

New Jerusalem Lutheran Church



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Easter
Worship Service



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OUR MISSION: *Responding to God's grace, we are a welcoming congregation growing in Christian faith through worship, learning, serving, and fellowship.*

OUR VISION: *NJLC is a compassionate community of disciples that values everyone & expresses faith by connecting with God, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, & all creation.*

WELCOME TO NEW JERUSALEM

A few items of note to help you in your time here today:

MASKS — Masks are optional for worship and events at New Jerusalem, though we encourage mask wearing for anyone who chooses to do so.

NEWCOMERS — Visitors are always welcome and we invite you to sign our guestbook located in the entryway or fill out a pew card from the pew rack in front of you.

COMMUNION — Welcome to the table of Christ where we believe Christ is fully present to us in, with, and under these elements of bread and wine. You are invited to participate whether you are a member here or come to us from any other denominational tradition. Those not ready to receive Christ in body and blood, may still come forward to receive Christ in blessing. Ushers will direct you to the front, forming two lines. A wafer will be placed in your hand by the Pastor. Gluten free wafers are available from the Pastor upon request. The wafer may then be dipped in either the first chalice (wine) or the second chalice (non-alcoholic grape juice) for you to consume. If you cannot come forward, communion can be brought to you after all have communed at the front.

CHILDREN — We seek to be a family-friendly congregation who enjoys having children among us, including the littler ones. We have a Cherub's Corner in the fellowship hall downstairs with age appropriate toys, books, etc. and the worship service can be heard over the speakers. Should you have the need/desire to utilize our staffed Sunday Morning Nursery, it is located in the end room of the education building.

HANDICAP ACCESSABILITY — Handicap accessible restrooms are located downstairs at the back of our Fellowship Hall or across in our Education Building. Someone is available to run the lift should you need to get up and down between levels.

We hope that in your time among us, you will encounter the love of God in Spirit!



EASTER FLOWER GARDEN

At the beginning of Lent, we put away our "Alleluias." But now those buried "Alleluias" sprout up everywhere, in our prayers and songs and flowering on our tongues. Our sanctuary even blooms with a party of tulips and daffodils, hyacinths and lilies - potted "Alleluias!" The perfume of life now spills down our aisles and out our front door. A glimpse of the Garden of Eden has been restored. Resurrection is now spread like pollen on the wind, and we will leave today's service like bees covered in good news to spread it everywhere we go!

Easter Sunday

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

GLORIA (*from Twelfth Mass*)
W. A. Mozart

Mark A. Fletcher

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship by observing silence through the music.

WELCOME

Please stand as you are able.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

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People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”
(*music on next page*)

LBW 151

During the singing of the Gathering Hymn, a flowered cross will be processed into the sanctuary and placed by the worship table for all to see. The flowers are fresh cut and provided by varying members of the congregation. May their beauty and their fragrance join our human voices in raising Alleluia! to the Risen Lord!

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!

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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news! In baptism you were buried with Christ. In baptism you were also raised to life with him, through faith in the power of God who raised Christ from the dead. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Therefore, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you have been made new!

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news! Through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom, and freed from the bondage of sin. Therefore, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are set free!

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Sisters and brothers in Christ, hear the good news! Our baptism is a sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ. Therefore, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Let us therefore celebrate our freedom and redemption through the renewal of the promises made at our baptism. I ask you once again to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

People: 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

GREETING & PEACE

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

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Having been greeted in love and peace by our Triune Godhead, I invite us to greet one another in like manner as we gather this day.

All are invited to share a sign and greeting of God's peace with one another.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

People: 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.

Please be seated.

THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34-43

Reader: The first reading for today is recorded in the book of Acts...

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."

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Reader: The second reading for today is recorded in the book of Colossians...

¹If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Reader: Word of God. Word of life.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

ELW 172

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

People: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Phil Carl

THE PRAYGROUND

Children are invited to The Prayground for Bible lessons, activities, crafts and prayers.

SERMON

Pastor Phil Carl

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Thine Is the Glory"
(music on next page)

LBW 145

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!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reader: United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need... You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Gracious God, as we strive to call a new pastor for this congregation, send your Spirit to guide our decisions and those of all others in that process, so that the outcome reflects your will for our future. Merciful God,

People: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Reader: As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Reader: Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

People: Amen.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Mark A. Fletcher

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Generous God,

People: in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

HOLY, HOLY

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

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: 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, that whoever believes in him may not perish but have eternal life. Having come into the world, he fulfilled for us your holy will and accomplished our salvation.

Pastor: In 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to say:

People: 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

Pastor: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

People: Thanks be to God.


Please be seated.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION MUSIC

“Hymn of Praise”
(See music on next page.)


Mark A. Fletcher



All [his is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.




This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you always in His grace.

People: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: Let us pray... Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name.

People: Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Pastor: The God of all, who raised Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.

People: Amen.

