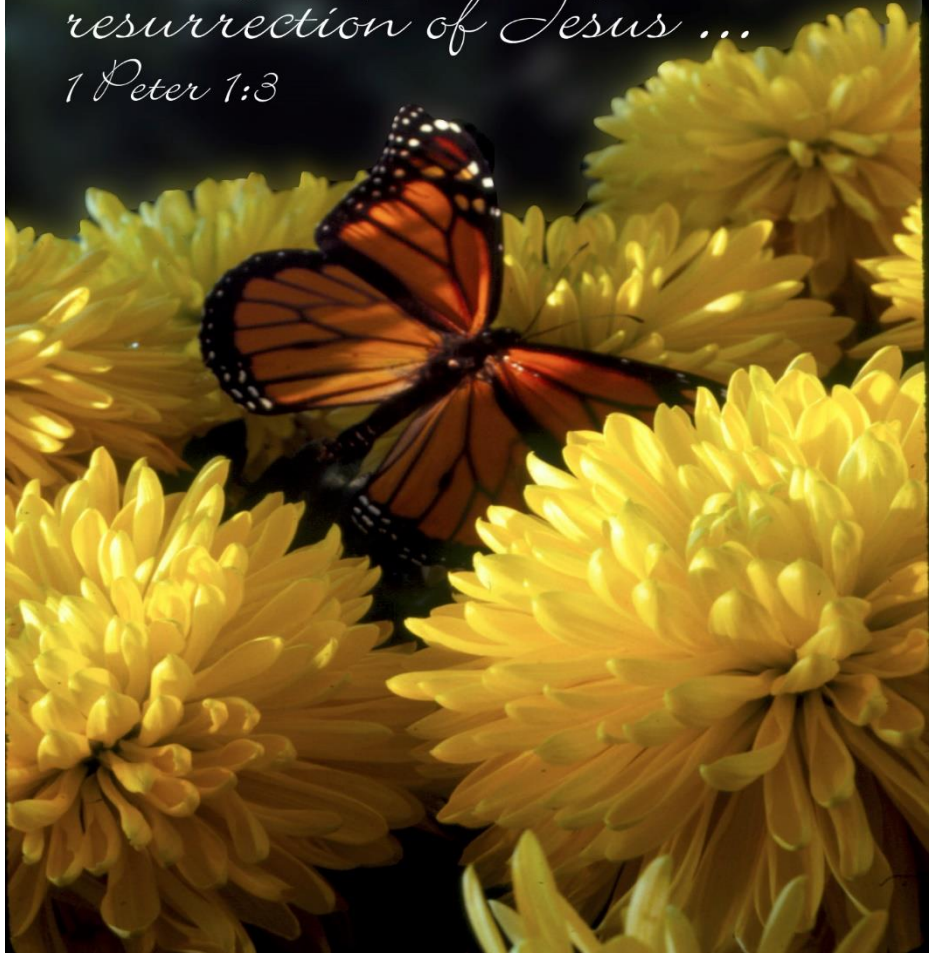


# Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church & Preschool

*Connecting people to Jesus as we gather, grow, and go.*

*By his great mercy he has  
given us a new birth into  
a living hope through the  
resurrection of Jesus ...  
1 Peter 1:3*



