

EASTER SUNDAY – MARCH 31, 2024

PRELUDE

Rob Aaron

CALL TO WORSHIP

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The right hand of God has triumphed!

The right hand of God is exalted!

Because of the Lord's victory I will not die.

Instead I will live and proclaim what God has done.

The Lord has punished me, but has not given me over to death.

Open to me the gates of the Temple. I will go in and give thanks to God.

This is the gate of God.

The righteous shall enter through it.

I thank you God, that you have answered me and become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has turned out to be the most important of all.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

GATHERING SONG *“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”*



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| 1 | Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 2 | Hymns of praise then let us sing, | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 3 | But the pains which he en - dured, | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 4 | Sing we to our God a - bove, | Al - le - lu - ia! |



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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! |



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 you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He 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

Let us pray together...**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

“Alleluia! Alleluia!”

CHILDREN’S SERMON

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the

devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:

“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ **the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”**

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

¹⁸ The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
**that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and 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.
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *“Thy Word”*

Refrain: Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

¹When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still You’re there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear, as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end.
Refrain

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord!

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Thine is the Glory”



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P) Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

(Brief Pause)

All glory to you, dear Father in heaven, for you have fulfilled your Word and brought your Son Jesus, our Lord and God, through death to resurrection! Let this news of redemption spread throughout the world. By His death, He has trampled down death and creation is renewed.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

Unite in joy all your holy churches gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Put an end to all division and false doctrine. You brought Noah and his family through the great flood; You brought Israel through the sea on dry ground; You brought Jonah up from the belly of the sea creature; and finally You raised Your Son Jesus from the dead. Raise up preachers in every city and land to shout this good news. Grant that the name of Jesus be heard in every corner of the earth this glad day.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

By the power of Your Son's resurrection, we implore You to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving and all who stand in need, especially those we name either out loud or silently in our hearts (*Pause for spoken and silent prayers*). And when our last hour comes, take us to Yourself, that where You are, we may be also.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

In His glorious resurrection, You revealed Your Son to be King of kings and Lord of lords. Grant that all who bear earthly authority would exercise their offices with humility, restraint and integrity for the well-being and preservation of Your holy Church.

Lord, in Your mercy, *hear our prayer.*

P) Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Holy City”

Jack Benson

OFFERING *The offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. If you are visiting with us, please feel free to pass the offering plate, you are our guest.*

OFFERTORY

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heav'nly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

