

LORDSTOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 31, 2024
10:00AM



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Worship Bulletin
Sunday, March 31, 2024
Lordstown Lutheran Church

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We welcome you to worship with us this morning and we're glad you are here. May God bless our time together and may you feel renewed and refreshed as we celebrate God's unconditional love for the world. Thank you for joining us today and we hope you will return again soon.

Children's Sunday School meets on the 2nd & 4th Sundays during worship, and Children's Service project on the 5th Sunday during the School year. As a courtesy the congregation does not stand during worship unless instructed to do so.

Today's Worship Theme

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb.

But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

Entering Into God's Presence

WELCOME

PRELUDE

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

L: Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end. His are all times and ages; To Christ be glory and dominion through endless ages.

Amen

P: May the light of Christ who rises this day in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

L: Let us pray, Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

L: Christ is Risen!

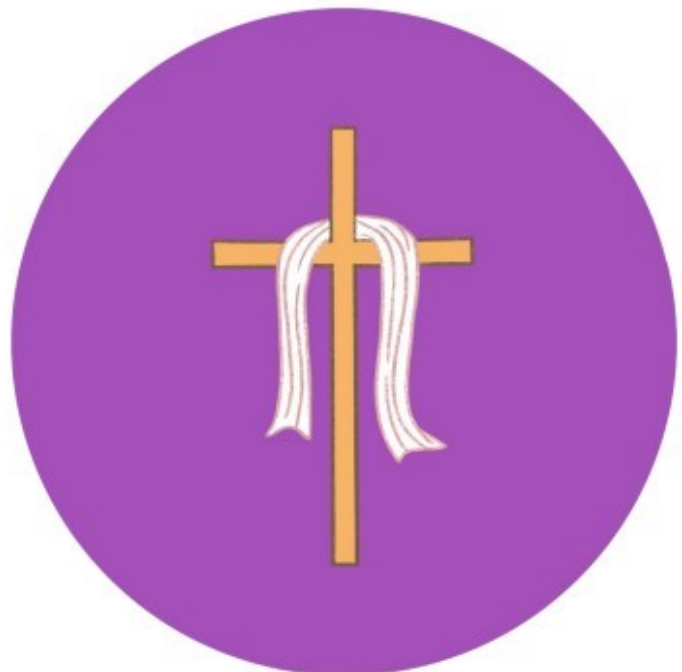
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GATHERING HYMN ALL VS.

367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n-ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

It is customary in the Lutheran Church during the season of Easter to affirm our baptism in place of our confession and forgiveness liturgy

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

P: Amen

L: Look, here is water!

P: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

L: 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.
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

P: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

L: 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.

P: Amen

L: Look, here is water!

P: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Choir Anthem - Crown Him with many Crowns

God's Word for Us Today

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 LECTOR

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

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

LECTOR

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

**2 Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

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

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

16 The right hand of the Lord is exalted!
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**17 I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the Lord.**

18 The Lord indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

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

20 "This is the gate of the Lord;
here the righteous may enter."

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

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

**23 By the Lord has this been done;
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 LECTOR

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

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, 4and that he was buried, and 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 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



Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

The Holy Gospel According to St. Mark

Glory to you, O Lord

1When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. 2And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. 3They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" 4When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. 5As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. 6But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. 7But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." 8So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Rev. Brown



