

Sunday, March 31, 2024

**He is
Risen**

**Christ's Lutheran Church
Murrysville, Pennsylvania**



Christ's Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered and welcoming, Christian community committed to encouraging faith-filled living, deepening friendships, and life-changing discipleship.

Welcome! If you are new to worship in a Lutheran church, this introduction will help guide you through our worship service. The prayers, responses, and service music are printed in this bulletin. You will need to use the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnals to sing the hymns.

Communion - All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the gift of Holy Communion. Children who haven't received Holy Communion may also come forward for a blessing. You can either kneel or remain standing when you come to the altar. We offer both wheat and gluten-free wafers, and both wine and grape juice. If you would like to receive grape juice, please take a glass from the tray that has already been filled when you come forward. If you would like to receive a gluten-free wafer, please let Pastor Wayne know when he gives you the bread.

Children are always welcome! Please feel free to walk around in the rear area of our worship space if your child becomes restless. Rest rooms (with diaper decks) are located in the hallway to the right of the entryway. You can find cloth bags containing activities for children aged 3 and older in the back of our worship space. We ask you to please return the cloth bags and their contents (minus any artwork your child creates while you are worshipping) at the end of today's service.

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The Resurrection of our Lord

(Please take a moment to silence your electronic devices)

PRELUDE

"Easter Alleluia Medley"

"Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"

Cole Kelly, Oboe

Arranged by Gary Lanier

Robert J. Powell

P: He is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our continuing need for repentance and God's mercy.

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 neighbor 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: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

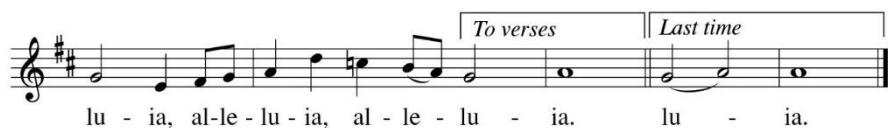
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GREETING

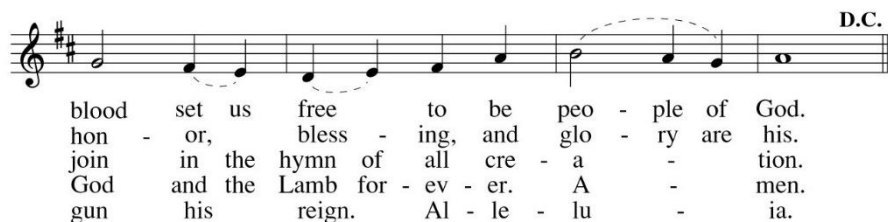
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

This Is the Feast of Victory



1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Text: Based on Revelation 5, © 1978, *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. by Augsburg Fortress
 Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Irregular with refrain; Richard Hillert, 1923–2010, © 1975, 1988, Richard Hillert

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: Amen.

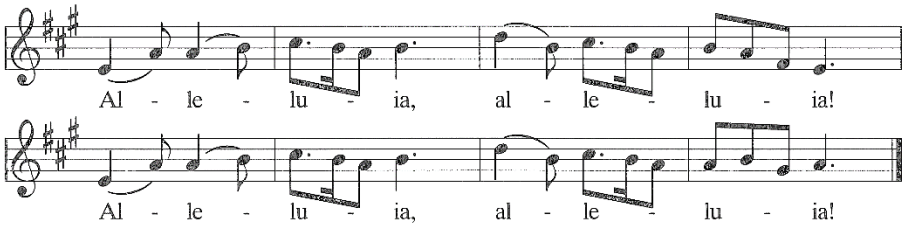
FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ (the Lord of all). That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you--unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - CELTIC ALLELUIA



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is a simple, folk-like tune. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: MARK 16:1-8

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back--it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

(please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

ELW #366

THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, and 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 worshipped 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

P: Lord in your mercy, (*after each petition*)

C: Hear our prayer.

