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Easter Sunday

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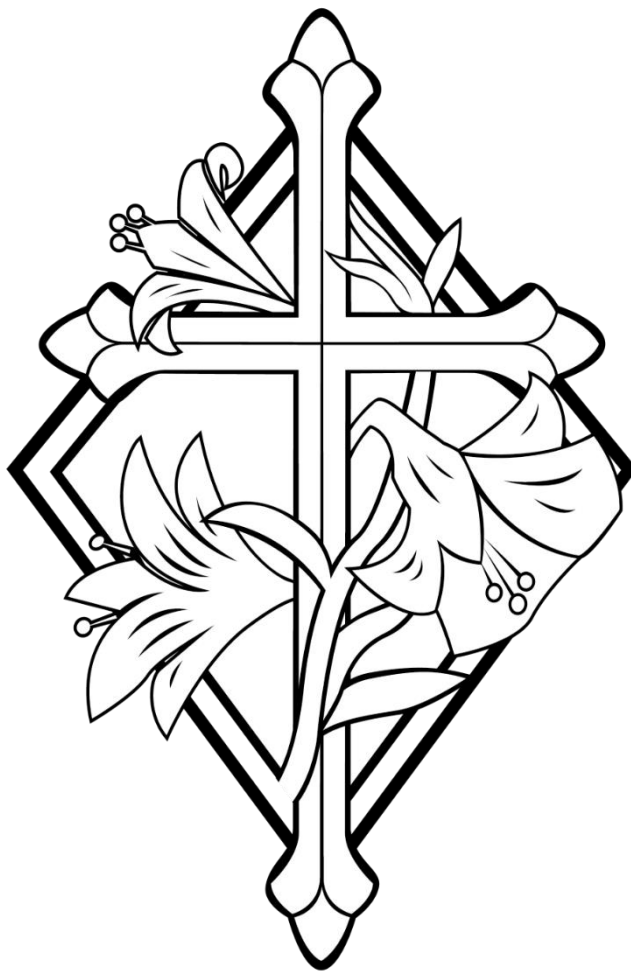
Hymns: **352 343:1-4,7 351:1-4,8 346**

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TODAY'S DIVINE SERVICE

(Rite One, pages 41-59 in the *Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary*)

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

THE OPENING PRAYER (*Stand*)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the

preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

THE ENTRANCE HYMN: 352 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (*Sit*)

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing Alleluia!
Unto Christ our heav'nly King, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above Alleluia!
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
Praise him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

THE CONFESSION OF SIN (*Stand*)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray:

All: Dear Heavenly Father; on this day when our hearts are filled with joy, we also recognize that we are sinners. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. It was our sins which caused Jesus to suffer and die. Forgive us all of our sins, we pray, and fill our hearts with Easter joy today and every day. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON (LORD, HAVE MERCY)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

THE ABSOLUTION

P: Rejoice people of God! The Lord's Easter victory is yours! By the authority of God and of my holy office I declare to you: the gracious forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you! Amen.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

P: Glory be to God in the highest!

C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, the strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, and peace shall dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

THE SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

THE COLLECT (Prayer for the Day):

P: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 (*Sit*)

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸ He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the Lord; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

THE GRADUAL Psalm 118

P: This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: his love endures forever. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us keep the Festival with bread without yeast, the bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

THE EPISTLE: I Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹ Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”

⁵⁵ “O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12 (*Stand*)

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices, they had prepared. ² And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵ And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶ He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”

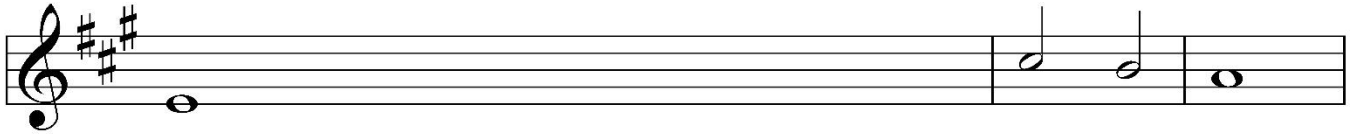
⁸ And they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹ but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

