

# **Holy Spirit Lutheran Church**

**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter**

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***We extend the warmest welcome*** to all worshipping with us today. Whether this is your first time worshipping with us, you haven't been in a while, or you are here regularly; we are so glad you are here! If this is your first time with us, we ask that you sign our Friendship Book, so that we might pray with/for you, get to know you better, and check-in with you from time to time.

***Holy Communion is open to all.*** In this church, we preach, teach, and confess that this is the table of Jesus, and it is Jesus who invites you to His table. You need not be a member of this church, or any other church; anyone who desires a deeper walk with Christ is invited. The ushers will direct you to proceed up the center aisle. You are invited to take an empty, individual cup from the silver tray near the baptismal font, and red wine, the blood of Christ, will be poured for you at the altar rail. You will also find red grape juice, the blood of Christ, in sealed individual cups in that same tray. As you come to the altar rail, you may stand or kneel as you are able, and the minister will place bread, the body of Christ, in your hand. If you are in need of a gluten free host, please let the minister know. If you prefer not to receive the Communion elements, Jesus still invites you into His Holy Communion; at the altar rail you may fold your arms and the minister will pray with and bless you.

## **PRELUDE**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Please rise, in body or spirit.*

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, the Father, the ☩ Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, whose rising from the empty tomb brings to us the promise of life eternal.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** On this blessed Easter morning, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another *(We pause for reflection)*

**P:** Living God,

**C:** we confess that we set our minds toward things of death, and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ. In our fear and trembling we quickly turn from you towards ourselves. Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and neglect your creation. Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our community, and our world. Through the mercy of your beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give us the new breath of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

**P:** Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims, "Do not be afraid!" Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven. Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God. Amen!

**C: Amen**

**GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today – LBW (Green) – 151***

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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

### 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.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

### Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

The musical score is written on four staves, each beginning with a treble clef. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is labeled 'Leader' and the second 'All'. The third staff has 'Leader' and 'All' labels above different parts of the melody. The fourth staff has 'Leader' labels above both parts of the final phrase. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with rests for the lyrics.

Leader  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

All  
Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!

Leader All  
To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er!

Leader Leader  
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men! Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how 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. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not 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. <sup>42</sup> He 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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

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

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

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

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

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

<sup>20</sup> "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

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

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> **By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows musical notation for a Gospel Acclamation. It consists of two staves. The top staff is for a solo voice, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The bottom staff is for an assembly, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. It begins with a forte (f) dynamic marking. The melody is more rhythmic and includes some grace notes. Both staves have the lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, ia.' written below the notes. The music is in 4/4 time and ends with a double bar line and a sharp sign.

## **GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord

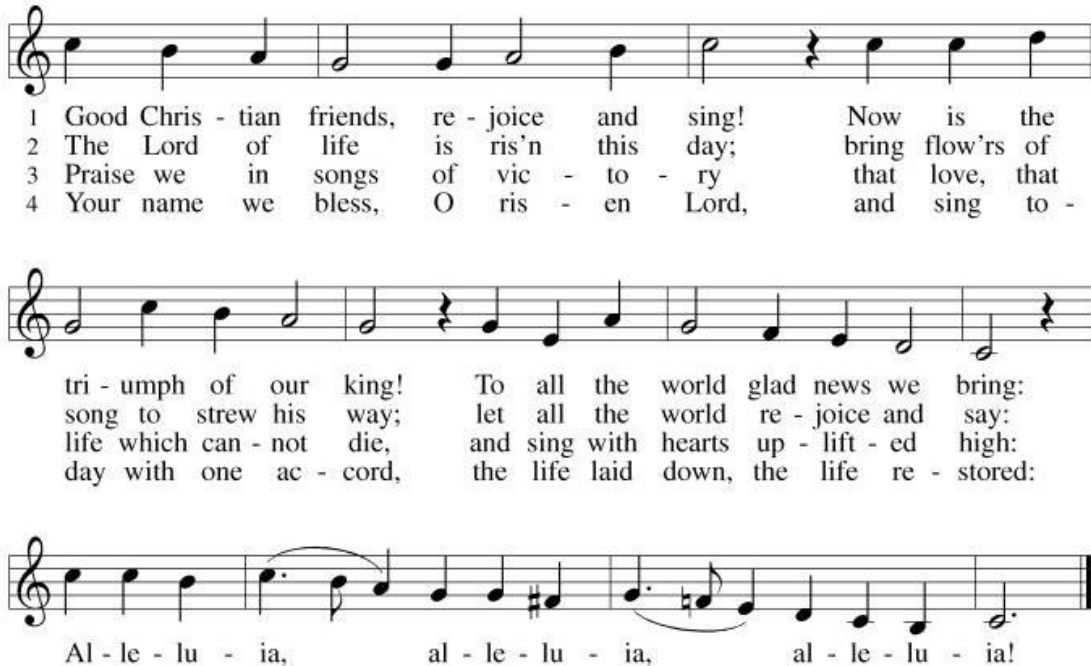
**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## **SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! – LBW (Green) – 144*