**TODAY, WE ARE INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING
PEOPLE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

Jean Bottorf, Debbie Faust, Jim Flynn, Steve Gebhard, Kate Hall, Peggy Henry, Oren Keibler, Bill Limegrover, John Magnus, Janice Matthews, Charlie Meade, Taylor Niemetz, Linda O'Donnell, Michael O'Donnell, Paul Rizzo, Andrea Schwartz Nutter, Sandy Shaffer, Cindy Shaner, Bob Stover, Sandy Tambellini, Jack Tjaden, Sean Vandy, Theona Waxbom, and the friends and family of Rev HB West, Grace Lucas, and Howard Rockette.



Praying for Our Mission Partners & Friends:

Areyu, Phyllis, Santini and Scythe Ho
Aaron, Sarah, Tyler, Ivy and Mia Hoffman
Dan, Amanda, and Ximena Hogan
Mark and Nancy Holland

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love, through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING to Support God's Work in Our Church and Beyond

This is a time in our service that we use to remember that all that we are, all that we have, and all that we do, is an offering to God.

*You can scan the code to download and use our new app [**Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)**] to send your offering, place your offering in the offering plate that is passed at this time in our service, or send your offering to the church by mailing it to: **Christ's Lutheran Church, 5330 Old Logan Ferry Road, Murrysville, PA 15668***



OFFERTORY

"The Strife Is O're"

Robert J. Powell

Cole Kelly, Oboe

CREATE IN ME

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

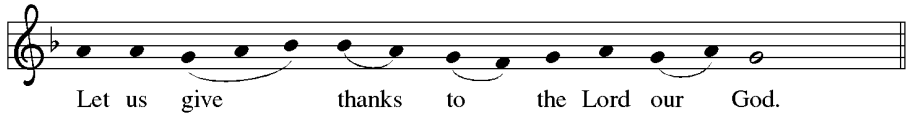
The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and lyrical, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff begins with a quarter rest followed by a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The second staff continues with a quarter note Bb4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The third staff begins with a quarter note G4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4. The fourth staff continues with a quarter note Bb4, then a series of eighth notes: A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, Bb4, A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, ending with a double bar line.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

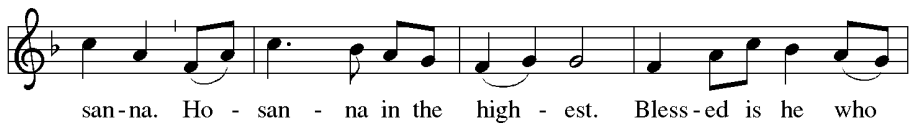
C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . (*concluding*)
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

HOLY COMMUNION *(please be seated)*

(We will be sharing Holy Communion continuously this morning. Pastor Wayne will distribute the Bread to all who have gathered, and two chalice bearers will distribute the Wine. When you have received the Bread, please go to the chalice bearer on your side of the church. After you have received the Wine, please return to your seat using the outside aisle. If you prefer to receive grape juice, please remember to take a glass filled with grape juice when you come forward.)

(When Communion is finished, please stand)

COMMUNION VOLUNTARY:

"Aria"

Paul O. Manz

Cole Kelly, Oboe

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: 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.

THE BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

C: Amen.

“AARON’S BLESSING”

Pastor Wayne Gillespie

May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.
May the Lord make His face shine upon you,
and be gracious to you ev’ry day.
May the Lord give you peace on your journey.
May God’s love and peace fill your heart.
May the Lord bless and keep you forever.
May the Lord always be by your side.

SENDING HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376

THE DISMISSAL

A. Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
C. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Toccata on “Christ Is Risen from the Dead”
Kevin M. Clemens, Organ

James Biery

Pastor

Rev. Wayne G. Gillespie
Email: revwaynegillespie@gmail.com

Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Steven J. Myers

Organist

Kevin Clemens

ANNOUNCEMENTS



We appreciate the continued commitment of our Readers, Worship Assistants, Reconcilers, Tech Team, Ushers, and many others who make our worship services happen. You can volunteer by signing up on our app by clicking on Weekend Worship Teams or by contacting the church office.

Thank you for helping to make our Holy Week and Easter Worship Services possible!

