THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD MARCH 31, 2024

"The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is The Real Reason for Hope!"

AS WE GATHER

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Paul reminds us that Easter is of "first importance." If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today to confess before the world and to encourage one another that our hope is based upon the fact of Jesus' resurrection witnessed by hundreds of people, and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled. Our risen Savior is our real reason for hope!

In the Sacrament of **Holy Communion**, we believe that the risen Christ is really present with His Body and blood for the forgiveness of our sins, the strengthening of our faith, and the renewal of our joy in Him. Honoring the unity of faith that we share, we invite all members of our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to join us (please visit with an Elder or Pastor before the service). All others, we invite you to speak with Pastor Mahnken after the service about the possibility of being instructed and confirmed, that you may join with us in the fellowship of this altar.

THE RINGING OF THE BELL

THE OPENING RESPONSES

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: This is the day the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good;

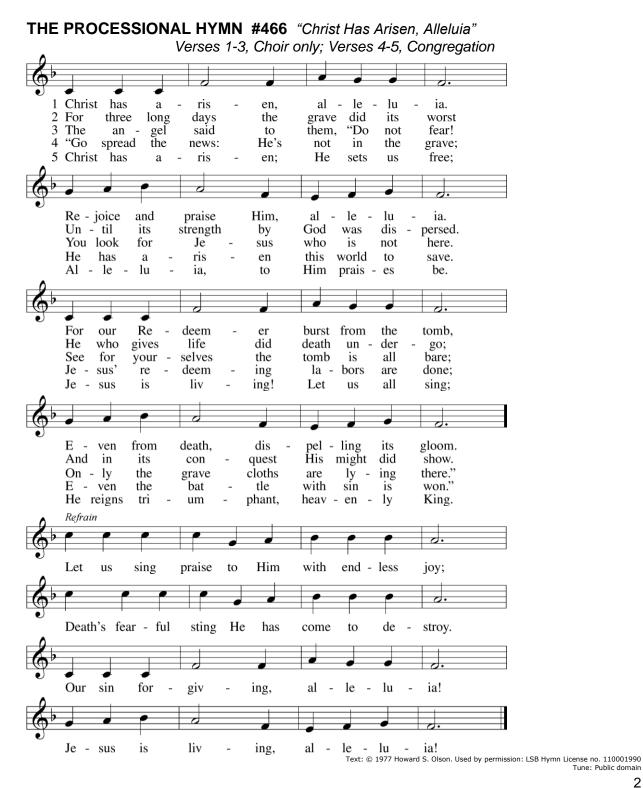
C: His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:24, 29)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE MEN'S CHORUS "My Redeemer Liveth"





(please stand)

THE INVOCATION AND THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P: In the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- 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 for self-examination.)

- P: Almighty God, heavenly Father,
- C: we confess that we have not remained strong in faith. We have not always let the sure news of Your resurrection dispel the fear that wells up within us. We have thought, spoken, and acted in sinful weakness. We have not loved You with our whole hearts, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We deserve Your judgment now and forever. Forgive us for the sake of our crucified and risen Savior, Jesus Christ. By Your Holy Spirit renew us in faith and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.
- P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for 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
- C: Amen.
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(please be seated)

THE HYMN OF PRAISE "This is the Feast" (page 155 in the hymnal)

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb Who was slain,

Whose blood set us free to be people of God. Refrain:

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor,

blessing, and glory are His. Refrain:

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn

of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be

to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. Refrain:

For the Lamb Who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Refrain:

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

- P: Let us pray. Almighty God the Father, through Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and the grave 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.
- C: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6-9 (ESV)

On 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. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He 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. It 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."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (ESV)

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.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(please stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!" (LSB #488, altered)

Al-le-lu-ia! O glo-rious Word! Now rec-on-ciled is God, my Lord;

The gates of heav'n are o-pen.

My Je-sus did tri-um-phant die, And Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie,

De-stroyed hell's fierc-est weap-on.

Al-le-lu-ia! Christ Vic-to-rious, Ris-ing glo-rious,

Life is giv-ing. He was dead but now is liv-ing.