SENDING SONG "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" LBW 128
Children will accompany our hymn on the melody bells.
(music on next page)

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Resurrection is spread through the world like pollen on the wind. Go in peace. Like bees covered in good news, spread resurrection joy and hope everywhere you go!

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Mark A. Fletcher

Renewed and strengthened by our worship together, go forth in peace to serve to the world. Following today's service, we will have a traditional children's Easter egg hunt and refreshments will be available in the fellowship hall.

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821



EASTER FLOWERS

The flowers in our Easter Flower Garden
this year are given to the Glory of God...

In Loving Memory Of:

*Bernard Orndorff
Clyde and Buelah Orndorff
George and Catherine Wenner
Lawrence and Mary Gladstone
Edward and Ruth Plitt
Vernon Lee Washington
Anneliese Betz
R. Francis Shomaker
Joey Dant
Gary English
Loved Ones
Barbara King Lemp
My Dad, My Grandparents
and My Father-in-law
Our Parents - Michael and Ruth Zapf
and Maurice and Ruth Welty
Kathie Carl
Our Parents and Grandparents*

In Honor Of:

*Our Children
Our Grandchildren
Our Grandchildren: Torsten, Tucker, Colden
My Mom, My Daughter
and Stepdaughter's families
Matthew Carl*

Given By:

*Nancy Orndorff
Nancy Orndorff
Nancy Orndorff
Harold and Dottie Gladstone
Harold and Dottie Gladstone
Harold and Dottie Gladstone
The Betz Family
Ann Shomaker and Family
Wanda V. English
Wanda V. English
George and Joyce Hoopengardner
Joel and Soledad Lemp
Jinann Larson

Mike and Diana Zapf

Pastor Phillip and Marilyn Carl
Warren and Sherry Whipple*

Given By:

*George and Joyce Hoopengardner
George and Joyce Hoopengardner
Fred and Carolynne Wegmeyer
Jinann Larson

Pastor Phillip and Marilyn Carl*

PSALM OF THE DAY: 118:1-2, 14-24

(not read during today's service)

¹O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever! ²Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever." ... ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. ¹⁵There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly; ¹⁶the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly." ¹⁷I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. ¹⁸The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death. ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD. ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it. ²¹I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. ²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements for April 9, 2023

PRAYERS FOR OUR NJLC COMMUNITY

***new names added this week (NJLC connection)*

Prayer Requests:

Family of Isabella Fletcher (*Mark Fletcher*); Bill Donahew (*Robin Betz*); Spiker & Conchilla families (*Linda Heffern*); Pastor Lee & Cindy Crosby (*Judy Fox*); Al Vingelis (*Pastor Krista Vingelis*); Family of Don Garrett; Dean Fox (*Judy Fox*); Roger Schlichting (*Lisa Loeffler*); Greg Keister (*Helen Keister*); Marilyn Larson (*Jinann Larson*); Ann Shomaker; Gary Lowry; Rick & Renee Carmody (*Lisa Loeffler*); Peggy Glascock (*Judy Fox*); Randy Horst (*Diana Zapf*); Bob Martin (*Barbara Vilpors*); Joyce Norris Miller (*Barbara Tritapoe*); Charlotte Clatterbuck; Chuck Dieter; Barbara Lamm; Lori Legard; Janice Windsor

Prayers For Those Serving Our Nation: LTC Andrew Zapf; LTC Mack Brownell; All of our troops serving overseas; Seaman Matthew J. Betz; PFC Nicholas Wagoner; Lt Kawika Chang; Major Gretchen Day; Christopher Lentz

CONTACTING THE CHURCH OFFICE: We respectfully ask for your patience, understanding and grace during this period of transitioning. The best way to contact the church office will be to call 540-822-5576 and speak with an office volunteer, Pastor Phil or leave a message. Voicemails will be checked frequently and we will respond to all messages in a timely manner. You may also reach Pastor Phil directly at pastor.njlc@gmail.com or 703.955.6714.

EASTER FLOWERED CROSS: Here at NJLC, a flowered cross symbolizes the Resurrection and new life and we are happy to once again include the flowered cross in our Easter festival celebration. Thanks to all who brought fresh-cut flowers to cover the cross.

THE PRAYGROUND: All children are invited to join Mrs. Cooper-Barlow and Mrs. Stillman to rehearse **TODAY**. The children will be part of the opening processional and will play our melody bells with the sending hymn. During the service the children will rehearse with our melody bells. All children are welcome!

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT AND FELLOWSHIP: After the service **TODAY** the children will participate in the traditional Easter egg hunt. Children gather in the fellowship hall after church. Also, coffee, donuts and juice will be available in the fellowship hall. Come and enjoy!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Altar flowers are a beautiful and meaningful addition to the worship service each week and a joyful way to give glory to God and honor our family and friends. To provide altar flowers for a special up-coming Sunday, sign-up today on the Flower Chart in the church hallway or contact the church office. The 4th and 5th Sundays in April are available for sign-up.