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**THANK YOU to Kevin Clemens, Nancy Sheehan, and Cole Kelly for providing such beautiful music for Holy Week and Easter. We are so blessed to have you participate in our ministry!**



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JOIN US FOR FELLOWSHIP – immediately following today’s worship service.

Thank you to everyone who ordered Easter Flowers. Please pick up your flowers after the Sunday Worship Service.

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A big THANK YOU to everyone who donated candy for the annual Easter Egg Hunt this year.



## **MEETINGS IN APRIL**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Support Team Meeting  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 9:00 am – Property Team Meeting  
April 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Outreach Team Meeting  
April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am - Congregational Life Mtg  
April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Worship & Music Meeting  
April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:30 pm - Council Meeting



If you are interested in joining one of our teams, please email the church office.

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## **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR JOB OPENING**

*We are currently seeking qualified applicants who are interested in serving as our Parish Administrator. General Office Management and Administrative duties, requiring proficiency in Microsoft Office with emphasis on Word and Excel. Part time, 20 hours per week: 4 days (M, T, R & F). This job description is posted on our church website and Facebook page. If you are interested in applying, or know someone that would be interested in this position, please send resumes to [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org) Please be aware that we do not have someone in the office during regular office hours. Please email or call the Church Office to ensure that someone is in the office prior to coming to the church.*

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Heifer helps families that are facing hunger and poverty by sharing the love of Jesus. Heifer International believes that, on Easter, God calls us to give thanks for the gift of salvation through His Son and to share the love of Jesus by serving others. If you want to make a tax-deductible donation to Heifer, you can easily send your gift by using our app **Christ's Lutheran (ELCA)** or by sending a check, payable to Christ's Lutheran Church, that includes Heifer on the memo line. You can find more information at <http://www.heifer.org> or by visiting the bulletin board in our entryway. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

~Eric Waxbom



**It's the Last Day to use Thrivent Choice Dollars!**

By directing Thrivent Choice Dollars through the Thrivent Choice program, eligible Thrivent members recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes some of its charitable outreach grant dollars among thousands of participating nonprofit organizations and congregations. **Christ's Lutheran is an eligible recipient.** 2023 Allocations, which can be made online or by phone, are required to be made by **March 31, 2024**, or the allocations will expire unused.



**Christ's Little Pantry**

**THANK YOU** to all who have helped to keep the Little Pantry filled. The **second weekend** of each month is now designated as Christ's Little Pantry Weekend, although you can bring food to put into the Little Pantry with you on any weekend. You can be a part of this

life-changing ministry by bringing one or two items with you when you come to worship on that weekend and by placing your generous gift in the collection box in the Entryway, or directly into the Little Pantry, which is located in our lower parking lot. Your kindness is truly appreciated. Let's work together to keep our Little Pantry full!!

**Crackers, fruit, vegetables, juice, pasta sauces, chunky soups are currently needed.**



Come join us for a night of Music, Entertainment, and Fellowship at Christ's Lutheran Church featuring:

**Ring Pittsburgh**  
**Friday May 3, 2024**  
**7:30pm**



Ring Pittsburgh is a community handbell choir founded in 2016 by James Rosetti, who serves as Music and Artistic Director. This ensemble of experienced musicians uses their unique musical art form to entertain and educate audiences across the Pittsburgh area. Please join us for an evening of Fun and Fellowship. For more information visit: [www.ringpittsburgh.org](http://www.ringpittsburgh.org)



## 2024 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



High School Graduation is an important and exciting time. We would like to recognize the students who will be graduating in 2024, as they move on with their future opportunities. Please let us know if you have a student who will be graduating this year. A photo and a summary of your graduate's plans and activities/interests can be submitted to the church office at [office@christsmurrysville.org](mailto:office@christsmurrysville.org). The information will be posted on our church bulletin board. We're looking forward to congratulating these students!

