

Matthew 28:6

He is
NOT HERE,
for he has

RISEN!

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Easter Sunrise Worship
Sunday, April 16, 2017
6:30am

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day
ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship on this special day.

Our liturgy begins with the liturgy of light and the blessing of the Paschal Candle, which symbolizes Christ's breaking of the darkness of sin and death to bring us all the Easter victory. The Paschal Candle will shine as our symbol of the resurrection throughout the Easter season, at all baptisms and at all funerals. After the blessing, the day is proclaimed with the ancient Easter shout, joyous songs and, festive musical offerings and the word of God that proclaims the victory of Christ for us all. Then the baptized are invited to meet the risen Lord in the bread and the wine of Holy Communion.

Thank you for joining us on this special day. We hope the blessings of the Risen Lord are yours this day and always.

PASCHAL CANDLE BLESSING

All stand and face the rear of the church.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter celebration so that, burning with desire for life

with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

The inscription on the Paschal Candle is traced by the Presiding Minister, while saying:

P: Jesus Christ, yesterday and today, the beginning and the ending, Alpha and Omega; all time belongs to him, and all ages; to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

C: Amen

The Presiding Minister marks the five nails, representing the five wounds of Christ, into the Paschal Candle, while saying:

P: By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ our Lord guard and keep us.

C: Amen

The Paschal Candle is lighted.

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

C: Amen

As the Paschal is raised, the Presiding Minister proclaims the resurrection, shouting three times:

P: *(boldly)* Christ is Risen!

C: *(boldly)* **He is risen indeed!**

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

LBW 151

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of grace and glory,

C: you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection. Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin. Make us alive in Christ, O God. Make us new as you make all things new. Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin, renew us in grace, and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

P: Rejoice with all creation around God's throne! The light of the risen Christ puts to flight all evil deeds, washes away sin, restores innocence to the fallen, casts out hate, brings peace, and humbles earthly pride. Jesus Christ loves you and ☩ frees you from your sins by his blood. To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!
C: Amen.

EASTER DIALOG

A: (*boldly*) Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: (*boldly*) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!
C. He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!
A: Rejoice then, even in your distress.
C: We shall be counted worthy when Christ appears.
A: God has claimed us as his own.
C: God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.
A: (*boldly*) Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: (*boldly*) He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord,



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,



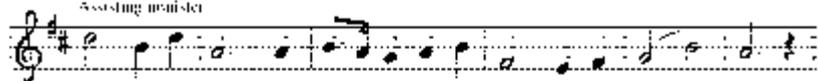
let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



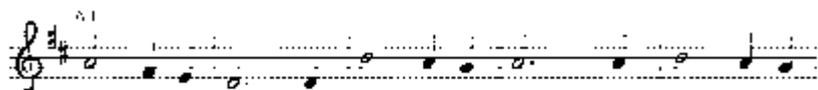
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - - - men.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

Andante
Assisting minister



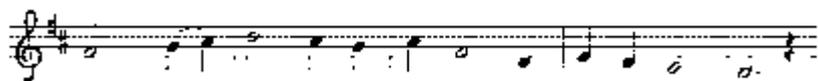
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



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



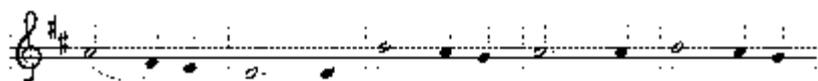
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



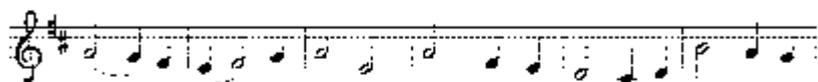
strength and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



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



2 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 - ever. 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Let us pray. 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.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

L: A reading from the 10th Chapter 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.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

The psalm for the day is sung.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

**C: ²Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

**A: ¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.**

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

**A: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD| is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

**C: ¹⁷I shall not | die, but live,
and declare the works | of the LORD. R**

**A: ¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.**

**C: ¹⁹Open 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 righ- | teous may enter."

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

**A: ²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.**

**C: ²³By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**A: ²⁴This is the day that the | LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

L: A reading from the 3rd chapter 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.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

TIME FOR CHILDREN

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* LBW 135

NICENE CREED

A: With the whole church let us confess our faith:

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: Rejoicing in the risen life of Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church. Unite all Christians in our shared calling to proclaim the gospel. Raise up women and men to serve as faithful leaders. Make us bold witnesses to the resurrection...

