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

(Be seated and await the Ushers invitation to Holy Communion)

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion is under both forms – bread and wine or grape juice. At the direction of the usher, come to the Altar rail. You will receive an empty cup for the wine. If you wish grape juice, do not take a cup. After the person before you has gone, proceed to the Pastor who will distribute the Body of Christ in the form of a host. After the person before you has gone, proceed to the Communion Assistant who will pour the Blood of Christ in the form of wine in the cup you received. If you desire grape juice simply point to it and the communion assistant will hand it to you. Once you have received the blood of Christ dispense of your cup in the basket by the piano and return to your seat.

***AFTER COMMUNION**

LBW Pg. 92

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

C: **Amen**

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**

“Thank the Lord”

LBW Pg. 92

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

LBW Pg. 94

L: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that
we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen

***BLESSING**

LBW Pg. 94

P: Almighty God, Father, Son + and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my
 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should
 My sin oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous
 And, Lord, haste the day when the faith — shall be
 way, When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What -
 come, Let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That
 thought My sin not in part, but the whole, Is
 sight, The clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The
 ev - er my lot Thou hast taught me to say: "It is
 Christ hath re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate, And hath
 nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more; Praise the
 trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend, "E - ven
 well, it is well with my soul." It is well — with my
 shed his own blood for my soul.
 Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
 so" it is well with my soul.
 soul, — it is well, it is well with my soul!

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888, Tune: Philip P. Bliss, 1838-1876, Sola Online Worship eResource

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

LBW Pg. 95

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Lora Sweeney

WELCOME VISITORS! We pray you experience God's presence and love among us today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and sign the Guestbook downstairs. If you have **CHILDREN**, Children's Worship Bags are available from the Usher. And, of course, we hope to see you again!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: A special congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, May 2nd immediately after the 10:00 service to approve the proposed mission statement for our congregation. By taking this formalized step, we are committing to own this mission and organizing our ministry in such a way as we fulfill this statement God has given us. Your continued participation in this process is vital as we continue our discipleship journey together.

BIBLE STUDY ON DANIEL continues on Wednesday, April 21 at 7:00 p.m. over ZOOM.

Wi-Fi is available for your convenience under the User Name "LutheranChurchGuest" and the password: *church01* (lowercase).

FOR PASTORAL CARE, contact Pastor Mark (at home, text on his cell phone & email on front of Bulletin). If Pastor does not answer immediately, please leave a message.

PRAYER CONCERNS – please update any prayer concerns you may have requested. Let us know if you want individual prayer requests included on the Weekly Prayer List or just prayers with the prayer chain. Names on this list will be removed at the end of each month unless Pastor, Patsy or the office is notified otherwise.

Sarah Romig	Leona Knerr	Elizabeth Shimp	George Shimp
Elaine Williams	Mona Hess	Edna Halter	Betty Heil
Pauline Benjamin	Rick Pfeffer	Nancy Wilson	George Moore
Harold Tyson	Nancy Heck	Rex Cobb	Joe Snowden
Kevin Ulhand	Dawn Colonna	Julie Sapp	Wayne Wright
Annabelle Cobb	Lucy Colon	Mary Jane Gray	

AMR WOMEN'S RETREAT, *Whispers of God's Love*, will be held on Saturday, May 1, in Lebanon, PA. Registration is at 9:00 am with the retreat running through 3:30 pm. Lunch and gifts are included! For more information, see Amy Werner or go to the AMR website at www.atlantic-nalc.org under the News & Events tab. Registration is online at <https://atlanticmissionregionnalc.regfox.com/amr-womens-retreat>. Deadline for registration is tomorrow, April 19.

ALTAR FLOWER sign-up list is on 1st floor Bulletin Board. Give or email your dedication wording to Patsy Madden pbmadden11479@gmail.com or Dianne Hermanson office@emanuelelmer.church. Donation is \$40.

OPTIONAL SEATING AVAILABLE For those concerned about social distancing, individuals may sit in the choir loft, the balcony or downstairs for the service. Please keep your mask on until you exit the building.

Next Week's Readings:

Acts 4:1-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

ABOUT THE SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING The historic Christian order of service and the traditional liturgy for worship are based upon the words of Scripture, from both Old and New Testaments. Various traditional elements of the service, like the Nunc Dimittis and Aaronic Benediction are taken directly from Scripture, while others like the Gloria and Sanctus are made up of many Bible passages brought together.

This setting of the service for Holy Communion attempts to make the connection to Scripture in worship even more explicit. The spoken dialog and prayers in this setting are taken directly from the English Standard Version (ESV), with the appropriate citations listed throughout.* These verses were chosen to convey the same sense and meaning found in the traditional liturgy, emphasizing the biblical basis for our worship.

Since this is a spoken liturgy, relying on musical accompaniment only for congregational hymns, it is well-suited for places where professionally-trained accompanists or vocal soloists are not available to lead a musical setting of the liturgy.

* In a few cases, the singular "I" has been changed to the plural "we" for use in corporate worship, with the grammar made consistent. SOLA SCRIPTURA SETTING A Spoken Liturgy for Holy Communion Arrangement © 2011 - Sola Publishing Sola Publishing P.O. Box 521 Maple Lake, MN 55358 Scripture is taken from ESV Bible® (The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®).

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