

April 20, 2025

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Our worship follows a traditional order inspired by scripture and rooted in ancient patterns. The full order for worship (liturgy) is found in this bulletin.

*Please stand as you are able. Spoken congregational responses are in **Bold.**

GATHERING

Worship begins with the organ prelude. It's a time for silent meditation as we turn our hearts and minds to God.

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*EASTER PROCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \oplus one God, the source of our grace, our Easter and our joy. **Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus'

death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Hymn #365

*GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

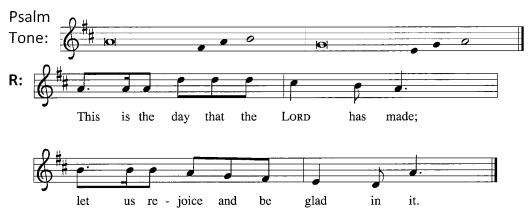
PSALM RINGERS - Rejoice! He Is Risen! Cathy Mokelbust

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song, and has become ¹ my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous: "The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD [|] is exalted!
The right hand of the [|] LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,

and declare the works of the LORD. R

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- ^I ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- ^I ver to death.

¹⁹Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate ¹ of the LORD; here the righ- ¹ teous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me and you have become ¹ my salvation. R

²²The stone that the build- ¹ ers rejected has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has ¹ this been done; it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the ¹ LORD has made; let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 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, unfit 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 has not been 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 proclaim and so you have come to believe. The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SENIOR CHOIR - Christ Is Arisen, Indeed! Natalie Sleeth

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION - Page 142



Al-le-lu-ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



*GOSPEL - Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord. (spoken)

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

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

SERMON	The Rev. Althea Seidel		
*HYMN OF THE DAY - Christ the Lord Is Risen Today	r; Alleluia! Hymn 369		
•	terested in singing along should vard at this time to join the choir.		
Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah Handel			

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response: God of grace, hear our prayer. (After the prayer) Amen.

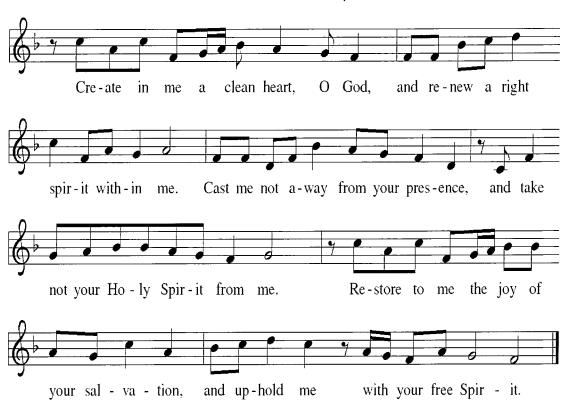
*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.

HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERING - (offering plates will be passed in the pews)

*OFFERTORY HYMN - Create in Me a Clean Heart)



*OFFERTORY PRAYER

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. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

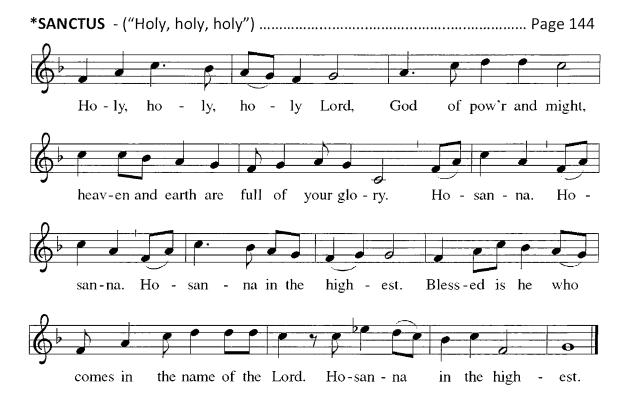
*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

You are indeed holy, Almighty and Merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, Shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

