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April 20, 2025 Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Sunday

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!.

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Prelude: ""

Please take this time to silently reflect on the journey of Lent, praying for God to make our hearts clean. **GATHERING**

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

CONFESSION ANDS FORGIVENESS

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

- C: Amen.
- P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.
- P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

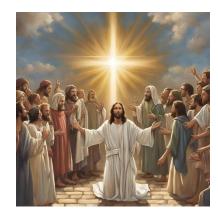
(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C: Amen



Gathering Hymn: ELW 365

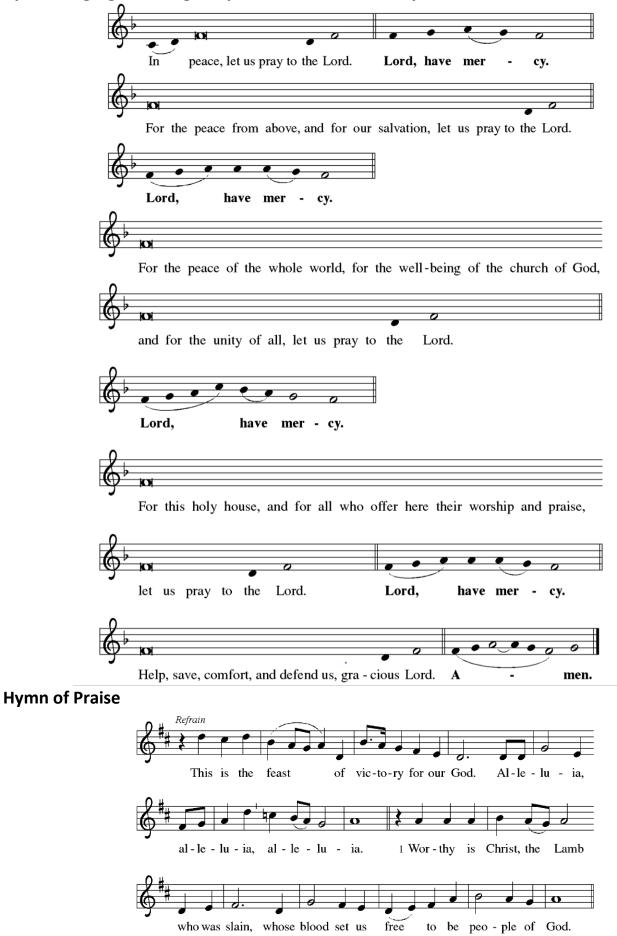
Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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

- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



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Prayer of the Day

- L: The Lord be with you.
- C: And also with you.

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.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Acts 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

L: A reading from the tenth chapter of Acts.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ 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; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ 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. ⁴² 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. ⁴³ 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: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

- L: ¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.
- C: ² Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."
- L: ¹⁴ The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C: ¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!
- L: ¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- C: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.
- L: ¹⁸ The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

- C: ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.
- L: ²⁰ "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."
- C: ²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.
- L: ²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.
- C: ²³ By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.
- L: ²⁴ This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

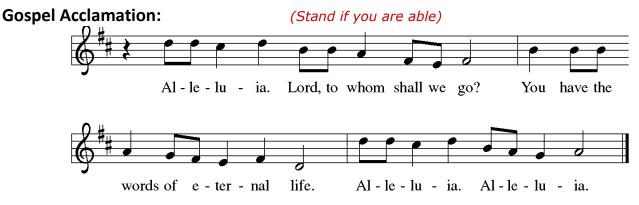
Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

L: A reading from the fifteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

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

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

- L: The Word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.



The Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but

when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ 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. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² 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.

Kids Choir – "Hallelujah! Jesus is Risen"- David L. Ray Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day:ELW 369

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

(Stand if you are able)



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

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.
- 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

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: 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.

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, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

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. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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*). God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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 (*communities and neighborhoods may be named*). Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

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.

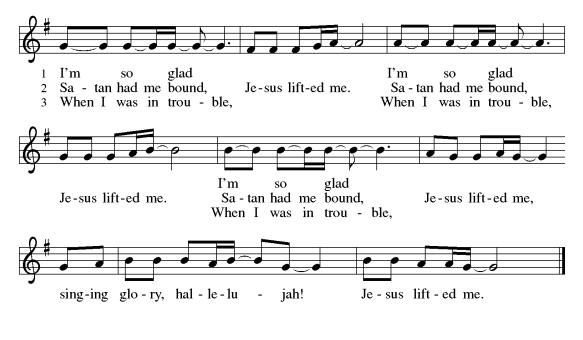
Here other intercessions may be offered.

- P: 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.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "A Gaelic Easter Celebration"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

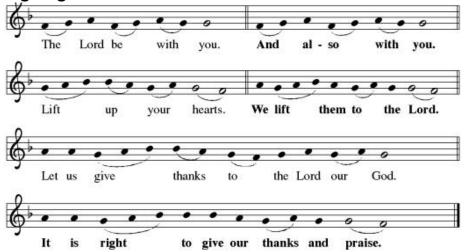
Text: African American spiritual Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Offering Prayer

- P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.
- C: Amen.