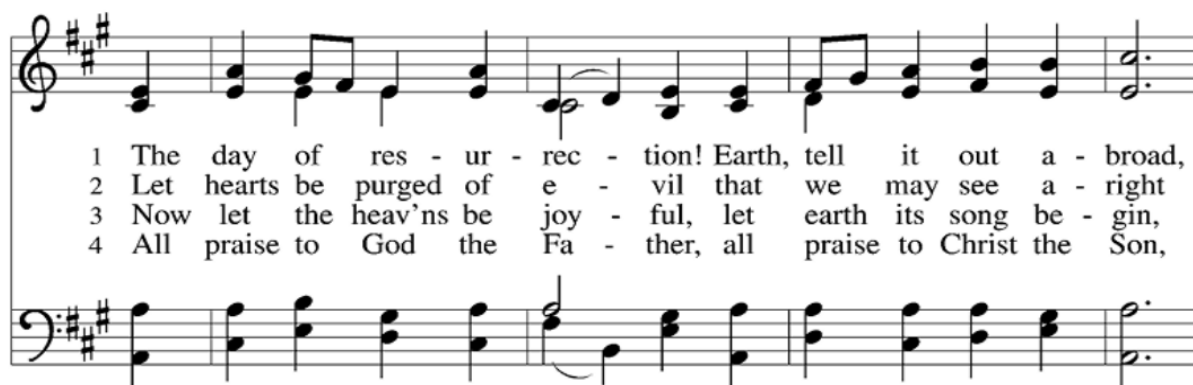
Blessings
Easter

HYMN OF THE DAY vs ALL

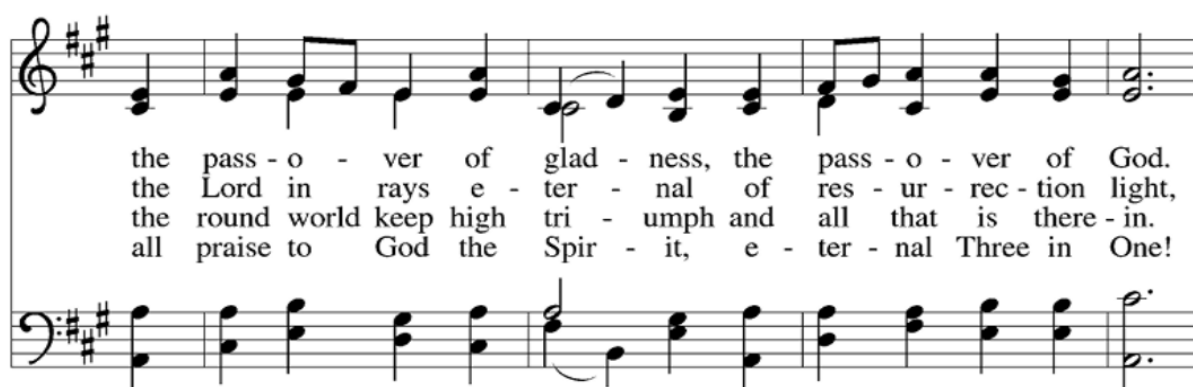
EASTER

The Day of Resurrection!

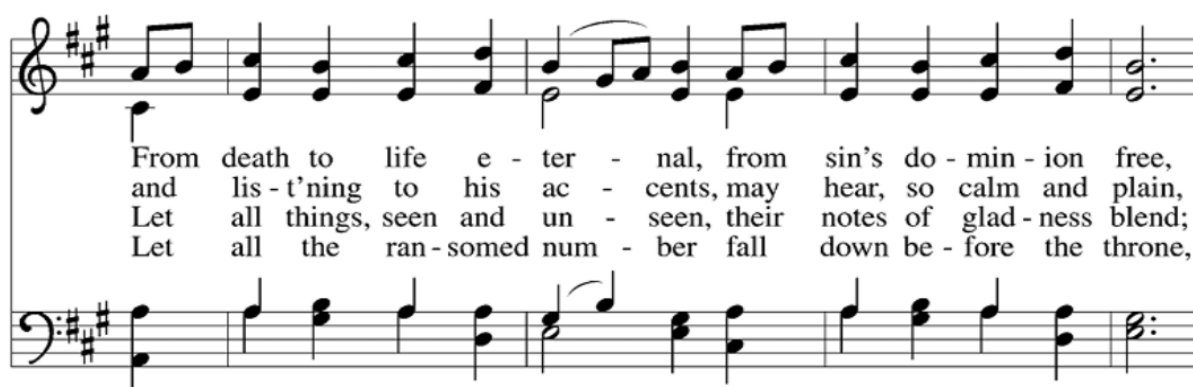
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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - crite to God a - lone!

Together We Say What We Believe

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 to the dead
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 catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**



We Offer Our Prayers and Thanksgiving

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

At the end of each intercessory prayer the Pastor says:

” God of grace,” and the people respond

“Hear our Prayer”

OFFERING SONG

O Bless the Gifts

O bless the gifts our hands have brought;

And bless the work our hearts have planned.

Ours is the faith, the will, the thought;

The rest, O God, is in Your hand

OFFERING 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

*Offering Plates are Located by the doors to the Sanctuary or
You may mail your financial gifts to the church.*

Attn: Pat Hogan

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The Great Thanksgiving

This Table of Christ welcomes all without exception. Join us and experience the love of Christ as we come together to share in this sacred meal.