A: Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

A: ...Joining our voices with your faithful ones in every time and place, we offer our prayers in the name of the Risen One, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

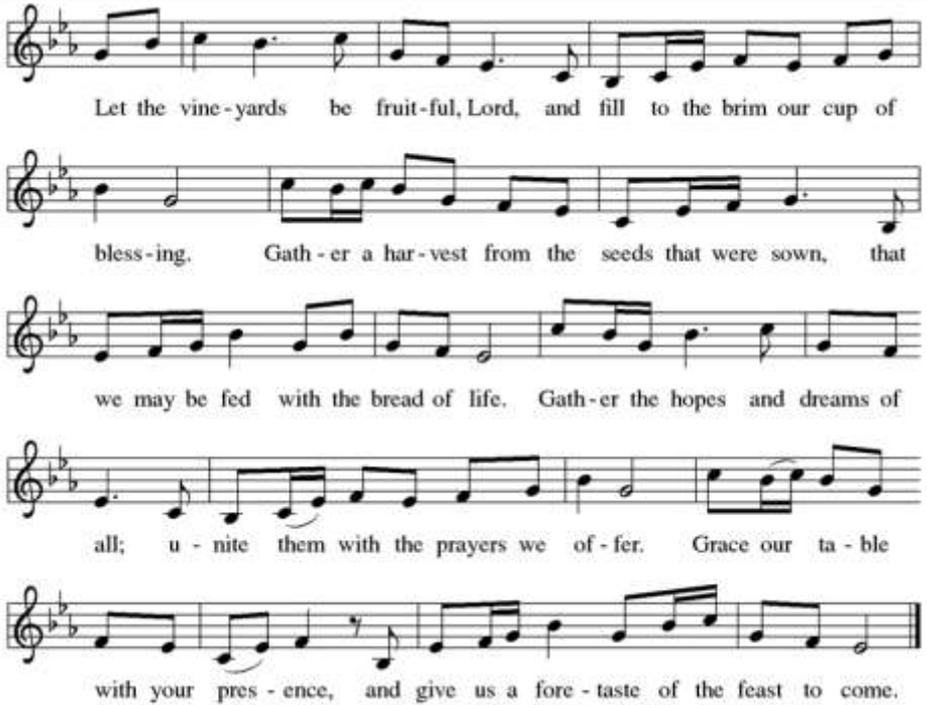
C: And also with you.

The assembly is seated.

EKLC MISSION MINUTE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Be known to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, as you were made known to the disciples. Receive these gifts, and the offering of our lives, that we may be your risen body in the world.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

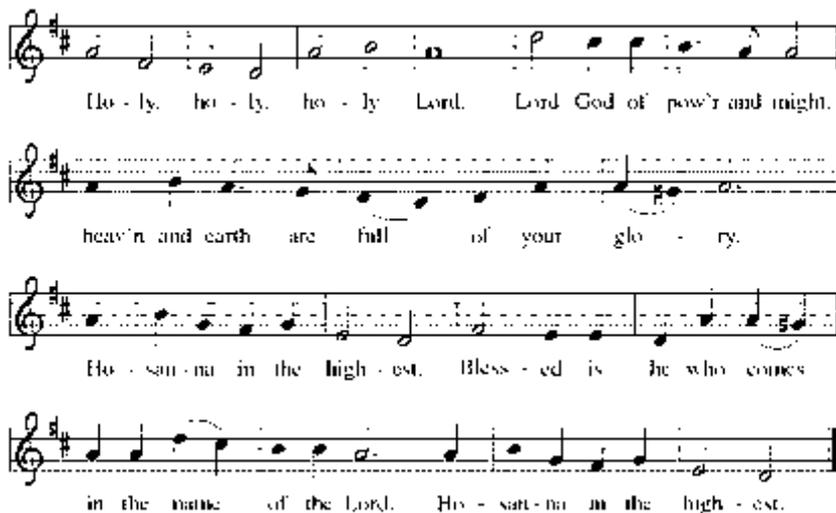
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

PREFACE

HOLY, 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

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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.

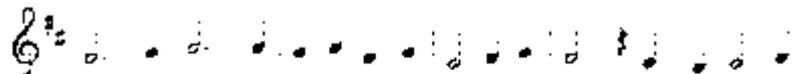
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

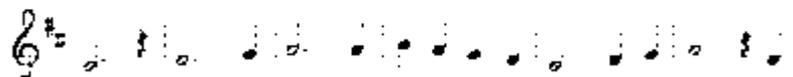
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

LAMB OF GOD



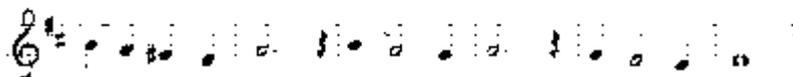
Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world. Have mercy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a way the sin of the world. Have



mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take a way the



sin of the world. Grant us peace. Grant us peace.

SHARING OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

Welcome to the Lord's Table! All baptized Christians who believe the words "This is my body given for you, shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins" are welcome to come forward to receive this gift of grace. Please wait for ushers to direct you to the front of the sanctuary. Communion by intinction means that when you come forward, bread will be placed in your hand. Then you will dip the bread in the cup and eat. The chalice with purple liquid is red wine and the chalice with yellow liquid is white grape juice. If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, let the ushers know and we will bring communion to you. If you prefer not to receive communion but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest. May these gifts keep you in eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

LBW 144

COMMUNION HYMN *Thine Is the Glory*

LBW 145

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!*

LBW 131

DISMISSAL

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

A: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

~Announcements~

Church Grounds Spring Clean Up Saturday, April 22nd at 8:30am.
Rain date is April 29th.

