



Easter Sunday

April 21, 2019 | 11 am



St. John's Lutheran Church | Salisbury, North Carolina

Welcome to St. John's!

*For more information about today's worship, please refer to the pew card found in the hymnal.
The congregation's responses are in **bold**.*



*Lutheran worship follows a four-fold pattern of Gathering, Hearing God's Word,
Sharing in God's Meal, and being Sent to share God's love.
That pattern is reflected in today's worship.*



Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

All hymns are found in the red worship book (ELW), unless otherwise indicated.

Prelude

Were You There arr. Jack Cole
The Heavens Declare the Glory of God B. Marcello, arr. D. Smith
The Salisbury Brass

Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! arr. John Behnke
The Classic Ringers; Kimberly Lentz, Director
The Salisbury Brass

Welcome *Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to your neighbor in the pew.*

Call to Worship

Please stand

The Easter Proclamation, *from the entrance of the church.*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The Easter Proclamation is one of the oldest Christian greetings, with origins in the earliest church. The greeting captures the joy and hope of the Christian faith, rooted in our commonly held belief that "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Hymn 365

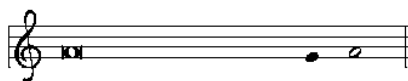
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

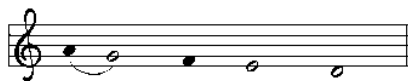
Greeting

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

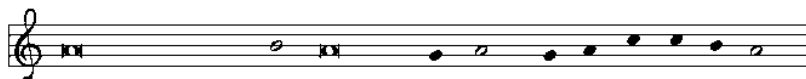
Kyrie. *A centering prayer asking for God's mercy and peace as we gather for worship.*



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



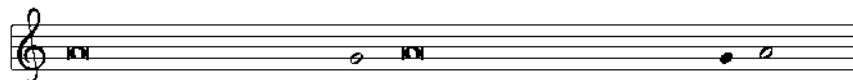
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



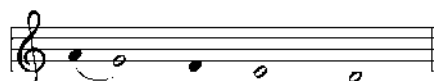
Lord, have mer - cy.



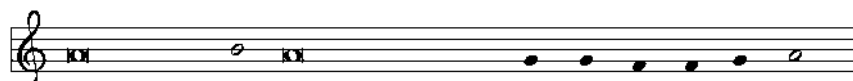
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.

Refrain

All



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



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



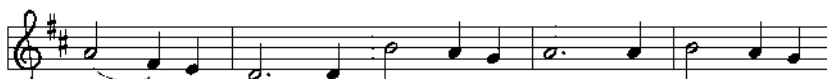
free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



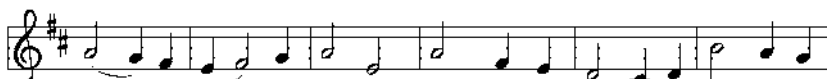
strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

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 - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

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.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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. **Amen.**

Please be seated



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading Isaiah 65:17-25

The Lord spoke to the prophet Isaiah:

- ¹⁷For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.
- ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
- ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- ²²They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD —
and their descendants as well.

²⁴Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent — its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

St. Paul writes: ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²²for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Gospel Procession *Please stand and face the Gospel procession as it is brought into the very center of our community. Together we sing "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" (see hymn 377 for melody).*

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

The Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

The resurrection of our Lord

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.

But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Response Hymn: *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”* During response, children leave for **Children’s Worship**, returning after the sermon.

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

**City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

Please be seated

Sermon

Pastor Rhodes Woolly

Please stand

Hymn 367

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Nicene Creed

**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.**

The creeds link us to one another. They articulate what we hold in common to our most basic beliefs and link us to our shared history. In reciting them we join ourselves to believers in the past, some of whom professed these very words at great risk to their lives.

**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. *Each petition ends: "Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**"*

Sharing the Peace of Christ *The peace of the Lord be with you always. And also with you.*



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Collection of our Tithes and Offerings, and Preparation of the Lord's Table.