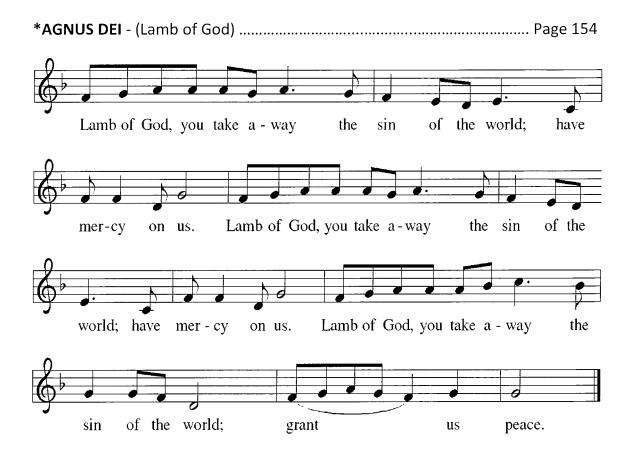
We pray for the gift of the Holy Trinity: in our gathering; within this meal; and in the many ways you may yourself known to your people throughout the world. May all blessing, praise, and thanks be to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, and by your Life-giving Spirit. **Amen.**

*THE 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

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



DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

EVERYONE IS INVITED to come forward to receive Communion. If you are unable to come to the altar, you may remain seated and the pastor will bring you communion at your seat. Children may come forward to receive a blessing.

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and bring you peace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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. Amen.

THE SENDING

*BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

May the God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope Φ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN - Thine Is The Glory Hymn 376

*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! He is risen! Rejoice and be glad.

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE

May the peace of the Lord be with you always! We are glad for your presence today. We hope you come again soon!

Have a blessed Easter!

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The Rev. Althea Seidel - Pastor

Paul Copenhaver - Minister of Music Christine Paradise - Organist Heather Buffington - Bell Choir Director Scott Hower - Lay Assistant

Renee Nelson - Lector Emily Engle - Acolyte

Darwin and Nancy Miller & Denise Rhoade - Greeters

& Elevator access to upper and lower levels is located at rear entrance of church.

Remember to silence cell phones & other electronic device

A GIFT HAS BEEN PRESENTED IN LOVING P MEMORY OF:

In memory of Danielle Jacqueline Derfler by Jack & Monique Derfler
In memory of John G. Rager & Mary L. Rager by Michael D. Mohn
In memory of Betty Reese by Bonnie Battistelli and families
In memory of Betty Reese by Ginny Adams and families
In memory of Betty Reese by Bev Cantrell and families
In memory of Betty Reese by Michael and Kelly Malone
In memory of Robert R. Reese, Jr., Our Dad & Pap and Betty Reese, Our
Mom & Nan by Bobby & Ginny Adams and Family
In memory of Robert R. Reese III & Bruce Reese Bobby & Ginny Adams
and Family

In memory of Todd Michael Battistelli, Nephew and Lauren Marie Cantrell & Twin by Aunt Gin and Uncle Bobby, and Family

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, April 21 - Praise Ringers 6 p.m.; Psalm Ringers 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 22 - Senior Choir 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 23 - Quittapahilla Audubon Society Meeting 7 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: Pastor Althea will be on vacation April 21st-22nd following Easter. She will be back in the Church Office on Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at 10:30am.

PRAYER CONCERNS: If you no longer wish to be included in the prayer update list, please let the Church Office know to remove your name.

2025 LENTEN NOAH'S ARK PROJECT — A new ELCA Good Gift is "abundant community." This equips a whole community with the resources needed to build a stronger future. This gift bundle includes a goat, rooster, cow, three chicks, seeds and gardening tools, honeybees, three fruit-tree seedlings, farmers' field school and community garden — gifts that will enable neighbors to nourish themselves and their families and generate income. The seeds of hope you help your neighbors plant today will continue to grow for generations to come. Our goal to purchase this gift is \$1,020. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to help us meet our goal. Envelopes can be found in the pews or at either Welcome Table. You can also put a note on or with your check. Thank you.

DIRECTORY PHOTOS – If you missed having your photo taken for the upcoming directory, you can submit a photo for inclusion. The cost is \$15. Please make the payment to the Church. You can also email the photo to stephanie@trinityleb.org. You will receive a copy of the directory. The deadline for submission is April 21.