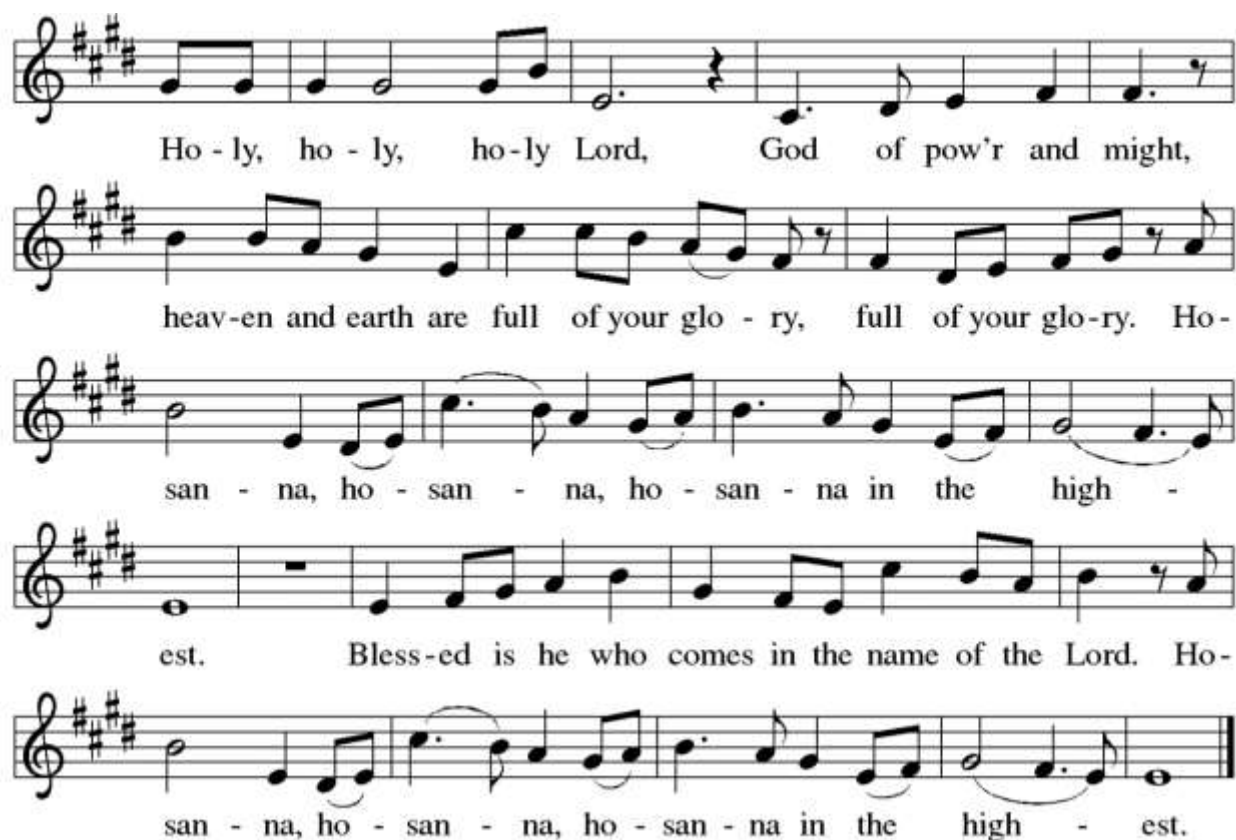
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER *(Sung)*

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our
 debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is
 the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
 forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION – *Holy Communion is open to all. We believe and teach that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine/juice, which are his body and blood. (Today the wine is represented by purple grape juice).*