COLLEGE STUDENTS /PARENTS PLEASE UPDATE CHURCH OFFICE WITH COLLEGE STUDENTS ADDRESS BEFORE WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19TH!! 608-423-3017 or eklc@bminet.com
College Care Packages will be packed on April 19th Please bring college-friendly goodies and treats (*before 4/19*) to help these people know that we are praying for them and they are loved. **We will also need shoe boxes, newspaper and brown paper bags for packing/shipping.** We will collect items through Easter Sunday, and there are 28 packages to pack this spring.

125th Anniversary Celebration of the Upper Church is moving forward! Eight people have signed up to be on the committee and we have already met to share ideas on how we can make the special service on August 20th an enjoyable event of everyone. We will, of course, have some expenses to meet. If you would like to make a donation towards those expenses, please designate it as “125th donation” in the memo line of your check. Thank you very much for considering donating.

Bible Study on Galatians continues. We will not meet for study April 19th. **Bible Study will resume April 26 at 10am** (note the time change). All are welcome!!

40 Days of Giving is a Lenten mission where we will collect monetary gifts and non perishable food for five local food pantries: Cambridge, Deerfield, Edgerton, Fort Atkinson & Stoughton. Today is the final day to collect donations. Envelopes are available in the narthex. Please make checks out to EKLC. To assist the offering counters please put your name on the envelope.

~Worship Leaders~

Presider ~ Rev. Brenda Lovick

Assisting Minister ~ Gloria Fruit **Lector** ~ Carolyn Lien

Acolytes ~ Emma Nottestad & Karly Lewellin

Greeter ~ Ann Nottestad **Ushers** ~ Henry & Ashley Furseth Family

Communion Set-up/Take-down ~ Gloria Fruit

Expenses exceeded Income in February by \$6,750. To date, Income is trailing expenses by \$20,178.31. General Offerings for February were \$150 more than for February 2016, but were \$3,036 under the budget goal for the month.

Communion Assistants ~ Scott & Ann Nottestad

Musician ~ Andrew Severson

Offering Counters ~ Arvid Mathison & Gloria Fruit

Church Lock-up ~ Gloria Fruit

Attendance Report

April 9, 2017: 129

April 2, 2017 : 104

March 26, 2017: 79

March 19, 2017: 84

Weekly Offerings Report

4/5/17 & 4/9/17 Offerings	April Goal to meet Budget	April Offerings- to-Date
\$ 3,666.50	\$ 22,588.42	\$ 7,497.75

***Pastor Brenda is on vacation
April 18-April 25th.
Pastor Holly Slater is on call
for pastoral emergencies
during this time:
608-609-0548***

~Calendar of Events~

Sunday, April 16, 2017 Easter

6:30am Sunrise Worship at Upper Church
8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship

Monday, April 17, 2017

Pastor's Day Off
Happy Easter! Office Closed

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

9:30am Prayers for our People

Wednesday, April 19, 2017

6:00pm Confirmation

Thursday, April 20, 2017

8:00am Men's Breakfast
8:00am-Noon Pin & Sew

Sunday, April 23, 2017

8:00am Choir Practice
9:00am Worship
10:00am Coffee Hour
10:15am Sunday School/Confirmation

~Welcome Visitors!~

Visitors, welcome! We are glad to share Christian worship and fellowship with you. Please ask our ushers for a packet of info about East Koshkonong. To participate in worship, please follow the order of worship in the bulletin. Page numbers are in the front of the ELW cranberry hymnal), and hymn numbers are in the back of the hymnal. You are always welcome at the table of Holy Communion where Christ is our host, inviting all of us to "come and eat." Please fill out a communion card, and hand it to an usher as you come forward for communion. Prayer requests, comments, or questions may be written on the back of the communion card. We hope to see you again soon at EKLC.

~Prayers~

Please note: If you have a prayer request for the bulletin, please make note on your communion/welcome card. You may also notify the office before noon on Wednesday. Prayer requests will remain for 3 weeks unless otherwise requested. **If you wish a person to remain on the prayer list longer than 3 weeks please make note weekly on your prayer card or contact the church office.** Thank you. *Denotes new/changed request.

Thanksgiving to God for...

East Koshkonong Lutheran Church's mission and ministry, especially this week (see calendar)

-Prayers for the ministries of Lindsay Stolen.

God's guidance and direction for those with healing and health concerns...

-Donna Rahn -Brian Carlson -Braxden Carlson -June Lehr
-Nate

God's protection & safety for people of the world.

-For global refugee crisis.

-For the peace among all the nations of the world.

God's protection and safety for those being deployed...

-Please remember all our veterans, and those on active duty: Matt Kaare. Give them all God's comfort in their memories of war and their service to their country. (Please let office know if you have a family member on active duty that is not included in these prayers so they can be added.)

~Ark Pondering ~

Why we go to church... We go to church each week so God can give us his gifts to strengthen and preserve us in our faith until Christ returns.