CHILDREN MAY ALSO RECEIVE A PASTORAL BLESSING. PLEASE TAKE A SMALL CUP FROM THE TRAY WHEN IT IS OFFERED. WINE WILL BE Poured FOR EACH PERSON BY AN ASSISTANT AND GRAPE JUICE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE CENTER OF THE CUP TRAY IF PREFERRED. BREAD WILL BE BROKEN INTO SMALL PIECES AT THE COMMUNION RAIL AND GIVEN TO EACH PERSON.

DIALOGUE

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

P: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**



PREFACE OF THE DAY

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (tune: *Holy, holy, holy*)

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
Heav'n and earth embrace your glory
Praise we cry to you.
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna, hosanna, praise forevermore.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With thanksgiving we take this bread and this cup and proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**ALL: 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

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

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

ALL: 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



Going Forth to Serve

BLESSING

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L: The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

ALL: AMEN



SENDING HYMN VS ALL

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Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE



Easter Flower Display



BY:	FLOWERS:	IN MEMORY OF:
Fredia Radtka	Daffodil	Ted Radtka
Chuck & Margaret Thomas	Pink Hyacinth Purple Chrysanthemum	Loved Ones
Chuck Thomas	Yellow Daffodil White Hyacinth Blue Hyacinth	In Honor of Our Veterans
Lois & Dick Dorazio	Yellow Daffodils	Loved Ones
Karen Lerch	Pink Tulip	Steve & Betty Lerch
Harvey & Dolly Lutz	White Chrysanthemums White Lily	Our Dad & Grandpa – Bob Housel Our Mom & Grandma - Jean Housel Our Grandma – Ora Radtka Our Grandpa – Abe Radtka Our Uncle – Ted Radtka
Hogan Family	White Hyacinth	Hogan & Gifford Families

BY:

Kelsey Mislai & Drue Boyd

Mark & Linda Falatic

George Lehto

Sydney Fellows & Delaney Benner

Maranel Tallman

Kathy Lerch

Patty & Jeff Housel

Ted & Sarah Paxson

Bob & Phyllis Housel

FLOWERS:

White Lilies
Pink Tulip

White Lily
Blue Hyacinth

White Lily

Blue Hyacinth

Blue Hyacinth
Red Tulip

Blue Hyacinth

Pink Tulip
White Lily
Pink Hyacinths
Blue Hyacinths

White Lilies

IN MEMORY OF:

Teddy Radka
& Jean Housel

Steve & Betty Lerch
Bob & Helen Falatic

George & Joyce Lehto

Great Grandpa "Dayo"
Purple Chrysanthemum

In Honor of Tallman
Grandchildren and Greats

Steve & Betty Lerch

Our parents &
Grandparents Bob & Jean Housel
Our Parents &
Son Phil

Our Parents Bob and Jean Housel
Our Grandparents Bob and Jean Housel





Altar Flowers

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To provide altar flowers for worship, please sign up on the poster in the church lobby. \$25 for one vase \$50 for two.



PRAYER LIST & PASTORAL CONCERNS

Please keep our loved ones in your prayers this week

In our Thoughts and Prayers: Jean Housel joined our Lord on February 24, 2024. Please keep Jean's family in your thoughts and Prayers.

Immediate & Ongoing Health Concerns: Lucas Paxson, Ron Hill, Phyllis Housel, Ted Paxson, Leo Divencenzo, Tiffany Fellows, Destiny Givens, Anna Strickland, Joe Harrison, Molly and Family, Mary Sabol, Mark Molnar, Laura Paxson, Rachael Ann, Ilona Rupnik, Linda Behner, Phyllis Knox, Marilyn Davisson

Compassion Child: Marc Yvans.

Active Duty Military: Julian Krusely, Jason Layfield, Talon Brown, Kiana Gates

Scout Troop 20 and its leaders

Our Monthly Mission Outreach and The Children of Lordstown Elementary School

World Peace: Especially for those living in the region of Ukraine and Russia.

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TEXT OR CALL DREA AT 330-770-5585, OR EMAIL US AT

LTOWNLUTHERAN@YAHOO.COM TO NOTIFY US OF FRIENDS OR RELATIVES WHO NEED TO BE ADDED OR REMOVED FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

NEXT Sunday, April 7, 2024

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: Psalm 133

Second Reading: 1 John 1:1--2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31