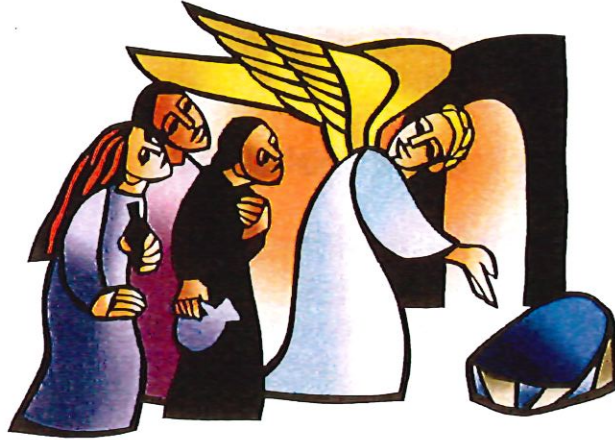


Easter Sunday

St. Peter Lutheran Church

April 5, 2026

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
Setting Eight



Welcome to St. Peter Lutheran Church!

If you are a guest with us this morning, we welcome you to fill out a connection card, located in the pew rack. You are welcome to share as much information with us as you are comfortable sharing. Please place the cards in the baskets at the head of the aisle during the Communion distribution.

For Worship, everything you need is included in this bulletin except for the hymns, which are found in the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* hymnal.

PRELUDE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

Amen.

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,
you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.
You Lead us beside still waters.
We thank you for the waters of creation:
Morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.
We thank you for the waters that nourish us.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness
who accompanies us on our journeys.
We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.
Break down barriers that divide us.
Fill us with the breath of peace.
Blessed are you.

You guide us to springs of the water of life.

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,
and for making us a new creation.
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,
now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

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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.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast* (next page)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and



hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. 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, hon-or,



glo-ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

²Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when sentinels will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

We sing the refrain, then read the Psalm responsively, singing the refrain where indicated with an "R".

Psalm 118

Psalm 118:24

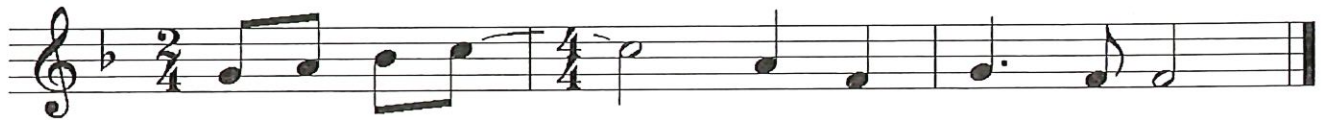
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Refrain



This is the day that the Lord has made; let us re-joice,



let us re-joice and be glad in it.

Refrain text: Psalm 118:24 (PD).

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- ¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
- ² **Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**
- ¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵ **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the
tents of the righteous: "The right hand of
the LORD acts valiantly!**
- ¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"
- ¹⁷ **I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. R**
- ¹⁸ The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.
- ¹⁹ **Open 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 righteous may enter."
- ²¹ **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. R**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from 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 the things that are above, not on the 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.

Word of God, word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

GOSPEL: Matthew 28: 1-10

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then 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." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

BELLS

SERMON

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN: *Christ is Risen! Alleluia!*

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**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

Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

We greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERING

The offering is collected. You can share your tithes and offerings by:

- Cash or check using envelopes in the pews
- Sending a check via your bank's bill pay feature
- Using this QR code to give via debit or credit card
- or to set up automated giving through Vanco.



OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus. 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... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

A musical score for a hymn, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp). The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