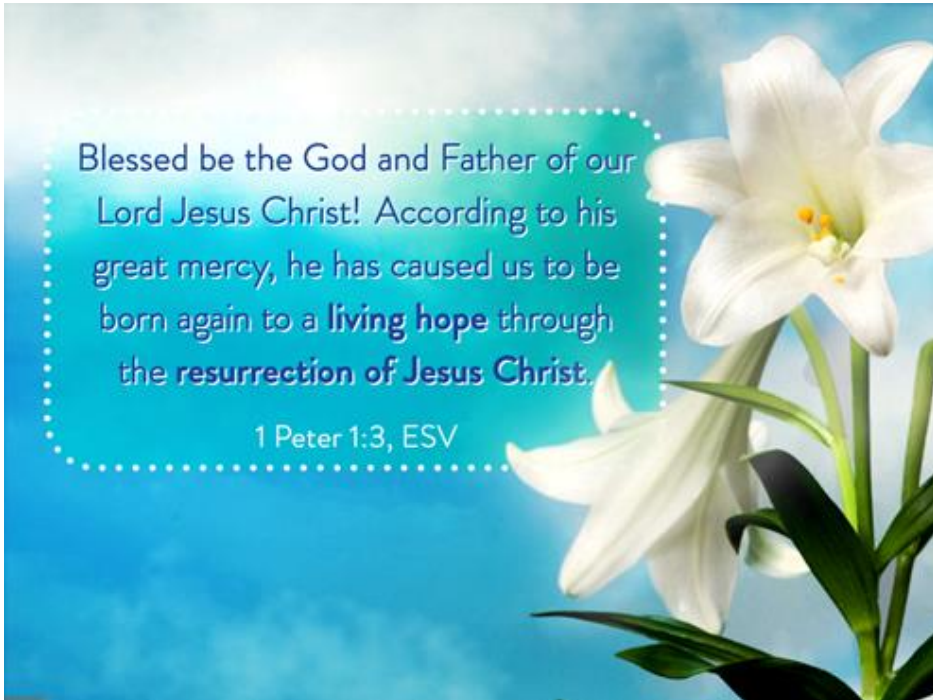
## **The Second Sunday of Easter**

**8:00 & 10:45 am & 6:00 pm**

April 19, 2020

## *Welcome to Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church!*

We greet you in the name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. We are glad you are worshipping with our family of faith and rejoice with you as God comes to us through His Word this day to bring His gift of forgiveness and life in Jesus.



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# Order of Service: Divine Service 1

## AS WE GATHER

### ***Christ Jesus Breathes His Spirit and His Life into Us by the Ministry of the Gospel***

The crucified and risen Lord Jesus establishes the ministry of the Gospel in order to bestow His life-giving Holy Spirit and His peace upon the Church. To those who are called and ordained to this office, and to those they serve in His name, He grants the Holy Absolution of all sins. By the fruits of His cross, He replaces fear and doubt with peace and joy, and thus gives *“repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins”* (Acts 5:31). Through the preaching of His sent ones, He calls us to believe that He *“is the Christ, the Son of God,”* so that by such faith we *“may have life in his name”* (John 20:31). In His resurrection, we have the *“living hope”* to which we have been *“born again”* and by which we are guarded *“for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time”* (1 Peter 1:3, 5). Until then, *“though you have not seen him, you love him,”* and by the mercies of God *“you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory”* (1 Peter 1:8).

## MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

### PRELUDE

***This Joyful Eastertide***

*Kevin Hildebrand*

## PASTORAL GREETING

## STEWARDSHIP MINUTE

## OPENING ANTHEM

*Children of the Heavenly Father*

LSB 725

Josiah, Jesse, Jeremiah, James Schultz

Accompanied by Hannah Thompson

*(Please feel free to sing along at home)*

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| 1 <i>Children of the heav'nly Father<br/>Safely in His bosom gather;<br/>Nestling bird nor star in heaven<br/>Such a refuge e'er was given.</i>                  | 3 <i>Neither life nor death shall ever<br/>From the Lord His children sever;<br/>Unto them His grace He showeth,<br/>And their sorrows all He knoweth.</i> |
| 2 <i>God His own doth tend and nourish;<br/>In His holy courts they flourish.<br/>From all evil things He spares them;<br/>In His mighty arms He bears them.</i> | 4 <i>Though He giveth or He taketh,<br/>God His children ne'er forsaketh;<br/>His the loving purpose solely<br/>To preserve them pure and holy.</i>        |

Stand



## ✠ THE RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM ✠

**Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz**



### INVOCATION

*(The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of your Baptism.)*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19b*

### BAPTISMAL PROMISES

### PRAYER

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of

Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz according to Your boundless mercy and bless him with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in him which has been inherited from Adam and which he himself has committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that he be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, he would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **ADDRESS TO PARENTS, SPONSORS & CONGREGATION**

### **HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MARK**

**P** Hear the Word of the Lord from Mark 16:  
"And they were bringing children to [Jesus] that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.' And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them." *Mark 10:13-16 ESV*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** Because this child cannot answer for himself, we shall all, together with sponsors, and parents, faithfully speak on his behalf in testimony of the forgiveness of sins and the birth of the life of faith which God our Father bestows in and through Baptism.

**P** do you renounce the devil?

**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty

**C** **Yes, believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

**P** **Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz**, do you desire to be baptized?

**C** **Yes, I Do**

## THE BAPTISM

## THE BLESSING

## THE RECEIVING OF THE BAPTISM CANDLE

### PRAYER

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### WORDS OF WELCOME

**L** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven.

**C** **We welcome you into the Lord's family and receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous Light. Amen.**

## ✠ THE PREPARATION ✠

*Stand*

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*1 John 1:8-9*

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and to confess our personal and specific sins.)*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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... and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

[John 20:19-23]

## † THE SERVICE OF THE WORD †

### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### *This Is the Feast*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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 -





blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

## FIRST READING

**Acts 5:29-42**

<sup>29</sup>But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. <sup>30</sup>The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