THE HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (ESV)

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

C: (spoken) Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together,

but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God." Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

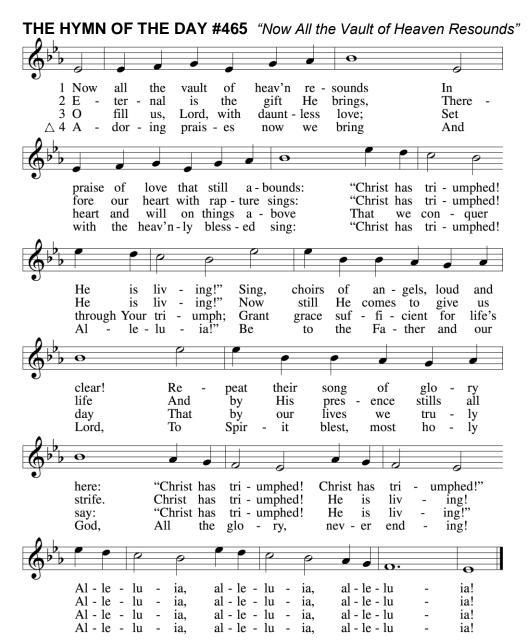
C: (spoken) Praise to You, O Christ.

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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.

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THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



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THE SERMON "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is The Real Reason for Hope!" Text: John 20:1-18

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS (tune: #488 "He is Arisen, Glorious Word")

Bring to the Lord your precious gifts,

For He has risen from the dead,

And we shall live forever.

Our talents, voices, all we have,

We lay them at God's royal throne,

From Him shall nothing sever.

Christ has risen!

In our thinking, Speaking, acting, all our living,

We ourselves to Jesus render.

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus. In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For all our missionaries and for Mission Development Counselors Gary Thies and Pastor Steve Schulz, that they may have a joyful celebration of our Lord's Resurrection and be given strength, perseverance, and every good gift needed to remain faithful witnesses to our risen and living Savior, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For the sick and all who suffer, including Jim Aldag, Roger Chisholm, Kandi Teut, Carolyn Schroeder, Guenter Detlefsen, Joann Riessen, Maxine Thies, Janet Roecker, Lauri Ricke, Carissa Barker and all others we name in our hearts [silent prayer], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.

- P: For this congregation, that we may be filled with joyful thanksgiving for our life with Jesus, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.
- C: Lord, have mercy.
- P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PREFACE (sung) (page 160 in the hymnal)

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

THE SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (sung) (page 161 in the hymnal)

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: 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.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

(1 Corinthians 11:26)

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

(Revelation 22:20)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

THE LORD'S PRAYER (printed inside the back cover of the hymnal)

THE PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord (sung)

(John 20:19)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

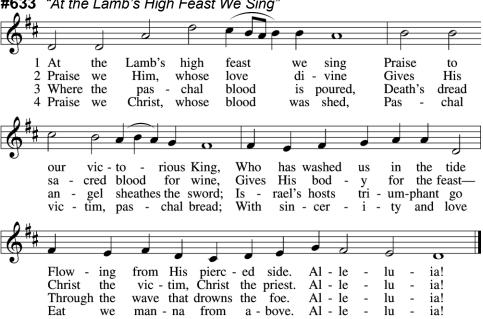
THE AGNUS DEI ~ Lamb of God (sung) (page 163 in the hymnal)

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

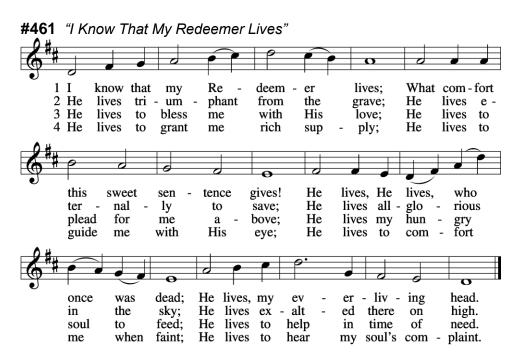
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THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

#633 "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"



- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- Δ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!



