

Hymns:

Gathering— <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!</i>	ELW 385
Hymn of the Day— <i>Day of Arising</i>	ELW 374
Sending— <i>Come, Faithful, Raise the Strain</i>	ELW 363
Prelude— <i>Lauda Sion</i>	TOURNEMIRE
Choir Anthem <i>The Whole Bright World Rejoices Now</i>	SCHALK
Communion— <i>Sacris Solemnis (Panis Angelicus)</i>	DUPRE
Postlude— <i>Piece Terminale</i>	TOURNEMIRE

First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ³⁶ “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

³⁷ Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” ³⁸ Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” ⁴⁰ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Psalm: Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

¹ I love the Lord, who has heard my voice, and listened to my supplication,

² **for the Lord has given ear to me whenever I called.**

³ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

⁴ **Then I called upon the name of the Lord: “O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

¹² How shall I repay the Lord for all the good things God has done for me?

¹³ **I will lift the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.**

¹⁴ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.

¹⁵ **Precious in your sight, O Lord, is the death of your servants.**

¹⁶ O Lord, truly I am your servant; I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.

¹⁷ **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call upon the name of the Lord.**

¹⁸ I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of ^lall God’s people,

¹⁹ **in the courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-23

¹⁷ If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. ¹⁸ You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. ²⁰ He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. ²¹ Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. ²² Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. ²³ You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35

¹³ Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴ and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵ While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, ¹⁶ but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷ And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸ Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" ¹⁹ He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰ and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. ²¹ But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. ²² Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, ²³ and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. ²⁴ Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." ²⁵ Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! ²⁶ Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" ²⁷ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

²⁸ As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. ³² They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" ³³ That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. ³⁴ They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵ Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Mark & Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>Sylvia Ford</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Ann Satterwhite</i>	<i>*Need Volunteer</i>
		<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i> <i>*Need Volunteer</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Linda Griffith & Sylvia Ford</i>	<i>Beth Cleland & Melba Murphy</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Jim Garner</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>*Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Charles & Ruth Nicholson</i>

The flowers today are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Frank Yonce.

During the Passing of the Peace, you are invited to greet those near you with a handshake and the words, "Peace be with you." Making eye contact and recognizing one another is one way we live out who we are as a people who follow Jesus, grow in God's love, and care for our neighbor. You might even share the peace with someone you don't usually talk to.

We also know that people have different comfort levels, mobility needs, and levels of sensitivity to touch, so please continue to be thoughtful and respectful of one another. Thank you for helping us share the peace of Christ in this simple and meaningful way.

God's Helping Hands current needs are: vegetable oil, breakfast cereal, small bags of sugar and flour, small cans of soup. Please place donations in the container in the Cameron Hallway.

May Grapevine Deadline: Monday, April 27, 9:00 am.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

Melanie Amick
Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Anne Moye
Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>(April 19)</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>2:00 pm</i>	<i>SC Synod Event</i>
	<i>3:00 pm</i>	<i>Saxe Gotha Voting Members Mtg.</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>	<i>Lutheran Men</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Bible Study</i>
	<i>6:00 pm</i>	<i>Executive Committee Mtg.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>12:00 pm</i>	<i>Saxe-Gotha Rostered Leaders Mtg.</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>9:15 am</i>	<i>Adult Sunday School</i>
<i>(April 26)</i>	<i>10:00 am</i>	<i>Choir Practice</i>
	<i>10:15 am</i>	<i>Youth Sunday School</i>
	<i>10:30 am</i>	<i>Holy Communion</i>
	<i>3:00 pm</i>	<i>Joint OSLC-WELCA Mtg.</i>