<sup>33</sup>When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. <sup>34</sup>But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood

up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. <sup>35</sup>And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. <sup>36</sup>For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. <sup>37</sup>After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. <sup>38</sup>So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; <sup>39</sup>but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, <sup>40</sup>and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. <sup>41</sup>Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. <sup>42</sup>And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **BELL DUET**

## ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

*arr. Delancy*

Eric Schlef and Lauran Delancy

## **EPISTLE**

### **1 Peter 1:3–9**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, <sup>9</sup>obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

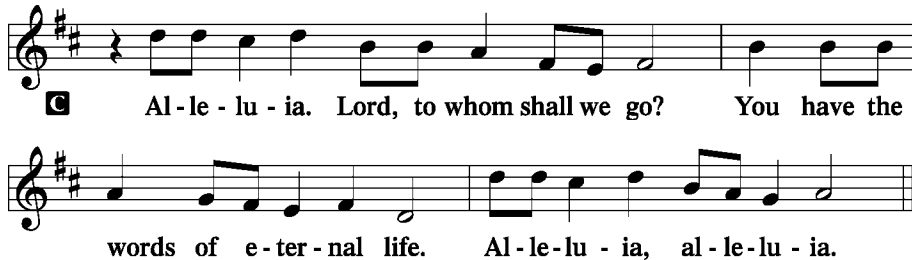
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

## GOSPEL VERSE

**Common**

John 6:68



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

## HOLY GOSPEL

**John 20:19-31**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## **READING THE FAITH** *(as drawn from Luther's Small Catechism)*

### **BAPTISM PART 1**

**P** What is Baptism?

**C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**

**P** Which is that word of God?

**C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Matt. 28:19)**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Vicar Aaron Reseburg*

## **SERMON HYMN**

*O Sons and Daughters of the King*  
**LSB 470**

**1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia!**

**2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia!**

- 3 An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia!

**SERMON**

*A Living Hope*  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
Vicar Aaron Reseburg

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Hear us, merciful Father, as we pray for ourselves, for the Church, for our nation and for all conditions and manner of people.

**P** God of mercy, keep us from the doubts and fears that cripple us and prevent us from knowing the fullness of Your saving peace and gracious presence. Teach us to trust in Your Word and to believe with all our hearts, minds, bodies and strength in Jesus Christ, crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of grace, bestow upon Your Church Your Holy Spirit and all the gifts that come down from on high. Grant to us faithful pastors who will preach faithfully and ears to hear Your Word proclaimed. Give us boldness in our witness before the world and courage to speak Your name without fear. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of might, counsel the nations and their leaders in the paths of peace and justice. Bless us with wise, faithful and just leaders who will protect the sanctity of life and defend us against all enemies, foreign and domestic. Make us wise and discerning citizens who use the gift of liberty for noble purpose. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of love, teach us to love one another as You have loved us. Guide us so that in our neighborhoods and communities we may manifest the love of Christ as well as His strength. Deliver us from all that would threaten our homes and families. Protect the police, firefighters, disaster-relief workers and medical personnel who attend to us, as well as the places where we live and work. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of comfort, give Your aid and relief to all who suffer want or need, to the sick in their afflictions, to those troubled in mind, and to those to whom death

draws near [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Heal and sustain them according to Your gracious will, and preserve them in faith to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of hope, be with those who grieve the loss of those whom they love. [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Point them to the promise of the resurrection and the gift of everlasting life to all who die in Christ. Lord, in your mercy.

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of life, we give you thanks for the life given to twin grandsons born to Randy & Glenda Schmidgall. Strengthen them day by day and grant them faith to grow in You. We also give you thanks and praise for new life given to Stephen Schultz through the Water & Word of Holy Baptism. Keep him in the faith unto life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of compassion, bless us with the good gifts of the earth, with the fruits of our honest labors, and with a kind and generous heart. Accept the worship of our hearts and voices along with the tithes and offerings we bring as part of our gratitude and thanksgiving. Open our eyes and hearts to the needs of the poor, that we may serve them in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** God of peace, give harmony and unity to Your people, both in our various vocations before the world and in our common life at this altar. Help us to receive with repentance and joy the gift of Christ's body and blood in this blest communion, that we may be strengthened in faith and enjoy the gift of a clear conscience through the forgiveness of our sins. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** O blessed God and Lord, hear the prayers of Your people and teach us to trust in Your will to answer our prayers with all that is needful and beneficial, both for us and for all for whom we have prayed; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## BENEDICAMUS/BENEDICTION

- P** Let us bless the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P** The Lord bless you...and † give you peace.  
**C** **Amen.**

*Psalm 103:1*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

## CLOSING HYMN

*The Day of Resurrection*  
**LSB 478**

- 1 **The day of resurrection!**  
Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness,  
The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal,  
From sin's dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over  
With hymns of victory.
- 2 **Let hearts be purged of evil**  
That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal  
Of resurrection light  
And, list'ning to His accents,  
May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own "All hail!" and, hearing,  
May raise the victor strain.
- 3 **Now let the heav'ns be joyful,**  
Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph  
And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen,  
Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen,  
Our joy that has no end!
- 4 **All praise to God the Father,**  
All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow'r, and glory  
Ascribe to God alone!



