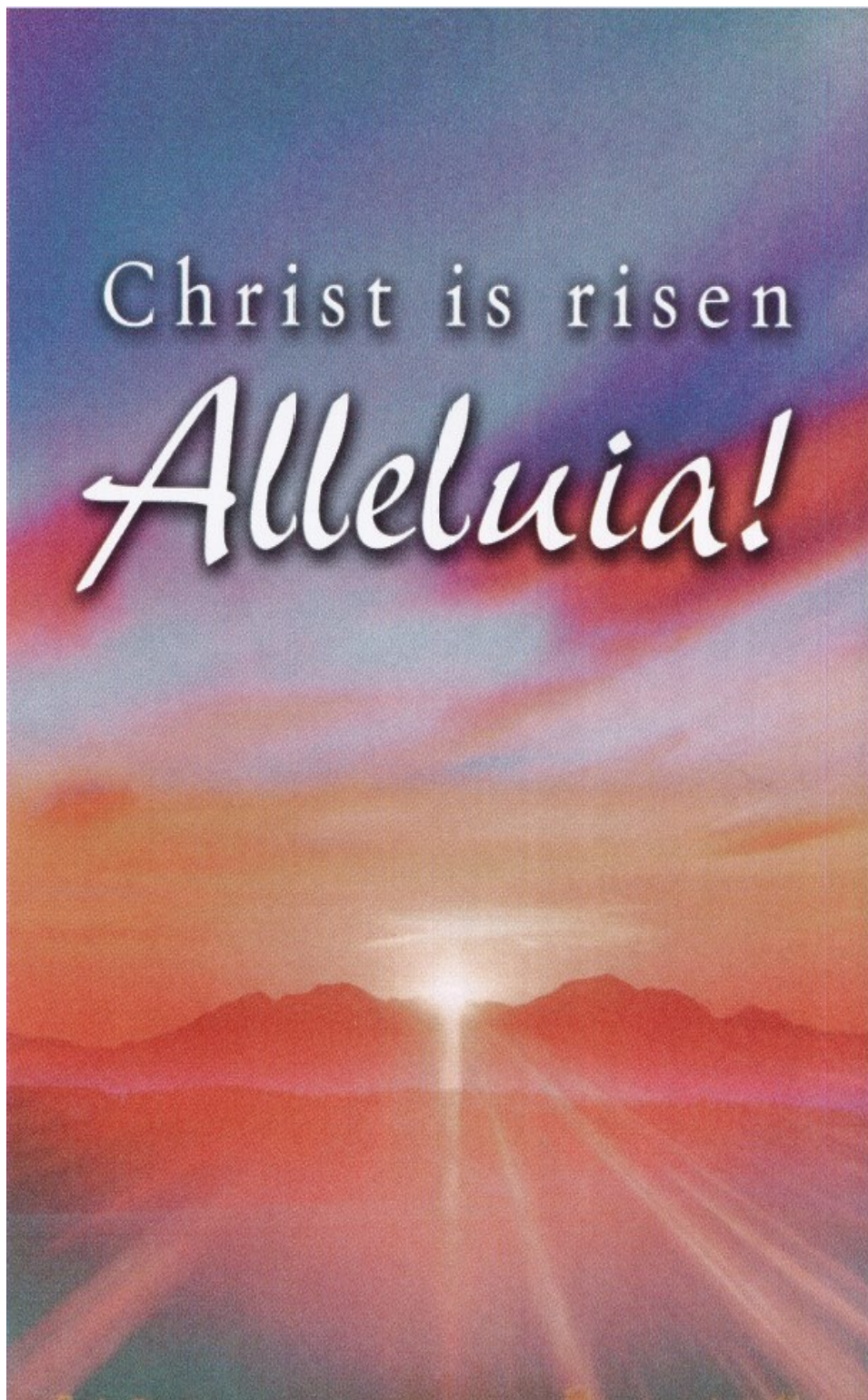


Christ is risen

Alleluia!



Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

(ELW Setting 3, page 138)

† *Congregation stands as able*

GATHERING

Prelude

“Hymns for Easter”

Handbell Choir

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism. Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

Gathering Hymn *“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”* Page 385

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Gloria Page 139

Prayer of the Day:

P. Let us pray,

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life.

Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Rose Johnson

First Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Tone 1

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

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

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

¹⁵**Shouts 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!"

¹⁷**I 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.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**

I will enter them and give thanks ^l to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate ^l of the LORD; here the righ- ^l teous may enter."

**²¹I give thanks to you, for you have ^l answered me
and you have become ^l my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- ^l ers rejected has become the chief ^l cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has ^l this been done; it is marvelous ^l in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the ^l LORD has made; let us rejoice and be ^l glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

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

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

† Hymn of the Day

“*This Joyful Eastertide*”

ELW #391

Nicene Creed

**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.**

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need. .

A brief silence.

A: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving . God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them...

C: hear our prayer.

A: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead, especially Margarete Walsh, Patricia Bonaker, Betty Davidson, Mike Regnier and Boyd Lester. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Anthem

"Now is Christ Risen From the Dead"

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Offering Prayer

A: 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.

† Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Lord's Prayer "Our Father, who..."

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Lamb of God

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Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

Each person may respond, Amen.

† Table Blessing

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

C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

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Dismissal

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

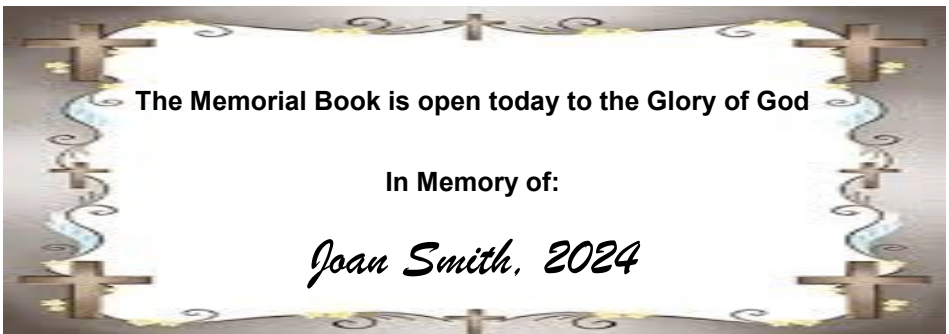
C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude "The Day of Resurrection"

Handbell Choir



READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

2 Kings 7:1-16
 Psalm 2
 Revelation 1:4-8
 John 20:19-31



*"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet,
 it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of
 me." —Martin Luther*

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday

ATTENDANCE — 74

(IN-PERSON— 56, YOUTUBE - 18)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	2,870.00
Building	\$	100.00
Memorial	\$	50.00
Other	\$	505.00
Total	\$	3,525.00

Save the Date

- April 21st- 11:00 - Chair Yoga - Luther Hall
- April 22nd - 10:15 - Bible Study (bring lunch) - Church House
- April 24th - 5:00 - Men's Group at Mr. Pizza
- April 25th - 10:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall

Serving April 20, 2025

Opener/Closer	Bill Wallace
Worship Assistant	Matt Bonaker
Communion Assistant	Clara Vargas
Lector	Dave Bonaker
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Nancy Gates
	Rose Johnson
Live Streaming	Paul Hicks

Serving April 27, 2025

Opener/Closer	Allena Sperry
Worship Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Communion Assistant	Rose Johnson
Lector	Randy Craven
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Katherine Kelly
Altar Guild	Martha Vargas
	Debby Ullman
Live Streaming	Jaxson Gardner

Pray Without Ceasing



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

—1 Thessalonians

5:16-18

The Armed Forces,
their families,
and victims of war
Persecuted Christians
The ministries of
St. Matthew
Bishop Kevin
Strickland
Southeastern Synod
Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton
Edwards
St Matthew
Congregational
Council
Laura Alexander
Carol Bingemann
Dave Bonaker
Matt Bonaker
Craven Family
Davidson Family
Myrna & Ken Hoag
Mairetha & Bennie
Jackson
Sean Jeffery
Marga Miller
Charlotte Moore
Traudel Mosely
Terri Niederhammer
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Regnier Family