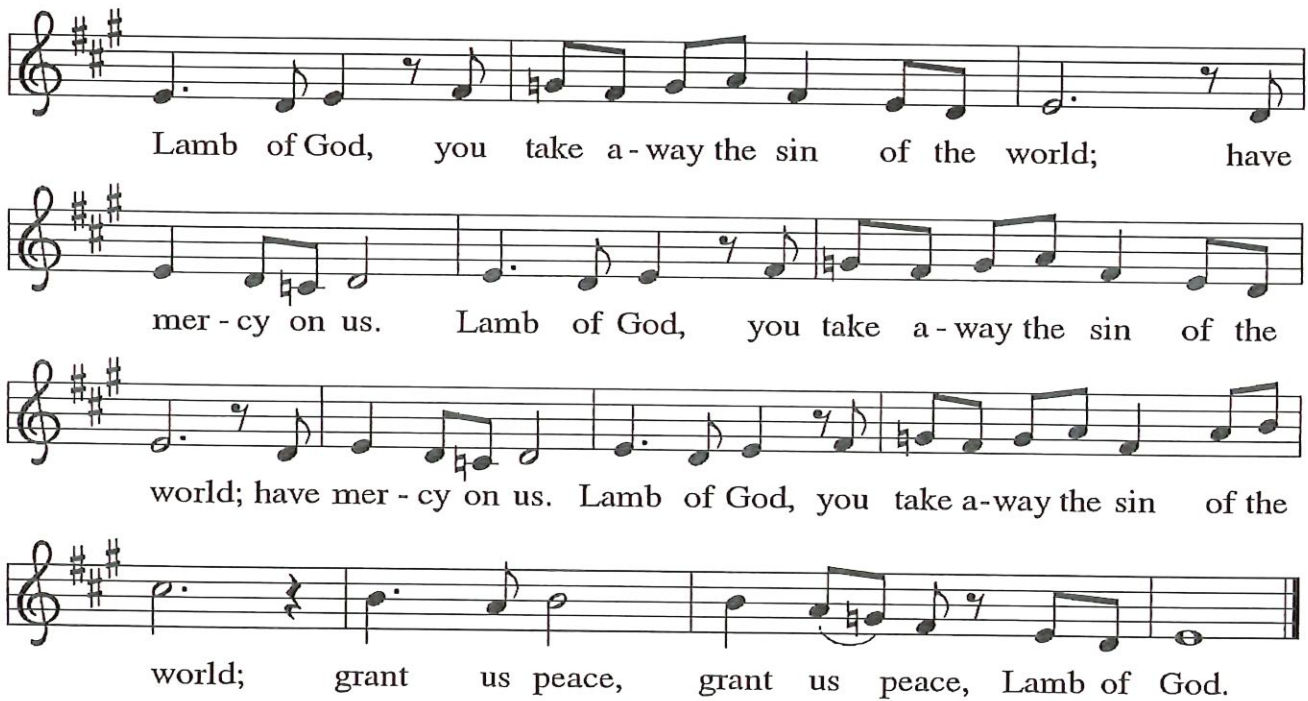
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray...

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

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Welcome to the Table of the Lord! We commune in a continuous fashion forming two lines down the center aisle. Receive the host from the pastor and then take an individual glass which will be filled from the pouring chalice. You are welcome to fill out a connection card (from the pew racks) and place it in the container at the head of the aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Now the Green Blade Rises*
Thine the Amen

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Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN: *Thine is The Glory*

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

ALTAR FLOWERS: Given to the Glory of our Risen Lord, He is Risen Indeed, by Tom & Bonny Ottney.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

- Musician.....John Beamer
- Video Tech.....Mark Cuthbertson
- Greeter.....Claudette Allred
- Usher.....
- Reader.....Bonny Ottney
- Communion.....Mary Dehring, Wes Gahler
- Fellowship.....Wes & Judy Gahler

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Today	Worship	8:45 AM
Tues	Sewing Quilts	9:00 AM
Wed	Book Club	10:00 AM
	A.A.	8:00 PM
Sat	Bingo @ Luther Home of Mercy (meet at the Administration Bldg)	6:30 PM

LENTEN SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS: Please have the jars and Reverse Lent Calendar items to the church next Sunday, The funds collected will be going to support the Mlenga congregation as it builds a new church building. Reverse Lent items are going to the Family Advocacy Center.

BINGO AT LUTHERAN HOME of MERCY: Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 PM. Please meet at the Administration Building. Please sign up so they know if we can host 1 or 2 cottages. Sign up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

NORTH CENTRAL SPRING ASSEMBLY: April 25th at 8:15 AM Zion Lutheran Church, Luckey, OH. Pre-registration deadline is April 18th. Registration is \$12, covers a continental breakfast, speakers, and lunch. Sign up sheet is on table in Narthex.