Offertory Anthem

Hallelujah

Ludwig Van Beethoven

From "Christ on the Mount of Olives"

Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs in holy songs of joy.
Man proclaim his grace and glory, Hallelujah.
Hallelujah unto God's Almighty Son!
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

Moment of silence as the gifts are prepared for presentation at the altar. The congregation then stands to sing the Doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him all creatures here below.
Praise him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Merciful Father, **we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us — our selves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

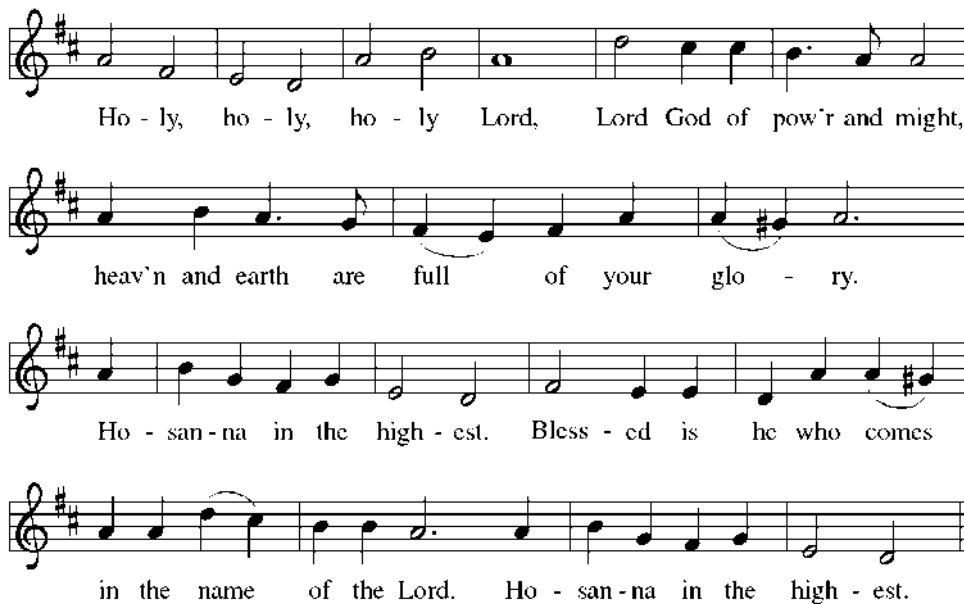
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise. ... And join their unending hymn:



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.

Eucharistic Prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer

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 gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated

Distribution of Holy Communion. *All baptized and communing Christians are welcome to receive God's gift of grace through the sacrament of Holy Communion. We will commune by intinction (dipping the bread into the wine) at the front of the sanctuary. Proceed down the middle aisle, following the ushers' instructions. Those not communing are invited forward for a spoken blessing. Grape juice and non-gluten wafers also are available. Please indicate your preference to the pastor. Persons with walking difficulties may receive the bread and wine by sitting in the reserved front pew.*

Receiving her first communion this morning will be Meredith Williams, daughter of Brad and Traci Williams. Welcome to the Lord's Table!

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God (music is found on p.154 in the front of the red worship book)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us (repeat)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

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| Hymn 433 | <i>Blessing, Honor, and Glory</i> |
| Hymn 619 | <i>I Know That My Redeemer Lives! (verses 1-4 and 8)</i> |
| Hymn 362 | <i>At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (verses 1-4 and 7)</i> |

Please stand

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Response: *Hallelujah Chorus*, by G.F. Handel

**Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become
the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.
And he shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah!**

The “Hallelujah Chorus” is from G.F. Handel’s “Messiah” oratorio, written in 1741. The oratorio, considered the finest ever composed, offers reflection on Jesus as Messiah. Part 2 concentrates on the Passion and death of Jesus, and ends with the dramatic “Hallelujah Chorus.” Tradition holds that King George II was moved to stand when he first heard it, which has led audiences ever since to stand.



