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About the Cover: On the first Easter, the morning sun helped to put an end to mourning. For it revealed that Christ's tomb is empty. "He is not here," the angel says (Mark 16:6). Jesus was laid in the place of death, but He did not stay there. Neither will the grave be able to hold all who believe in Him on the Last Day. Though there is much to cause mourning in this life, we know that it is all fleeting because of that first Easter morning. Christ is risen!

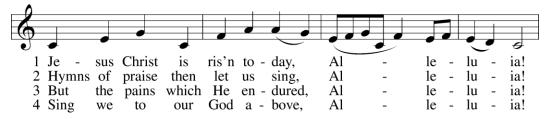
The Resurrection of Our Lord – March 31, 2024 Divine Service, Setting One

Ringing of the Bells, Prelude

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

Please stand to face the cross as it enters, then turn toward the altar as it passes you.



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| Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Un - to Christ, our heav'n-ly king, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Our sal - va - tion have pro-cured; | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Praise e - ter - nal as His love; | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
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| Who did once up - on the cross, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Who en-dured the cross and grave, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Now a - bove the sky He's king, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
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| Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Sin - ners to re - deem and save. | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Where the an-gels ev - er sing. | Al | - | le - lu - ia! |
| Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost | . Al | - | le - lu - ia! |

Invocation, Confession of Sins

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Introit (Sung) Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*

the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,*

and he has become my sal- | vation;

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,* your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;*

you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,* the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

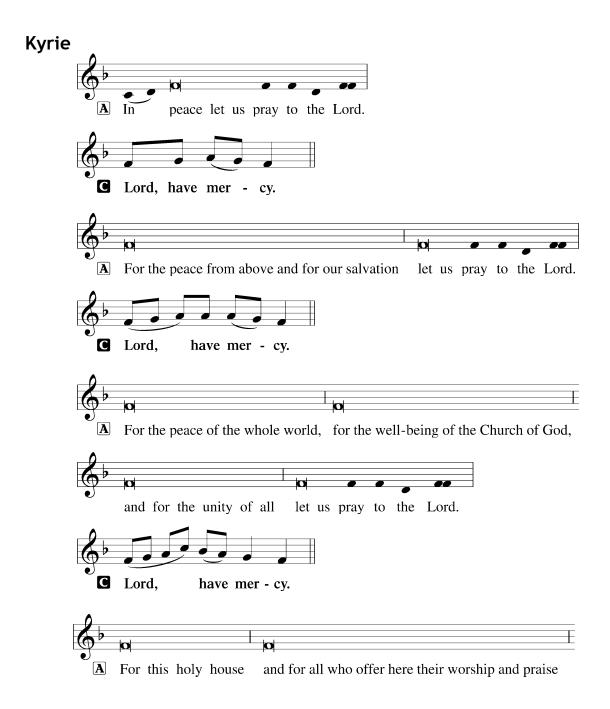
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

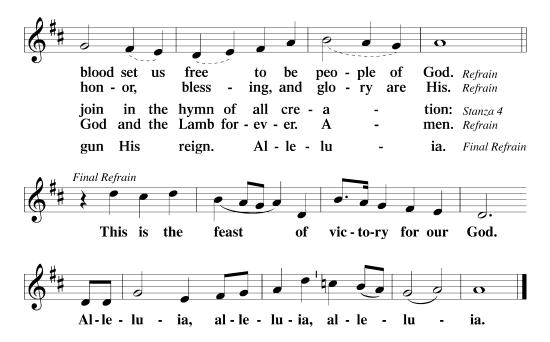
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.







Salutation and Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain

Isaiah 25:6–9

the covering that is cast over all peoples,

the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.

This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir & Bells: Easter Proclamation

John Behnke

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ has risen from the dead! He has crushed the serpent's head! See there lies an empty tomb. No more sorrow, no more gloom. Now we live in certainty, of a life eternally! Alleluia!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he

appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter. (*Sung*) Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And 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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. (Sung) Praise to You, O Christ.



- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;Foll'wing our exalted Head.Made like Him, like Him we rise;Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

Nicene Creed I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,

who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

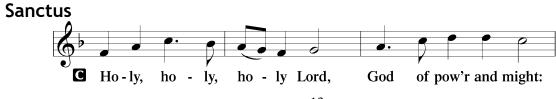


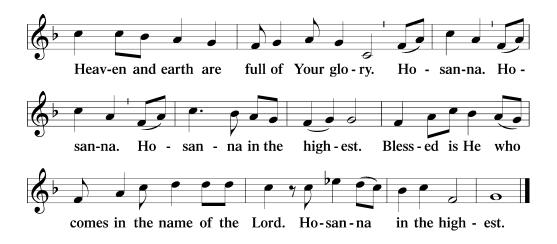
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Proper Preface:

It is truly good, right, and salutary. . . we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

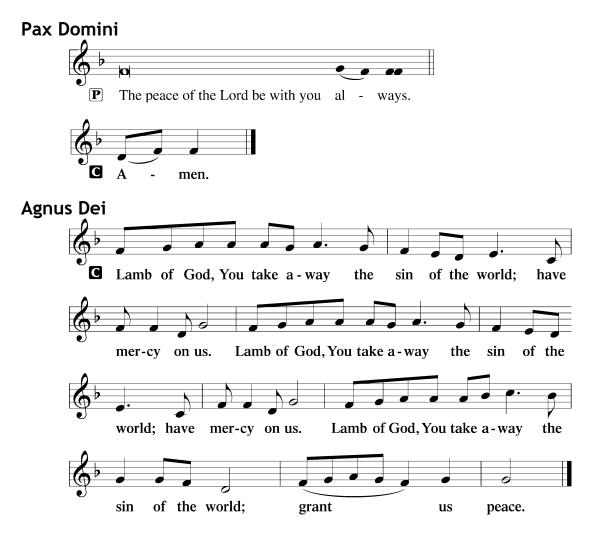




Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

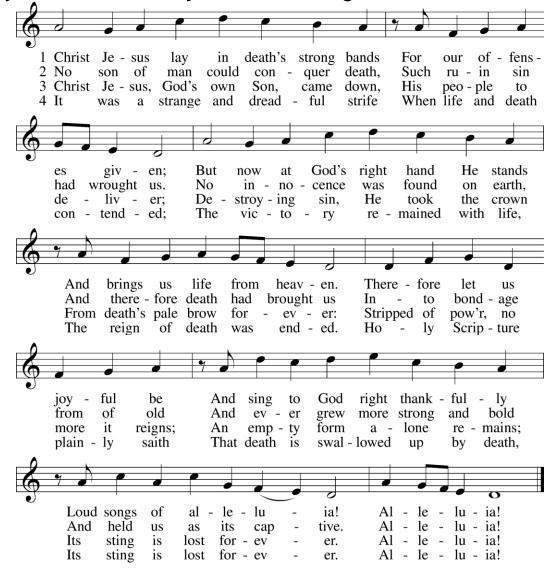
Lord's Prayer and Words of Institution



Distribution of the Sacrament

Since Holy Communion presupposes a "common unity" of faith and doctrine among those who participate together in this Sacrament, we ask that those who desire to commune with us be confirmed members of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation. Those not able to come to the chancel may speak to the pastor or an elder to commune in their pew. First time communicants here please speak to the Pastor or an elder. If you are not communing but would like to come to the chancel for a blessing, please stand at the rail with your arms crossed over your chest. Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

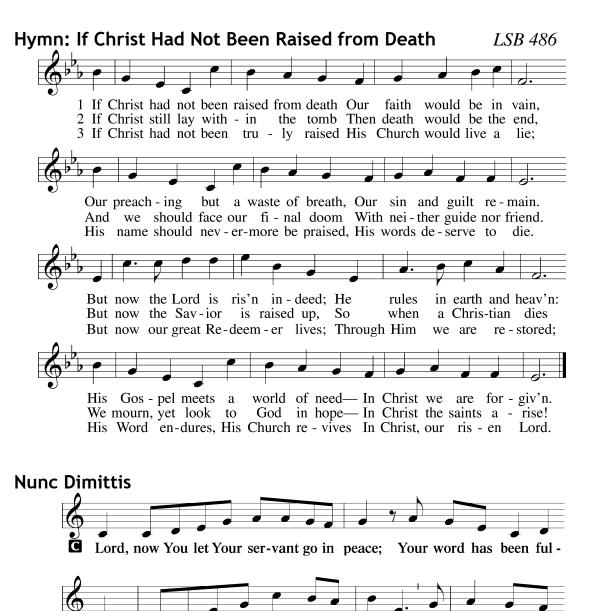
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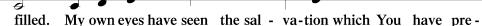


5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us; He died on the accursèd tree— So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door; Faith points to it; death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival To which the Lord invites us; Christ is Himself the joy of all, The sun that warms and lights us. Now His grace to us imparts Eternal sunshine to our hearts; The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day On Christ, the bread of heaven; The Word of grace has purged away The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed; Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!







Post-Communion Collect & Benediction



Please turn the page for the final hymn.

Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 461 0 1 I deem lives; What com-fort know that my Re er 2 He lives tri um phant from the grave; He lives e --3 He lives to bless with His love: He lives to me 4 He lives to grant me rich sup ply; He lives to _ this sweet tence gives! He lives, He lives, who sen nal ter -ly to save; He lives all glo rious plead for bove: He lives my hun me а gry guide me with His eye; He lives to com _ fort Θ He lives, my head. once dead; er - liv - ing was ev the sky; He lives ex - alt ed there high. in on _ He lives to time soul feed: help in of need. to when faint; He lives to my soul's com me hear plaint.

- 5 (Women) He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 (Men) 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.

- 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.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!He lives, my Jesus, still the same;Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:I know that my Redeemer lives!

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THANKS TO THOSE ASSISTING WITH THE SERVICE

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Wilfred Karsten, Pastor Liturgist: Vicar J. Riley Corrigan, Pastoral Intern Organist: Lynette Karsten Other Musicians: Amanda Hahn, trumpet; The Holy Cross Choir; Holy Cross Bells – Barbara Rauh, director Elders: Lew Steinbrecher (7:00), Don Freeman (10:45) Videographer: Rick Serre, Dale Farmer, Max Serre Holy Week Banners: Barbara Rauh

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This Weeks activities, God Willing

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| Sunday, March 3 | 1 7:00 a.m. | Divine Service HC |
| EASTER | 8:30 a.m. | Easter Brunch |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School/BC |
| | 10:45 a.m. | Divine Service HC |
| Monday | Office is closed | |
| Tuesday | 9:30 a.m. | Vicar's Bible Class |
| Wednesday | 10:00 a.m. | Fitness |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Fellowship |
| Thursday | 9:30 a.m. | Pastor's Bible Class |
| Sunday, April 7 | 8:15 a.m. | Divine Service HC |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School/BC |
| Pantry Sunday | 10:45 a.m. | Divine Service HC |
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Per HIPPA privacy regulations, if you put someone on the prayer list, please make sure you have first secured their permission to do so.

Praver List

Prayer List emphasis for today: Those with serious health concerns. Serious health conditions: Bethany Albrecht, Phyllis Murdock, Rev. Cecil Murdock, Fred Poe, Kathrine Hopkins, Sharon McKean, Larry Bopes, Sandy Bopes. In hospice care: Alfred Karsten *Home from the hospital:* Kathrine Hopkins

To the family of Patty Hawkins

Birthdays

3/31 Brian Rauh; 4/1 Emily Rimkus; 4/2 Barbara Rauh; 4/4 Jeffrey Hall; 4/5 Dorothea Jamieson; 4/6 Logan Noard

Next Blood Drive is April 9, 2024 from 2-6 pm. If you are a regular donor, there needs to be a minimum of 56 days between whole blood donations. The sign-up sheet is in the entryway. Questions? See Marcia Green. There is a great need for blood so if you are able please sign up to donate.

Those purchasing a lily for the altar are as follows: Bob and Jokie Bretl, Penny Dawson, Marcia Green, Brian & Bev Gustafson, Vicki Hamilton, Donna Knudtson, Martha & Anita Kroll, Connie McKean, Laurie Revel, Rick & Jan Serre, Bill & Susan Serre and Jerry & Jan Tutskey. You may take your lily home after the 10:45 service.

Please plan to attend a light Easter Brunch with your Fellow Holy Cross

members following the 7:00 a.m. service today. Coffee cakes, hardboiled eggs, beverages and fruit will be provided. We look forward to celebrating Easter with you!

Holy Cross Church Secretary Job Announcement

Holy Cross is currently accepting resumes for the position of Church Secretary to fill a pending vacancy created by the forthcoming retirement of Connie McKean. This position functions as the church office manager and is responsible for performing a wide variety of administrative duties, communications and various clerical tasks. This is a part-time position expected to work 24 hours per week, M-Th 8-2. Proficiency on a computer with Word, Excel, Email and other software programs, ability to multitask, attention to detail, proofreading, reliability and good memory skills required. The Board of Elders is also seeking an individual with a pleasing personality, who is punctual to work, and has the ability to understand and follow directions with the ability to change tasks as needed. Please email holycrosslutheran@mchsi.com for a copy of the job description and to submit a resume with an accompanying cover letter highlighting the appropriate skills and abilities for this position. Resumes will be accepted until this position is filled. We are sending this out to area LCMS churches in hopes of getting candidates. We would prefer someone from Holy Cross so if you are interested please let us know.

Our Ingathering for April will be given to Cristo Rey in East Moline. Please include them when you do your grocery shopping. **Monday April 8th is our monthly Devotion and Dinner** at Christian Care. If you can donate fruits or desserts or if you would like to serve, please sign up on the form in the entryway.