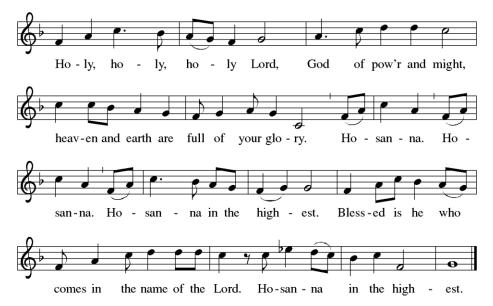
THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving



PREFACE

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

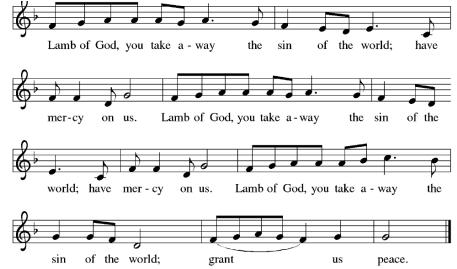
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

- C: Amen.
- P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior taught us:
- 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.

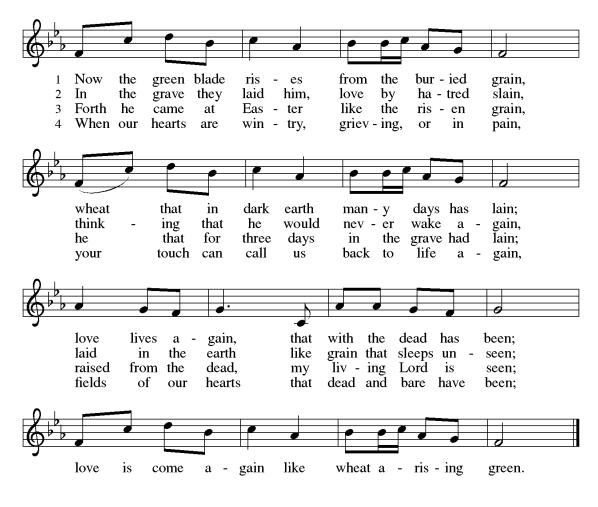
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 379

Now the Green Blade Rises



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Prayer after Communion

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

Announcements

BLESSING

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

DISMISSAL

- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for April will be given to Care-A-Lot scholarship fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS							
APRIL	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES		BAPTISMS		
20	Karen Rilling						
21	Jayne Miller						
22					Landon Helfrich		
24	Priscilla Genthner						
25	Wes Simmons						
			THIS WEEK'S	ACTIVITIES			
SUNDAY APRIL 20 th			6:30 AM		rvice @Sky Island Upper Tinicum		
EASTER		10:00 AM		Communion Worship @Durham			
	uesday April 21-22	No Office Hours		Pastor Away visiting family, Admin Off			
Wednesday	, April 23	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Admin Office Hours , Pastor Away			
		10:00 AM		Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal			
Thursday, A	April 24	10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office hours			
		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim			
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
-		1	UPCOMING				
Sunday, April 27		9:15 AM		Adult Sunday school in the library			
Second Sunday of Easter		10:00 AM		Communion Worship			
		1:35 PM		IRON PIGS GAME			
Monday, April 28		1:00 PM- 3:00 PM		Admin Office Hours			
Wednesday, April 30		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours			
		10:00 AM		Mid-week Choir Rehearsal			
		12:30 PM		Care-A-Lot Board Meeting			
T I I N		7:00 PM		VBS Meeting @ Trinity			
Thursday, May 1		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours			
		12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim			
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Sunday, May 4		9:15 AM 10:00 AM		Adult Sunday school in the library. Communion Worship			
				Confirmation @ St. Peter's Riegelsville			
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		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours			
Wednesday, May 7		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM		Mid-Week Choir Rehearsal			
Thursday, May 8		10:00 AM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM		Office Hours			
		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM		Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim			
		1:00 - 3:00 PM		Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's			
Saturday, May 10							
Saturuay, way 10		10:00 AM		VBS Decorating Meeting at Trinity			



To those who ordered Easter Flowers to make our Church beautiful for this special day.



EASTER FLOWERS

Member	In Memory Of	In Honor Of
Diana Streletz	Barbara Errico	
Kathy Ecker	Matthew and Ernest Ecker	
Virginia Hager	Husband, Kenneth Hager and son, Dale Hager	
Kathy and Joe Hlavaty	Our Parents, Gerry and Don Seipt Joe and Wanda Hlavaty	
Helen Dungan	Parents, Mary and William Dungan	
Miram Anderson	Loved ones	
Beatrix vonWatzdorf	Rudolf von Watzdorf	
Pat Zion	Gregory McAnally and Robert Eby	
Samantha O'Brien	Loved ones	
Val McGinn	Loved ones	
Barb and Ben Naska	Loved ones	Our Children and Grandchildren



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; David Sauter; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; Dan Crooke; David Davis; Nancy Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella

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For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Jayne Miller.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox ;Kenneth Hager; Vivian Harwick; Frank Mammana; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss

If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

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Altar Guild	Val McGinn and Barb Naska			
Greeter(s)	O'Brien Girls			
Acolyte	Josephine Williams			
Lector	Bea vonWatzdorf			
Head / Communion Usher	Ben Williams (with Help)			
Council Communion	Dealers' choice			
Counting Team	Cathy Mueller and Scott Gaun			
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson			
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner			
Custodian	Dianna Streletz			
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