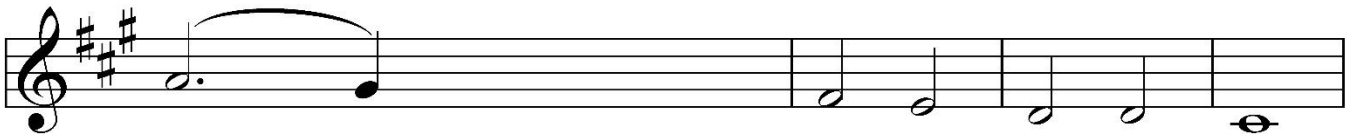
C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

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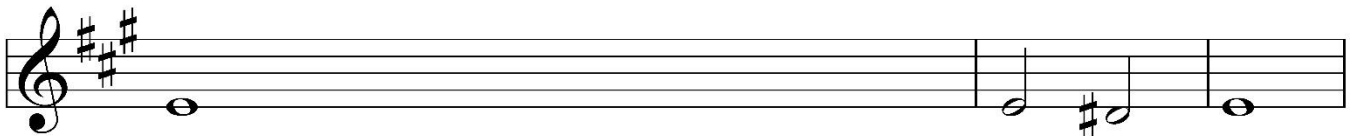
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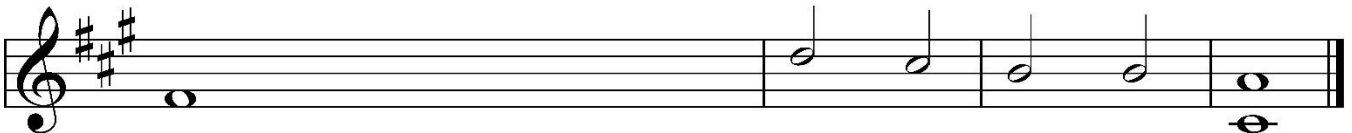
1. We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.
3. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sab- a- oth;
5. The noble army of martyrs praise You.



1. All the earth worships You, the Father ev- er- last- ing.
3. heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glo- ry.
5. The holy Church throughout all the world does ac- knowl- edge You:

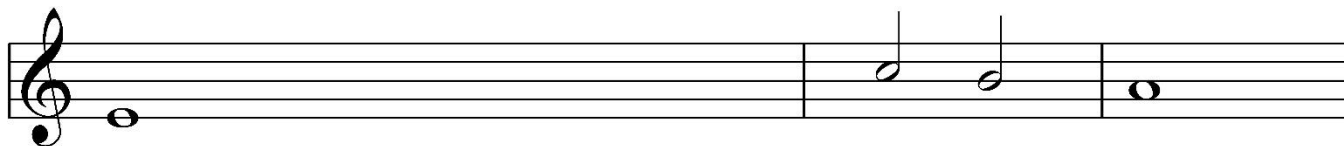


2. To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers there- in;
4. The glorious company of the Apostles praise You.
6. The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable true and on- ly Son;
> 7. You are the King of Glory, O Christ.

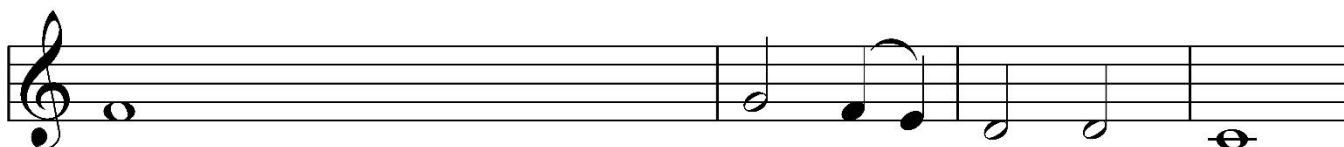


2. To You cherubim and seraphim con- tin- ual- ly do cry:
4. The goodly fellowship of the proph- ets praise You.
6. also the Holy Spirit, the Com- fort- er. (7)>
> 7. You are the everlasting Son of the Fa- ther.