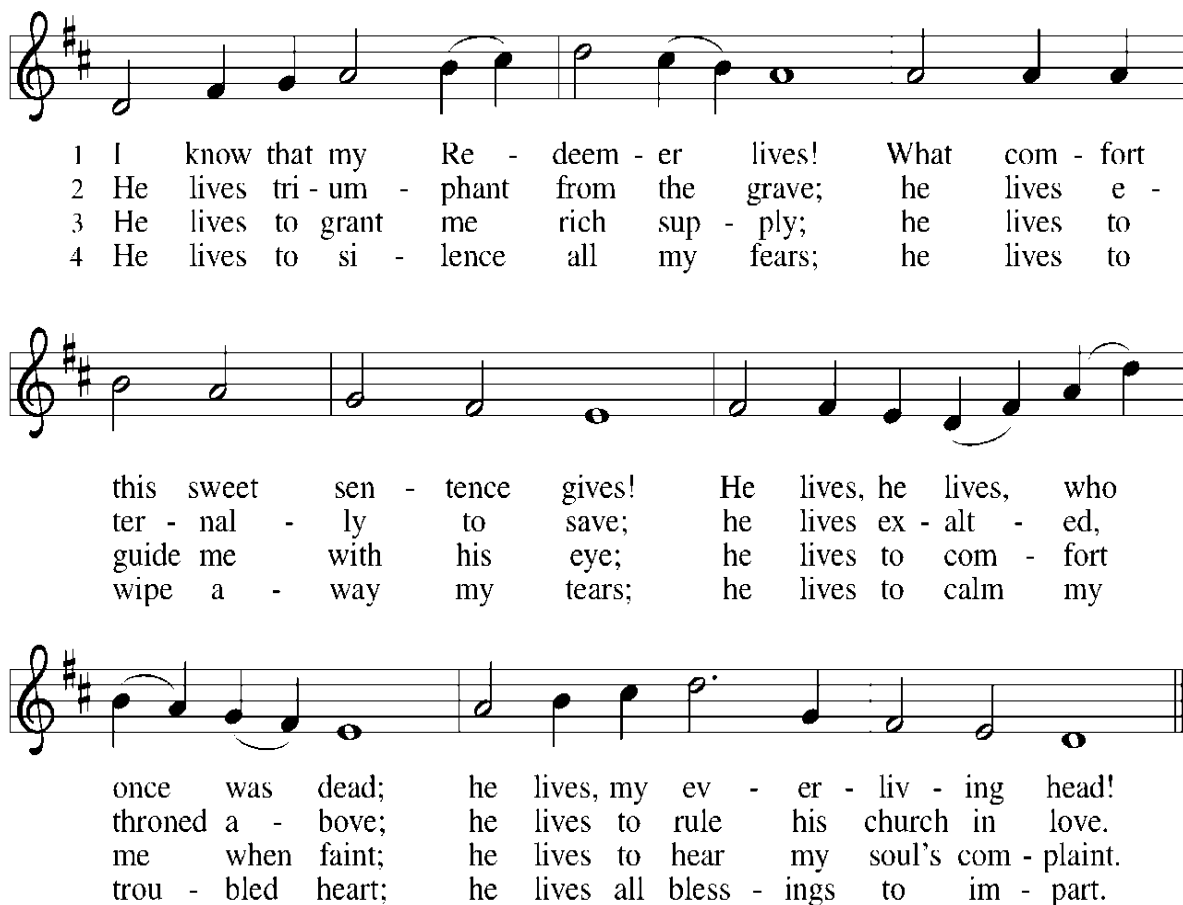
COMMUNION SONGS

"Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"



1 I know that my Re-deem-er lives! What com-fort
2 He lives tri-um-phant from the grave; he lives e-
3 He lives to grant me rich sup-ply; he lives to
4 He lives to si-lence all my fears; he lives to
this sweet sen-tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter-nal-ly to save; he lives ex-alt-ed,
guide me with his eye; he lives to com-fort
wipe a-way my tears; he lives to calm my
once was dead; he lives, my ev-er-liv-ing head!
throned a-bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com-plaint.
trou-bled heart; he lives all bless-ings to im-part.

“Alleluia”



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
2 He's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia;
3 He is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia;
4 I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia;



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia, he's my Sav - ior, al - le - lu - ia.
he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia, he is wor - thy, al - le - lu - ia.
I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia, I will praise him, al - le - lu - ia.

“He is Lord”



1 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris - en from the dead and he is Lord;
2 To re - main in con - trol Christ did not con - sid - er some - thing to be held.
3 For our sins Je - sus died, tak - ing on our blame and shame up - on a cross.
4 He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris - en from the dead and he is Lord;




ev - 'ry knee shall bow, ev - 'ry tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.
But he took the form of a hu - man child, more ser - vant than a lord.
Then God lift - ed Christ to the high - est place, that we could name our Lord!
ev - 'ry knee shall bow, ev - 'ry tongue con - fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.


"Shout to the Lord"



My Je - sus, my Sav - ior, Lord, there is none like you.



All of my days I want to praise the won-ders of your might-y



love. My com-fort, my shel-ter, tow-er of ref - uge and strength;



let ev-'ry breath, all that I am nev-er cease to wor-ship you.



Shout to the Lord, all the earth; let us sing pow-er and maj - es-ty, praise



to the King. Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the



sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work



of your hands; for - ev-er I'll love you, for-ev - er I'll stand.



Noth-ing com-pares to the prom - ise I have in you.

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" (2 times)

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross,
my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave,
from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you, and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.....**God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

"Because He Lives"



1 God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus;
2 How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by;
3 And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;



he came to love, heal, and for - give;
and feel the pride and joy he gives,
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain;



he lived and died to buy my par - don,
but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance
and then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



an emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.
this child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.
I'll see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know he lives.