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; bring flow'rs of  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to -

tri - umph of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
song to strew his way; let all the world re - joice and say:  
life which can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
day with one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

*Please rise, in body or spirit, as we lift our hearts and voices together in song.*

### NICENE CREED

A: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed,

**C: 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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

A: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries (*local examples may be named*), that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife (*places or situations may be named*). Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving, especially those we name before you now or in the silence of our hearts. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

A: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**PASSING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of the Lord be with you always!

**C: And also, with you.**

**P:** Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

**OFFERING**

*Here at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church, there are many ways you are able to give. Our ushers will pass around an offering plate, in which you can place your weekly offering. If you are attending worship online or you simply wish to give online, you may do so by visiting our website, [hslceldersburgmd.org/give](https://hslceldersburgmd.org/give). We give thanks to God for the ways you continually offer your time, talent, and treasure for the sake of God and neighbor in our ministry. Please rise, in body or spirit.*

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You: We are an offering.**

**Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands. Lord use our lives, they are Yours. We are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.**

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P:** Let us pray together. Gracious Provider,

**C: You set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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

**P:** 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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in 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:

The musical score is written on five staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,". The second staff continues with: "Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are". The third staff continues with: "full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The fourth staff continues with: "Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the". The fifth staff concludes with: "Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P:** O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

**P:** When the earth was a formless void, entrenched in chaos, you formed order and called your creation "good."

P: You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother.  
He was born among the poor,  
he lived under oppression,  
he wept over the city.  
With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

P: 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.

P: 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.

P: Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **C: Amen.**  
P: Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **C: Amen.**  
P: Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **C: Amen.**

P: O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.  
O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.  
O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.  
O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

P: O God most majestic, O God most motherly,  
O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and  
leaves that heal the nations.  
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,  
life in you, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us, in the  
language of our hearts:

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

**C: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.**

*Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

### **SONG DURING COMMUNION**

*After all have communed, please rise, in body or spirit.*

### **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bless us and keep us in God's grace, from now and until life everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Let us pray.

P: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send hope to conquer hopelessness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BLESSING**

P: You are exactly who God created you to be. Created in Christ Jesus for good works. Created and called holy. Created and called beloved. Now go forth into the world in peace and be of good courage. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one an evil thing for an evil thing. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak. Help the afflicted. Show Christ's love to everyone and let the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## 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-turs to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day,  
 be we 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.  
 he 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.



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

P: Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

A: Our purpose is to love God,

**C: And bring people into a growing relationship with Jesus and his church.**

***“We all serve as ministers in the mission of the Church.”***

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**ACTIVITIES AT HOLY SPIRIT LUTHERAN CHURCH:**

Sunday (04/20) 9:30 am – Easter Sunday Worship with Holy Communion

Sunday (04/27) 9:30 am – Holy Humor Sunday

12:00 pm – Easter Egg-stravaganza!

**Please contact Vicar Tom** via call/text at 443-841-9634, or by email at HSLC.pastor@comcast.net if you would like to meet, have any questions, or for any pastoral emergencies.

**Volunteers**

	<b><i>THIS WEEK (04-20-2025)</i></b> <b><i>Easter Sunday</i></b>	<b><i>NEXT WEEK (04-27-2025)</i></b> <b><i>Holy Humor Sunday</i></b>
Greeters	Kim Novak	Linda Larson
Ushers	Rick Podobnik Bradley Timko	Bill Dodson Dave Larson
Acolyte	Abby Palmer	Henry Kallemyn
Assisting Minister	Holly deBenedictis	Lily Kallemyn
Communion Assistant	Holly deBenedictis	Laura Blum
Lector	Cara Krol	Lisa Hollinger
Altar Care	Krissy Kallemyn	Lorraine Markosky