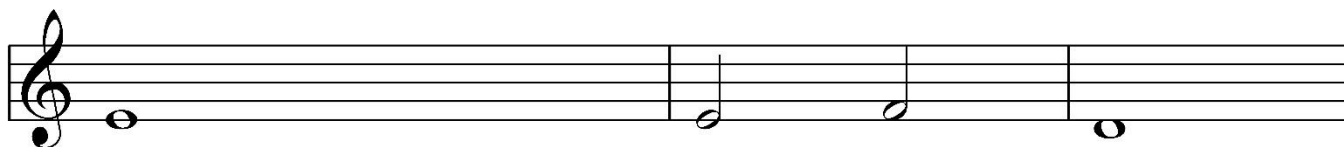
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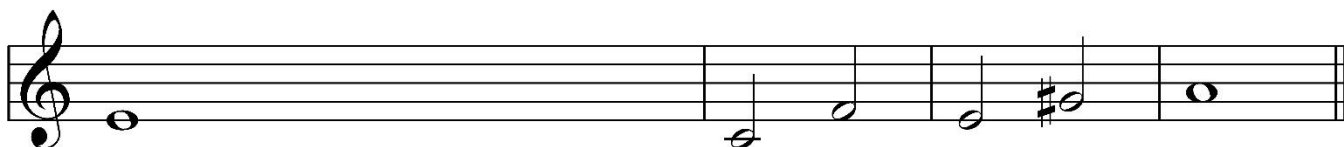
8. When You took upon Yourself to de- liv- er man,
10. You are seated at the right hand of God
12. We therefore pray You, help Your ser- vants,



8. You humbled Yourself to be born of a Vir- gin.
10. in the glory of the Fa- ther.
12. whom You have redeemed with Your pre- cious blood.

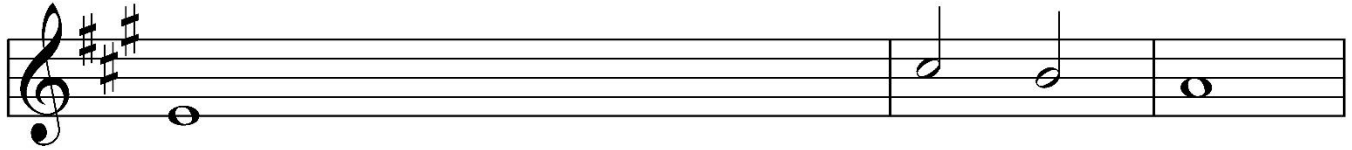


9. When You had overcome the sharp- ness of death,
11. We believe that You will come
13. Make them to be numbered with Your saints



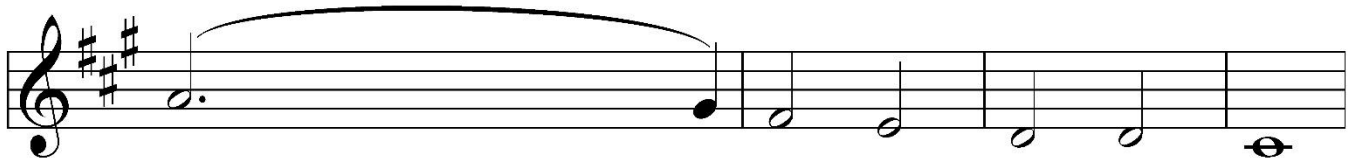
9. You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be- liev- ers.
11. to be our Judge
13. in glory ev- er- last- sing.

Congregation



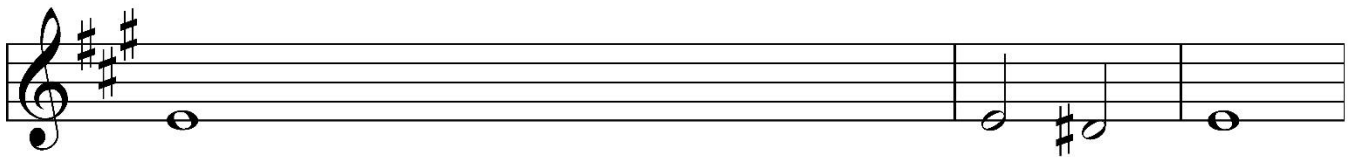
14. O Lord, save Your people and bless Your her- i- tage.

16. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day with- out sin.



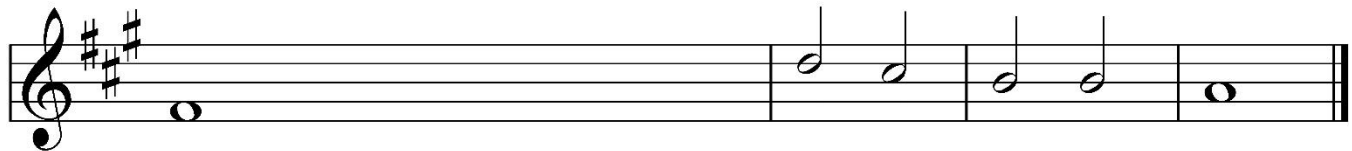
14. Govern them and lift them up for- ev- er.

16. O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up- on us.



15. Day by day we magni-fy You.

17. O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, for our trust is in You.



15. And we worship Your name now and ev- er- more.

17. O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con- found- ed.

CHIEF HYMN: 343 vv. 1-4,7 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands,
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven;
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of allelujah!
Alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death,
Such mischief sin had wrought us,
For innocence dwelt not on earth,
And therefore death had brought us
Into thraldom from of old
And ever grew more strong and bold
And kept us in its bondage.
Alleluia!

3 But Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
To our low state descended,
The cause of death He has undone,
Its pow'r forever ended,
Ruined all its right and claim
And left it nothing but the name,
Its sting is lost forever.
Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended.
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended;

Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
In vain it rages o'er us.
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Alleluia!

THE SERMON: "Because He Lives, Death has lost its Sting" 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

THE EASTER PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*Stand*)

P: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

P: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

P: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

P: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

P: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

P: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

P: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

P: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

P: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

P: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

P: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

(Special prayers and intercessions may follow.)

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

P: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

C: 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.

THE APOSTOLIC BENEDICTION

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit

† be with you all.

THE OFFERING

A HYMN: 351 vv. 1-4,8 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (*Sit*)

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living Head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save.
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love,
He lives to plead for me above.

He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

THE COLLECT (*Stand*)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

P: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus.

Let all God's people say, "AMEN!"

C: AMEN!

THE CLOSING HYMN: 346 “Death Is Dead, the True Life Liveth” (*Sit*)

1 Death is dead, the true Life liveth!
O'er the portals of the grave
Life's great Sun bright-shining giveth

Light our darkened souls to save:
Christ arisen bursts our prison;
See His triumph-banners wave.

2 Life's own King on Calv'ry dying,
Wins a crown of life for me;
E'en the grave to Him complying
Flow'rs in life abundant free;
Death's chill sadness changed to gladness—
This the Easter victory!

3 He who rose from death all-glorious
Soon will gather to His side
Those who sleep in Him, victorious

By the blood His wounds supplied;
Flesh and spirit, through His merit,
Reunited, glorified.

4 Jesus, death's Destroyer, make me
Day by day to die with Thee;
Thus, with Thee arising, take me
Thine through all the days to be—
Thine for ever, faithless never—
This my prayer unceasingly.

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia**

P: Let all of God's people say, "Amen!"

C: **AMEN!**

CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS for April 20, 2025

Wednesday 9:30 AM: **Women's Bible Study - Revelation**

Sunday 10:30 AM: **Divine Service with Communion**
(Voter's with potluck after service)

Saturday, May 17th - Women's Fellowship. Day trip to Blanco to visit the Buggy Barn Museum and Blue Barn Flower Farm.

SAVE THE DATE

end of year showcase

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2:00 p.m.

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