Refrain



Be-cause he lives I can face to-mor - row; be-cause he lives



all fear is gone; be-cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



and life is worth the liv - ing just be-cause he lives.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Proclaim the resurrection.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

After worship, come downstairs for our Easter Brunch!

~Rob Aaron – piano~ ~Nancy Martin – choir ~ Jack Benson -special music~
~Pr. Gary Heltsley – presiding~

TODAY'S WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Greeters: | Guy & Barb Bralley |
| Ushers: | Mark & Sheryl Sjobom |
| Reader: | Sue Nichols |
| Sacristans: | Rosemary Wheaton & Janet Wright |
| Comm Assistants: | Linda Gaskins & Simon Johnson |
| Altar Flowers: | Dennis & Bonnie O'Hanlon |
| Barista: | Michael Wright |
| Close up: | Rosemary Wheaton |

Last Week's Attendance: 104 **Last Week's Offering:** \$3,041.00

READINGS FOR APRIL 7, 2024

Acts 4:32-35 ~ Psalm 133 ~ 1 John 1:1—2:2 ~ John 20:19-31



ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY EASTER! We welcome everyone who is worshipping with us today. We hope that God speaks to your heart this day.

Easter Brunch – Join us this Easter morning for brunch in the Fellowship Hall. **April 7th** – *April Birthday Celebrations* (cake provided by NBLCC).

Thank you to all who donated Easter Lilies to decorate the sanctuary today!

Neighborhood Bible Study – meets on **Tuesday, April 2nd** at 12:45 pm. For more information, please contact Sue Nichols at (360) 277-3414.

Dementia Support Group – meets on **Wednesday, April 3rd** at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Patty at 360-271-0055 (C) or 360-275-3939 (H), or email at palmcanal@hotmail.com.

Women of North Bay - let's meet for coffee! Our April gathering is **Friday, April 5th** at 10:00 am. As we have morning coffee (or tea!) with Jesus and one another, we'll explore the theme of hospitality: the hospitality shown to us by our gracious Lord and the hospitality we share with one another. Please bring a coffee mug or teacup that has special meaning to you. There will also be a basket to collect non-perishable personal items for the local food bank. Don't miss this...and bring a friend! RSVP to Cathy Moen (360) 275-6757 or cathy-mm@wavecable.com.

Men's Bible Study - will meet this **Saturday, April 6th** at 8:00 am as we continue our study of the Gospel of Luke. For your calendars, Men's Bible Study will be taking a break on **April 13th and April 20th**.

Church Directory – It's time to update and re-print the NBLCC telephone/address directory. Please let the office know if you would like to be added to the directory or if you have any changes that need to be made. Blue directory forms are available on the table outside the office, or you can submit your changes on the yellow communication cards that are located in the pews.

Office Hours this week are Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pastor Gary is in the office Tuesday and Wednesday, 9:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Prayers – Please call the church line with your prayer requests, or if you need pastoral care (360) 275-3390.

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EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

Donation from:

Dedicated to:

Anonymous.....*To our precious son, love, Mother & Daddy*

Anonymous.....*My dear son*

Guy & Barb Bralley.....*For all God's blessings*

Guy & Barb Bralley.....*Loving memory of our parents*

Bonnie Haden.....*Husband, David Haden*

Diane & Gary Heltsley.....*In memory of Dale, Jane, Jim & Steve*

June Hove.....*In loving memory of my husband Dale*

The Holt Family.....*Memory of Doug Holt*

Jane & John Indorf.....*Jean Strong & Lois Indorf*

Jerry & Ronda Jensen.....*In memory of Janice Jensen*

Chuck & Jan Krogh.....*Our Son, Matthew Allen Gray*

Gary & Linda Lorenz.....*Grandfather, John Earl Hart*

Tom & Joyce River.....*Eric & Joan Paulson*

Mick Roswold.....*In loving memory of Faye*

Bill & Pam Sund.....*Our mothers, Salli Clayton & Mavis Sund*