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CLC ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND BAKE SALE

Saturday June 1 ~ 8 am to 2 pm

This year's flea market is rapidly approaching, so we hope you will keep this in mind as you do your spring cleaning! You may drop off your items beginning Thursday, May 23rd and Friday, May 24th during church office hours, 10 am to 3 pm, and Saturday May 25th and Sunday May 26th when you come to worship services. Tuesday, May 28th through Thursday, May 30th, you may drop off items from 9:15 am to 2 pm and from 6 to 8 pm. We will not be accepting items on Friday, May 31st, which will be strictly a workday for our volunteers! Please remember that the volunteers have to unload, sort and price your items, so please make sure your donated items are clean and usable.

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### **SAVE THE DATES:**

**CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL  
JUNE 24-28!  
SEE YOU THERE!!!**

IT'S HERE!! DOWNLOAD OUR NEW APP!

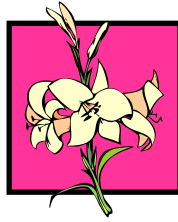
SCAN THE CODE TO EASILY DOWNLOAD AND DISCOVER ALL THE NEW EXCITING THINGS HAPPENING AT CHRIST'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!



## SubSplash

A New Way to Worship, Connect, and Engage

<https://www.christsmurrysville.org/uploads/8/2/4/4/82445598/subsplash-introduction-and-using-the-app-pdf-version.pdf>



*The Easter flowers are given by...*

*Kathy Conville ... In Memory of my parents*

*Arlene Eddy ... in Memory of my husband, son, and daughter*

*Irene Evans ... in Memory of Charles Evans*

*Amanda Federovich Hogan....to the Glory of God*

*Oren Keibler ...in Memory of Violet Couch, and in Honor of Anna Mae Keibler, Faith Keibler, Libby Keibler, Michelle Keibler, Nancy Bailie, and Linda Guercio*

*The Madden Family ... in Memory of Loved Ones*

*Adrienne and Jim McCurry....in Honor of Our Family*

*George and Kris Meade ... to the Glory of God and in Memory of Loved Ones*

*Romaine Miller & Family...in Memory of my siblings – Lois Duyer, Charles Walker, Ruth Stewart, and AJ Walker*

*Inge Pizzica – in Memory of Dan Pizzica*

*John and Linda Reed...in Memory of Charles & Esther Patrias, and John & Anna Reed*

*The Replogle Family...in Memory of John Replogle*

*Mimi and Roy Ruzomberka.... in Memory of our Parents:  
Laura and Howard Weiss, and Adella and Martin Ruzomberka*

*Kathy & John Schultz...in Honor of Patients in Veterans Hospitals  
everywhere*

*Pastor Ed and Nancy Sheehan ... in Honor of our Grandchildren, Kai,  
Leo, and Lorelei*

*Leslie and Erich Sill ... in Memory of Matthew Sill*

*Nancy Smith ... in Memory of Jean Blakely*

*Wally Utley ... in Memory of Wallace A. Utley, Helyn Utley, and David  
Utley*

*Eric Waxbom ... in Memory of Ernie & Janet Waxbom, and  
Tami Fiumera*

*David Willome ... in Memory of Sara Willome*



**WEEKLY CALENDAR**  
**March 31, 2024 – April 6, 2024**

**EASTER DAY - HE IS RISEN!**

**Sunday 3/31**

9:00 am  
10:00 am  
11:00 am  
7:30 pm

**PRAY FOR OUR CONGREGATION**

Sunday School  
Sunday Morning Worship  
Easter Fellowship  
Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

**Monday 4/1**

5:30 pm  
8:00 pm

**GIVE THANKS FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS**

Kindermusik  
Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

**Tuesday 4/2**

9:00 am  
9:30 am  
5:30 pm  
6:30 pm

**PRAY FOR OUR COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Sewing Group  
Kindermusik  
Kindermusik  
Support Team Meeting

**Wednesday 4/3**

9:0 am  
9:30 am  
5:30 pm

**PRAY FOR THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS**

Property Meeting  
Kindermusik  
Kindermusik

**Thursday 4/4**

9:30 am  
6:30 pm

**PRAY FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE**

Kindermusik  
East Suburban Artists League

**Friday 4/5**

**PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES - EVANGELISTS**

**Saturday 4/6**

6:00 pm

**OUR CONGREGATION AS WE WORSHIP**

Saturday Evening Worship

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