PRAYER UPDATE: We have been asked to keep Becky, Bryan Albright, Barb Atwood, Bev Birch, The Family of Linda Blessing, Marian Brandt, Terry Clearwater, The Family of Elzy Ditzler, Deb Dobson, Susie Eckert, Dan Fox, The Family of Fred, Lohla, Mo Gockley, Mike and Nancy Hentz, Patty Hess, Joette Hollinger, Jamie Johnson, Jim & Judi Light, Rachel, The Family of Betty Reese, George Smith, Marie Smith, Ernie Thompson, Nancy Warner, and Mary Yeagley in our prayers.

FELLOWSHIP & FUN – You are invited to join your Church Family for a potluck and games! We will be gathering in the Social Room on Sunday, April 27 after Worship Service. The sign-up sheet for the potluck is located at both Welcome Tables. Feel free to bring a favorite game. There is also a wide variety of games here at the Church. We will also be playing Bingo! If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office.



There are many ways that we, as a congregation and as individuals, give back to the Lord. Many of us share our gifts, talents, and money in order to have our many ministries flourish. For the months of April and May, we will be going back to passing the offering plates in the pews. The offering plates are just another opportunity for us or for our visitors to give. Your support, in whatever ways it is shared, is always appreciated.

Scan to donate online:



Church Treasurer's Financial Summary

	For the Month Of	Actual	Budget
	Feb 2025	Year to Date	Year to Date
Income	24,345	61,753	51,262
Expenses	(22,057)	(65,192)	(68,781)
Net Income	\$2,288	\$(3,439)	\$(17,518)



50+ Festival: May 3rd

We will begin at 3 p.m. with a musical treat— Long Acre Hollow Bluegrass. The band features a hard driving, high energy, instrumental and vocal mix that will keep you on the edge of your seat. The band features senior fiddle player Emily Roeder, 14 year old multi-instrumentalist Izaak Schwartz on banjo, 12 year old Mollie Longenecker on fiddle/mandolin, and up and coming vocalist Cody Felty on 6-string.

The music will be followed by a late afternoon luncheon and fun filled activities in the Social Room.

For whippersnappers under 50, who are interested in attending, remember we don't require ID's to attend. You are welcome to join the "mature" generation at this event!

To help the committee plan for the luncheon, it requests that if you think you may be able to attend the 50+ Celebration, to sign the list headed 50+ Celebration found at either Welcome Table. Thank you!



Honorariums & Memorials

A flower has been placed in the Chancel to the glory of God, and IN LOVING MEMORY OF

- ♥ Christine Bailor, by Richard & Joette Hollinger
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Edgar R. Barr, parents, by Preston & Jean Darkes
- ♥ Bill Basselgia, my husband, by Alice Basselgia
- ♥ Lois **Beuchle**, by Jim Dibert
- ♥ Katherine Bentz, mother & Leroy T. Bentz, Jr., brother, by Alice Basselgia
- ♥ My grandmother, Ida S. Billman, by The Green Family
- ♥ My mother, Rosalie Keller **Brandt**, by The Green Family
- ♥ Our brother and Uncie, Steven M. **Brossman**, by The Bullock and Brossman Families
- ♥ Vanessa **Brown**, by husband, Jay Brown
- f v Dave **Buffington**, by Heather Buffington
- ♥ My husband, James G. Cassel, Jr., by Judy Cassel
- ▼ LeRoy **Copenhaver**, by PJ & Barb Copenhaver
- ♥ Mr. & Mrs. Ammon W. **Darkes**, parents, by Preston & Jean Darkes
- ♥ Wife, Carolyn M. **Dibert**, by Jim Dibert
- ♥ Carole & Skip **Engle**, friend, by Alice Basselgia
- ♥ Lars **Frantzen**, by Vanessa VonSeggern
- ♥ John & Linda **Freed**, by PJ & Barb Copenhaver
- ♥ Dorothy **Hollinger**, by Richard & Joette Hollinger
- ♥ Melanie Lynn **Horner**, niece, by Preston & Jean Darkes
- ♥ Ronald Leslie **Hunter**, by wife, Renee Hunter