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## Serving the Lord and Us Today:

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Liturgist..... Pastor Mike Ada  
Organist..... Deb Miller  
Special Music..... Bell Duet – Eric Schlef & Lauran Delancy  
Vocalists..... Josiah, Jesse, Jeremiah, James Schultz  
..... Accompanist, by Hannah Thompson  
Altar Guild..... Karen Benz, Capt.; Denise Behrman, Pat Brackin, Angela Hodge,  
..... Debbie Johnson, Joy Rodenberger, Glenda Schmidgall  
Counters ..... Paul Peterson & Brian Olson  
Altar Flowers ..... Bob & Karen Rinne

**ALTAR FLOWERS** that adorn our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by Bob & Karen Rinne in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary.

**HOLY BAPTISM Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz**, newborn son of Jonah & Mary Schultz, was baptized Friday morning in a small private ceremony. Stephen's sponsors are **Josiah Schultz, Hannah Thompson, James Schultz** and **Thomas & Allison Schultz**. We pray God's special blessings upon Stephen and all his family as he becomes a child of God through the waters of Holy Baptism.



## PRAYERS REQUESTED THIS WEEK

For **Jonah and Mary Schultz** as they celebrate the birth and baptism of their son, **Stephen Jonah Joel Schultz**, born on Easter Sunday. Congratulations to first time grandparents, **Pastor Joel and Amy!**

For **Randy & Glenda Schmidgall** as they celebrate the birth of twin grandsons born on Friday, April 10.

For **Pastor Ed Trost**, diagnosed with a mass (possibly cancer) in his lung.

For **Linda Lawver**, friend of Helen Claudy, who has stage 4 stomach cancer and given days just to live. She is under hospice care.

For **the family of Colin Ciesla**, a co-worker of Brian Olson, whose mother died on Monday following a battle with liver cancer.

For **the family of Gwen Hixson**, friends of Ken & Char Ludwig, who died his past week.

For **Bonnie LaBelle**, a friend of Brian & Michelle Olson, hospitalized with fluid on her lungs.

For **Johnnie Bell**, the mother of a Martinez family friend, diagnosed with Covid-19 and healing at home.

For **K.C. Gloe** who returned to see his oncologist this past week and limb is healing well.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS

For **Jen Degner**, Gail Mattern's mother, abdominal cancer, nearing life's end.

For **Jeanne Eggerss**, niece of David & Diane Curtin, who is recovering from a stroke.

For **Wilma Seutter**, David Seutter's mother, recovering from surgery and has been placed in a rehabilitation facility.

For **Steve Martinez**, recovering at home from surgery to remove a cancerous growth from his thyroid.

For **Pat Gossen, Barb Gossen, Joy Rodenberger, Moriah Obermueller, & Debbie Newman**, continuing treatments for cancer; for **Sherri Webb** as she continues to recover from her stroke.

For our expectant mothers and their unborn children especially **Kellie Kanoy, Liesl Jensen, Jordan Shiao, Morgan Riechers, Nicole Christensen, Alli Bauck** and all other expectant mothers. Also for those who long for God's gift of children.

**For all those who are unemployed or under-employed,** that the Lord would provide for all their needs and lead them to jobs soon. For those who have secured jobs, we offer prayers of thanksgiving!

**For our partner church in Zacapa, Guatemala:** Pray that God would bless this congregation with church members and the community that they would be strengthened and encouraged in His faith as well.

### **Voice of the Martyrs prayer request**

#### **Displaced Families Share the Gospel** - Mexico

More than a year after being expelled from their village because of their faith, a group of Christians are now sharing the gospel with their new neighbors. While a few families in the original group abandoned their faith for the promise of getting all their possessions back from the villagers, the other families remained strong in faith. Two families moved into homes provided by a local church, while seven others moved onto property owned by a VOM-supported front-line worker. Several of those families have since moved into permanent housing and opened a small grocery store, which provides not only an income but also a means of sharing the gospel in their community. Praise God for those who have been rescued from darkness.