Sending

God sends us into the world to advance his kingdom.

Benediction

Sending Hymn 376

Thine Is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

Dismissal

Go in peace to serve the Risen Lord!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

My Spirit Be Joyful
From Cantata 146
The Salisbury Brass

J.S. Bach, arr. G. Slechta

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Blessings to you this Easter!

Today's floral decorations are given by members to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of loved ones. They may be picked up following this morning's 11 am service.

Easter Lilies Given in Honor

Kay Wilson by Gray, Allison, Molly, Ella and Graham Wilson
Marvin Jones by Tommy, Mary Willis, Steven and Anna Page
Rebecca Jones by Tommy, Mary Willis, Steven and Anna Page
Carolyn and Robert Myers by Betsy and John Myers
Nan and Bud Graeber by Betsy and John Myers
Our daughter Kathryn Ohley and family by Wade and Peggy Rouzer
Our daughter Linda Wilson and family by Wade and Peggy Rouzer
Our son John Rouzer and family by Wade and Peggy Rouzer
Our daughter Sallie Donotal and family by Wade and Peggy Rouzer
Our daughter Molly Knight and family by Wade and Peggy Rouzer
Lind Shermer by Cindy Fink
Krista Woolly by Cindy Fink
Gary and Angela Graham by Brett and Lauren Henson
Wanda Henson by Brett and Lauren Henson
Dennis and Karen Rogers by Dr. Norman Sloop
Perry and Carolyn Hood's 56th wedding anniversary by Mark, Elizabeth, Christopher and David Derrick
Jane Barrier by Patti, Dennis and Lauren Beaver
Harold and Stamie Overcash by Davey Rhodes
Deanna Boksleitner by Gary and Scott Rhodes
Carol Hair by Julie and Ott Pinkston
Rev. Rhodes Woolly by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
Our musicians by Geoffrey and Dottie Hoy
Dot Miller by Jane and Larry Britt
Pastor Laura and Pastor Rhodes by the Wymbs
Kim Robinson by Scott Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell by their family

Easter Lilies Given In Memory

John Gerst by the Gerst/Jones Family
Georgiana Neal by the Gerst/Jones Family
Hattie Gerst by the Gerst/Jones Family
Robert Jones, Sr. by the Gerst/Jones Family
Miriam Park by the Gerst/Jones Family
Mathey and Matthew Wyatt by their family
Nevada, Joe, Jan and Ronnie Seawell by the family
Nancy Stoner Malone by Brenda Zimmerman
Norde Wilson by Gray, Allison, Molly, Ella and Graham Wilson
Sonny Allen by Pat Epting and family
Eric Lentz by Howard and Diane Everhart
Roy and Sarah Snider by Howard and Diane Everhart