We are trying to find members to pick up other members needing a ride to church on Sunday. If you would be willing to drive the Van or pick up a member, please see Jeff Welvaert. Many volunteers will reduce the number of Sundays needed to perform this task by each individual.

We would like to reinstate the greeters at the parking lot doors. We would like to have one person at each service to welcome our members and guests. If you would be willing to call members or ask them in person, and sign them up for each Sunday it would be greatly appreciated. Contact Jeff Welvaert or Marcia Green if you would like to participate.

Thank you to everyone that prayed, sent cards, made meals and gave me rídes during my surgery and recuperation, I really appreciate all the support this congregation gives. God's blessings to you. Mary Pement

Wednesday –**Fitness and Fellowship**. Come join in for the 20-minute chair exercises that start at 10:00 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. is Coffee Hour Fellowship with friends. Coffee, tea, and treats are served. Everyone is invited!

The property committee would like to thank all the volunteers who gave of their time and talent last Saturday in working to beautify and honor the grounds and interior of the church **The Rock Island LWML Zone** will be hosting the Central Illinois District Convention. On April 26th there are servant events from 1-4, supper and a communion service at 6:15. On the 27th the convention is from 8:30-3:00. The keynote speaker is Rev. Mark Frith, from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. A \$30.00 registration fee is due **TODAY**. See Mary Pement for registration forms.

There is a new Monitor sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway. It is listed as 8:15 and 10:45 services. Please choose whichever service fits your worship habit. In order to keep our church safe, we need to know who is coming and going during the service. Please feel free to sign up for either service. Thank you for serving the Lord in this capacity.

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE EASTER SEASON... "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," "He's Risen, He's Risen." You can listen 24/7 to sacred music for the 50 days of the Easter season at <u>lutheranpublicradio.org</u>, TuneIn, Amazon Echo, Google Home, Apple HomePod and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

We have received word that Patty Hawkins, one of our former members and former secretary, has passed away. Here is the address for anyone wishing to send a card of condolence to her husband Terry and family: Terry Hawkins 15054 West Heritage Oak Way Surprise, AZ 85374-3419

Prayer List

Please help to keep this list current by calling the church office when a name may be added or removed.

Members in Facilities: Cedarhurst, Moline-Susan Wyant; Crosstown, Silvis-Barb Noah; Park Vista- Ron & Carol Luecke; Woodridge Supportive Living, Galesburg- Dick Ristau; Illini Restorative Care- Henry Setton; Friendship Manor- Dick Hochstetler, Phyllis Thorngren; Mercer Manor, Aledo-Bob Koehler; Cedarhurst Memory Care, Moline- Jan Phillips.

Serving in the Military: Alexa Ellis (daughter of Tera Elliott, granddaughter of Mike and Cheryl McLaughlin), Logan Noard (son of Kyle and Marilyn Noard), Stephen Waugaman (grandson of Donna Knudtson), Cameron Moore (grandson of Lew & Maria Steinbrecher), Matthew Glider (grandson of Doris Glider), Andrew Tolley (son of Carole Tolley), David Revel (son of Craig & Laurie Revel), Jeffrey Teuscher (nephew of Willie Swain), Austin Cox (grandson-in-law of Sieg Paulsen), Matthew Patterson (son-in-law of Mike Waters), Leith Masri, (grandson of Marian Jones), Jakob Ryckeghem (grandson of Connie McKean).

Members of the congregation receiving treatment for cancer: Rev. Murdock, Sharon McKean, Kathrine Hopkins, Larry Bopes.

Friends of the congregation receiving treatment for Cancer: Patti (sister-inlaw of Sharon McKean), Natalie Nelson (daughter of Gregg & Tami Winter), Gail Stuenkel, Lisa Crawford, Joanne Lyons, Dave Patterson, Harold Foster, Judy Knudsen, Darlene Atwell, Peggy Arkland (friend of McLaughlin's).

Serious Health Concerns: Tony Loritz, friend of Jennifer Swanburg, Edgar Johnson, Susan Raber, Isla Galliart, Emily Scott, Dennis Rusk, Richard Geisler, Heidi Sias, Maureen DeLassus, Kelly Teuscher, Kenny Lackey, Gwen Shrake, Pam and Bill, friends of Gwen Shrake.

Recovering/Ongoing Health Concerns: Donald Dawson, Joyce Spidle, Scarlet Durbin, Phyllis Murdock, Sherri Lohse, Barb Noah, David Kramer, Donald Dawson, Kristine Westmoreland, Beryl Edwards, Helen White, Gary Johnson, Fred Poe, Carol Ferrell, Susan Jamieson, Joshua Duburg, Sieg Paulsen, Cindy Davenport.