- 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.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, l'Il 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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THE DISMISSAL

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in ♣ peace.

C: Amen.

THE POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE (sung) (page 164 in the front of the hymnal)

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ry one what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: O God, in this sacrament You have given us Your gifts of forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Continue to send Your gifts to Your people that we may walk in perfect freedom, serve You with willing obedience, proclaim Your good news to all the ends of the earth, and be faithful in Christ until we receive the crown of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION (sung) (page 166 in the front of the hymnal)

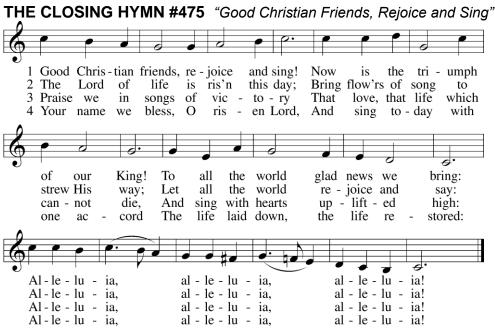
P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord lift up His countenance on you and ₱ give you peace.

C: Amen!

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THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER LILIES 2024

~ To the Glory of Our Lord ~

- ♣ Eric and Renae Schneider and family in memory of Cole Schneider
- Joel and Sandy Bubke in memory of family and friends
- Richard and Becky Hanlin in memory of loved ones
- ♣ Donna Harm and family in memory of Roger Harm
- ♣ Loren and Marlene Lee in memory of Ray & Esther Henningsen and Darold & Dorothy Lee
- ♠ Mike Korner in memory of Kathy and loved ones
- Ryan and Kayla Morgan in memory of loved ones
- Craig and Val Teut in memory of Taylor Marie Teut & Virgene Fredericks
- ♣ Bruce and Cathy Namanny and family in memory of loved ones
- Derick and Amanda Bruhn in memory of loved ones
- Kristin Hennings in memory of Warren Hennings and Jerry & Jenell Meseck
- Roger and Karin Schneider in memory of loved ones
- Pete and Elaine Teut in memory of loved ones
- Richard Fredericks in memory of Virgene Fredericks & Taylor Marie Teut
- Marlene Bachman in memory of family and loved ones
- Judy Schultz and family in memory Brad Schultz
- ♣ Todd and Kris Schultz in memory of loved ones
- Tim and Lila Bubke in memory of parents, family and friends
- Harry and Kay Riessen in memory of parents and loved ones
- ♦ Nancy Bielenberg in memory of Herbert & Arlene Teut
- JoAnn Clausen and family in memory of Larry Clausen and Colton Clausen
- JoAnn Clausen and family in memory of Theodore & Leona Aldag and Andrew & Bernice Clausen
- Leroy and Marlene Hight in memory of family & loved ones
- ♣ Lowell and Julie Teut in memory of Taylor Marie Teut & Tyler Banks (grandchildren of Lowell & Julie Teut)
- Lowell and Julie Teut in memory of Fred & Viola Jess and Lenhardt & Anna Teut (parents of Lowell & Julie Teut) and Carol Domino and Janice Petersen (sisters of Lowell & Julie Teut)
- ♣ Loren and Janice Jepsen in loving memory of Leslie & Eileen Grill and Ruth Jackson
- ♣ Lodean and Sandra Voss in memory of Louis & Alice Aldag and Erwin & Marvella Voss
- Diana Schultz, Todd, Kris, Spencer, Payton, Stacy, Dave, Aidan and Chase in memory of Marlowe Schultz
- Daryl and Barb Pedersen in memory of loved ones
- ♣ Loretta Reimers in memory of Clifford H. Reimers
- ♦ Kevin Clausen in memory of Delmer & Lois Clausen
- Dave and Jac Friedrichsen in memory of Joan Johnson
- ♣ Dave and Jac Friedrichsen in memory of Freddie & Elaine Friedrichsen
- ♣ Josh and Ashley Beeck and family in memory of loved ones
- The Bruhn, Hargens, Korner, Paulsen and Wiebers families in memory of Cole Schneider