Addie Ketner by Susan and Glenn Ketner, Jr.
 Glenn Ketner by Susan and Glenn Ketner, Jr.
 Larry Parrish by Nancy Parrish
 Len and June Benoit by Cheryl and John Sjoblom
 Chris Pinkston by Gary and Betty Pinkston
 Bill Markham by Gary and Betty Pinkston
 Norman "Wag" Wagoner by Barbara Wagoner
 Reba Mayfield Jones by Tommy, Mary Willis, Steven and Anna Page
 William T. Page by Tommy, Mary Willis, Steven and Anna Page
 W. L. Stirewalt by Stirewalt Family
 Jim Emerson by Bonnie, Ike, Geof, Christine, Claire, Sadie, Kemp, Heather, and Oliver
 Dr. John R. Crawford, III by Anne Crawford, Amy and Rob Crawford
 Daisy Beaver by Cindy Fink
 Margy Fink by the Ken Fink Family
 Dick Nelson by Pat Nelson
 David Henson by Brett and Lauren Henson
 Flossie Peele, J.B. and Gladys Graham by Brett and Lauren Henson
 Mary Sloop by Dr. Norman Sloop
 In loving memory of Bernard and Madaline Cesario, Douglas Cesario, Gregory Cesario by Larry Cesario
 Elma Dabbs by Charles Dabbs
 Jim Hildreth by Martha Hildreth
 Paul Wholley by Martha Hildreth
 Jerry Barger by Claudette Barger and family
 Don Brown by Sherry Mason Brown
 Mary Ethel Derrick by Mark, Elizabeth, Christopher and David Derrick
 Clancy Bostian by Ann Bostian
 Janice and Ernest Stoner, Clarence and Vergie Bostian by Ann Bostian
 Loved Ones by Doris and Bill Hillegass
 Rev. Dr. R. Harold and Kathryn Terry by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
 Barbara Marie Terry by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
 Bernard and Mary Cassar by Glenn and Rebecca Terry
 Corinna Gardner by Sandra, Rob, Robert and Katherine Sullivan
 Sam Boyd and Randy Wagoner by Barbara Wagoner
 Scott Denker by John and Lynn Denker
 Steve Tomlinson by John and Lynn Denker
 Mack Tomlinson by John and Lynn Denker
 Carl Ficken by his family
 Gordon Beaver by Anne Ficken
 Charles W. Gayflor by Charlyn and Williametta Ammons
 Joe L. Sims and Hester M. Sims by Eleanor Andrews

Palms Given in Honor

My family by Burt Harris
 Barbara Sims by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren

Waylen and Wyatt Jarrett by Sandra and Bill Jarrett
Molly and Miles Robinson by Kim and Scott Robinson
Our parents, John, Lucy, George, Gail and Margie, by Kim and Scott Robinson

Palms Given in Memory

Betty Munday, Jamie Munday Simmons, Doug Cesario by Reggie and Brenda Munday
Araminta Epting Harris by Burt Harris
Joseph Ivan Sims by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Corinna Gardner by Connie Gardner
Norde Wilson by Kay Wilson and children
Joe I. Sims by Eleanor Andrews
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wallace by Kay and Raymond Coltrain
Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coltrain by Kay and Raymond Coltrain

Flowers given in Honor for the Easter Cross

Carson and Sarah Hatchett, Homer Haworth by Anne and Parker Hatchett
My family by Burt Harris
Madison and Noah Hines by Danny and Rosalind Hines
Papa and Gran Waggoner by Noah and Madison Hines
George (Opa) Hines by Noah and Madison Hines
Margaret Dickie (my stepmother) by Martha Hildreth
Our musicians by Dottie and Geoffrey Hoy
Our grandchildren: Jalen, Jordan, Allison, Elizabeth and Kannon by Jane and Larry Britt
Eleanor Sifford by Dorothy Walker
Peggy Smith by Harold and Peggy Mowery
Our children, Ashley and Devin, and Lauren and Brett, by Gary and Angela Graham
In thanksgiving by Florence Rabe
Our 51st wedding anniversary by John and Linda Bryant

Flowers given in Memory for the Easter Cross

Nancy (Oma) Hines by Madison and Noah Hines
Parker Hatchett, Jr. and Marjorie Haworth by Anne and Parker Hatchett
Addie and Glenn Ketner by Susan and Glenn Ketner, Jr.
Rev. P.D. and Florence Brown in recognition of Florence's birthday on
April 21 by Lois and Paul Carter
Joyce and Herbert Dickie (my parents) by Martha Hildreth
Marvin W. Barrier by Jane Barrier
My beloved Clancy Bostian by Ann Bostian
Dan Brown by Betty Brown
Raymond and Shirley Ritchie by Harold and Peggy Mowery
Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williams by Perry and Carolyn Hood
Mr. and Mrs. James L. Safrit by Perry and Carolyn Hood
Milton and Grace Shoaf (Anne's parents) by Bob and Anne Loeblein



Special thanks to Jane Britt for constructing the tomb located on the pulpit table. It serves as a symbol of the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.