- ♥ Charles **Gerberich**, by Marilyn Gerberich
- ♥ Departed family members, by Doris **Grace**
- ▼ My husband, Jerome "Jerry" Grace, by wife, Doris
- ▼ Mary Keip, mother of Mary Beth Eisenhauer and Grandma to Mason Eisenhauer
- ♥ Barbara Krause, by Vanessa VonSeggern
- ♥ Ralph & Beulah Kreiser, by Sandra Wampler
- ♥ Grandparents, Russell & Madeline Labe and Aunt Grace, by Pastor Althea
- ♥ My parents, Lamar & Helen Lindenmuth, by Judy Cassel
- ♥ Roberta & James Mease, Sr., sister & brother-in-law, by Alice Basselgia
- ♥ Renee **Metzinger**, Godmother to Mason Eisenhauer
- ♥ Richard Muth, by Wanda Muth
- ▼ My parents/grandparents, Dale & JoAnn Nelson, by Renee, David, Felicia, Cody, and Hunter Nelson
- ♥ Earl **Peiffer**, by Janice Peiffer & Beth Moore
- ♥ Bob & Lillian Royer daughter, Renee Nelson
- ♥ Our parents, Robert & Lillian **Royer** by their son-in-law and daughter, Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ♥ Ezequiel "Bebo" & Esther **Santana**, by Stephanie, Matthew, Zachery, & Samuel Kaylor
- ♥ Grandparents, Calvin & Elaine **Seidel** and Aunt Carol, by Pastor Althea
- ♥ Charles **Shuey**, Godfather to Mason Eisenhauer
- ♥ Connie **Stickler**, niece, by Alice Basselgia
- ♥ My wife, Fay J. **Thompson**, by Ernest Thompson
- ♥ My daughter, Valeta F. **Thompson**, by Ernest Thompson
- ▼ My grandparents, by Vanessa VonSeggern
- ▼ My parents, by Vanessa VonSeggern
- ♥ John **Walter**, by Heather Buffington
- ▼ Alexander Henry Wampler, by his parents, Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ◆ Arlene & Warren Wampler, by their son and daughter-in-law, Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ♥ Cliff Wampler, by Sandra Wampler
- ♥ Marvin & Clarissa Wampler, by Sandra Wampler
- ▼ My parents/grandparents, Francis & Carole White, by Renee, David, Felicia, Cody, and Hunter Nelson

♥ Dr. Bradley **Youse**, by Conrad & Winnie Youse

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- ♥ All Choir Members, past and present, by PJ & Barb Copenhaver
- **▼ All Church Musicians**, by Heather Buffington
- ♥ Fiancé, Kyle Barnett, by Pastor Althea
- ♥ Nick, Ben, & Indigo **Buffington**, by Heather Buffington
- ▼ Janice Copenhaver, by PJ & Barb Copenhaver
- ♥ Our daughters: Karen, Trisha, and Rachel, grandchildren: Vincent, Gabrielle, Alizah, and Dustyn, by Preston & Jean **Darkes**
- ♥ James **Dibert**, by Barry & Connie Thompson
- ▼ Ryan & Sienna Hunter by mother, Renee Hunter
- ♥ My family, William, Lori, Nicole, & Michael, by Doris Grace
- ▼ Zachery & Samuel **Kaylor**, by parents, Stephanie & Matthew Kaylor
- ♥ Elijah, Benjamin, & Owen Perini by grandmother, Renee Hunter
- ♥ Parents, Calvin & Diane **Seidel**, by Pastor Althea
- ♥ Our daughters: Tammy, Laura, Jody, & son-in-law: Josh, by Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ♥ Our granddaughter, Ava Marie **Wampler**, by Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ♥ Our grandsons, Nelson, & Joseph **Speraw**, by Henry & Roberta Wampler
- ♥ Son, Michael Youse and grandchildren, by Conrad & Winnie Youse







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