Connie Sieg
Allena Sperry
Carla Stickles
Harold Vinson
Eric & Tinisha Bryant
George Capps
Chappel Family
Jean Clemmons
Xavier Danguilan
Penny Davis & Family
Nancy Edmundson
Lynne Funck
Brandy Garnett
Mike Gewin
Sandy Gibbs
Moses Glidden
Becky Goldsmith
Estrella Gonzales
Sarah Goodman
Doris Grier
Petra & Franklin
Henderson
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Melissa Lancheros
Laura Lester
Robert Lowe
Michelle Matthias
Sandra McPeters
Brady Meeks
Tim Moore

Moser Family
Nearhoof Family
Angela Paul
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price
Mark Purushotham
Bill Rahm
Tiffany Richardson
Ruocco Family
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Ricky Skinner
Amanda Steinagel
Torrijos Family
Fred Turpin
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Molly Wright
Pastor Rachel Zarnke
Martha Zimmerman

Israel
Ukraine
Gaza
Lebanon
Western North Carolina
Los Angeles

Beaute' Matrix
5 Fourteen
DQ
Burger King
Animal General Hospital

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Matthew: Jesus Christ offers himself to all. May you be blessed as we celebrate God's love for us. All the baptized are invited to feast with us at the Lord's Table. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

We invite you to join our congregation if you have not yet found a church home. We are people of God that share a living, daring, confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, questions, complexities and all. Join us, as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Nursery: St. Matthew provides nursery service for children ages 6 and younger. All children are welcome to attend worship with their families. If a child needs a break during the service, they may sit with a parent/guardian in the Narthex.

Mission Outreach Opportunities:

Mission Focus:

- Lion's Club: Wynnton Neighborhood Network
Glasses, sunglasses and old cell phones
- Family House of West GA: Pop tabs
- Flags to Retire: Bring used American flags that you no longer want or need.
- St. Anne's: Feminine hygiene products, Personal hygiene products (travel size), toilet paper, and non-perishable food items
- Safe House: Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals)

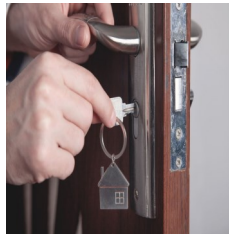
Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex between bathrooms.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet Fridays 10:00-12:00 PM in Luther Hall. If you enjoy crafts and tea, this group is for you! Please see Beth Hoag for more information.

Men's Group: This group will meet, Thursday, April 24th at 5:00 at Mr. Pizza.

Chair Yoga: We are meeting every Monday at 11:00 AM in Luther Hall. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

April , 2025		
Lenten Midweek Service		
ATTENDANCE — 29		
(IN-PERSON— 25, YOUTUBE - 4)		
OFFERING		
Benevolence	\$	170.00
Total	\$	170.00



After using buildings please make sure doors are locked and alarm set. Thank you for your cooperation in

keeping our buildings secure.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Wynnnton Neighborhood Network is celebrating its 40th birthday in May! The network wants to share the celebration with the 555 clients that will be served food in May. They want to make a birthday celebration bag for each client.

Donations needed include:

Cake mix - white/yellow

Birthday plates - 8-16

Birthday candles - 8-16

Tub Frosting - vanilla/chocolate

Birthday Napkins - 8-16

Disposable cake pans - 1 9X13 or 2 9" round

Please place in Narthex. The collection deadline will be April 27th. Monetary donations accepted - please be sure to designate as WNN birthday bag. Thank you for helping WNN celebrate with our clients. If you have questions, contact Allena Sperry at 706-563-3107.



Handbell Choir members are:

Donna Doughty

Shannon Gardner

Cecil McGouirk

Elizabeth McGouirk

Anna Mion

Toni Mion

Terri Niederhammer

Director:

Sandra Nearhoof



A Statement on the Lectionary Readings from the Consultation on Common Texts

Throughout Christian history, references to “the Jews” in scripture--particularly in John and Acts--have been used to perpetuate negative stereotypes and falsely assign blame for the death of Jesus. These references gloss over significant distinctions among religious leaders, such as Pharisees, scribes, and Sadducees, and obscure the fact that Jesus and his disciples were themselves Jews. As Christians, we confess and lament the history of anti-Judaism associated with these texts. We renounce the evils of violence and discrimination against Jewish people. We strive for mutual understanding, respect, and partnership with Jewish neighbors and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation among people of all faiths.

**St. Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Mission Statement**



Reach in to grow in Christ
Reach up to worship God
Reach out to welcome and witness

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