SALEM LUTHERAN EASTER MEAL: April 14th we will be cooking and serving a ham with scalloped potatoes dinner. We will need helpers to cook, serve, and cleanup. Also a lot of cakes and pies will be needed. Salem is still serving **350 meals each Tuesday!** Kitchen help should arrive at 12 NOON, Servers by 2PM, and Cleanup crew by 3 PM. Also that evening, Salem will be having a baby shower. They have 5 expectant mothers registered. Request includes diapers, bottles, bottle brush, blankets, pacifiers and first aid kits.

PRECIOUS MOMENTS PRESCHOOL: It's time for our annual fundraiser of Little Caesar's Pizza kits. Kick off is March 18th, orders and payment are due April 13th, delivery is the week of April 27th. Online orders due April 12th, Fundraiser ID#51352. Order form and info on the table in the Narthex.

SUNDAY SCHOOL'S APRIL BIBLE VERSE: "The joy of the Lord is my strength." Nehemiah 8:10.

THANK YOU: to the Sunday School children and others who helped make the candy and bake sale for missions so successful.

WANTED- NEEDED: The Sewing Ladies are in need of gently used sheets to use as backing for their quilts. They will take king, queen, double and twin (tops only of twins) sheets. Donations can be placed on the sewing table in the Fellowship hall. If more information is needed, contact Linda Sigurdson.

UPCOMING EVENTS: There are flyers posted for all these events on the bulletin board.

April 11th—Bingo at Luther Home of Mercy, 6:30PM—7:30PM.

April 12th—St. John, RR, Chicken and Biscuit Dinner, 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM or sold out. Dine in or Carry Out. Free will donation.

April 14th—Cooking & serving an Easter meal at Salem Lutheran NOON to 5:00 PM. Helpers and bakers are greatly needed.

April 16-19 Christ UMC Oregon, Oh, Jewelry Sale.

April 19th, 11 AM St. Peter Adults gathering at Blackberry Corners for games, pizza and fellowship.

April 24th— 12:00—5:30 Red Cross Blood Drive at St. John's Ev. Lutheran, Oak Harbor, OH. Check out flyer for info.

April 25th—North Central Spring Assembly 8:15 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Luckey, OH. Registration deadline, April 18th. (Will also take at door).

April 25th—High Tea by Friends of the Oak Harbor Public Library. See flyer for more information

ATTENDANCE: March 29th Worship: 87 SS: 21

TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

At time of printing, no report was available for March 29.

Easter flowers given in honor of:

All our loved ones, past and present by Mark & Becky Cuthbertson.
Our children and grandchildren by Jeaney & Gary Diefenthaler.
Our blessings of children and grandchildren by Jeff & Lisa Diekman.
Our children, grandchildren and mothers by Wes & Judy Gahler.
My children and grandchildren by Geraldine Hetrick.
Our parents and grandmothers by Joe & Jody, Wade, Lane and Cora Kapp.
Wade, Lane and Cora from Joe & Jody Kapp.
Family and friends by Pam & Ron King.
Our children, grandchildren and mom by Gail & Jon Overmyer.
Our wonderful and beautiful family by Red and Paulette Sekinger.

Easter Flowers given in memory of:

Donald Bolen by David & Dawn, Zach, Christine Bolen.
Our friends and family who have blessed our lives by Jim & Mary Dehring.
Our loving parents by Jeff & Lisa Diekman.
Our fathers, and grandparents by Wes & Judy Gahler.
Willard Hetrick by Geraldine Hetrick.
Wade & Audrey Wolf, Bud Starkey, Rollie Gahler, Richard Armstrong and Bob Kapp by Joe & Jody, Wade, Lane and Cora Kapp.
Ashley Larson by Mike & Katie Larson.
Loved ones by Wendy and Bob Millinger.
Our parents, grandparents, sister and brother by Jon & Gail Overmyer
Loved ones by Larry & Karen Schanke.
Loved ones by Jim & Kathy Vermilyea.

Easter flowers given to the Glory of Our Risen Lord:

Cindy & David Bench
Jared & Christy Diekman Family
Terry & Susan Lowe



APRIL WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

April 12

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Kim Reif

Communion: Pam King
Mary Dehring

Fellowship:

Flowers: Rufena Hartford

April 19

Greeter:

Usher:

Reader: Mary Dehring

Communion: Beth Lepper
Wes Gahler

Fellowship:

Flowers: Wes & Judy Gahler

April 26

Greeter: Pam King

Usher:

Reader: Karen Schanke

Communion: Pam King
Wes Gahler

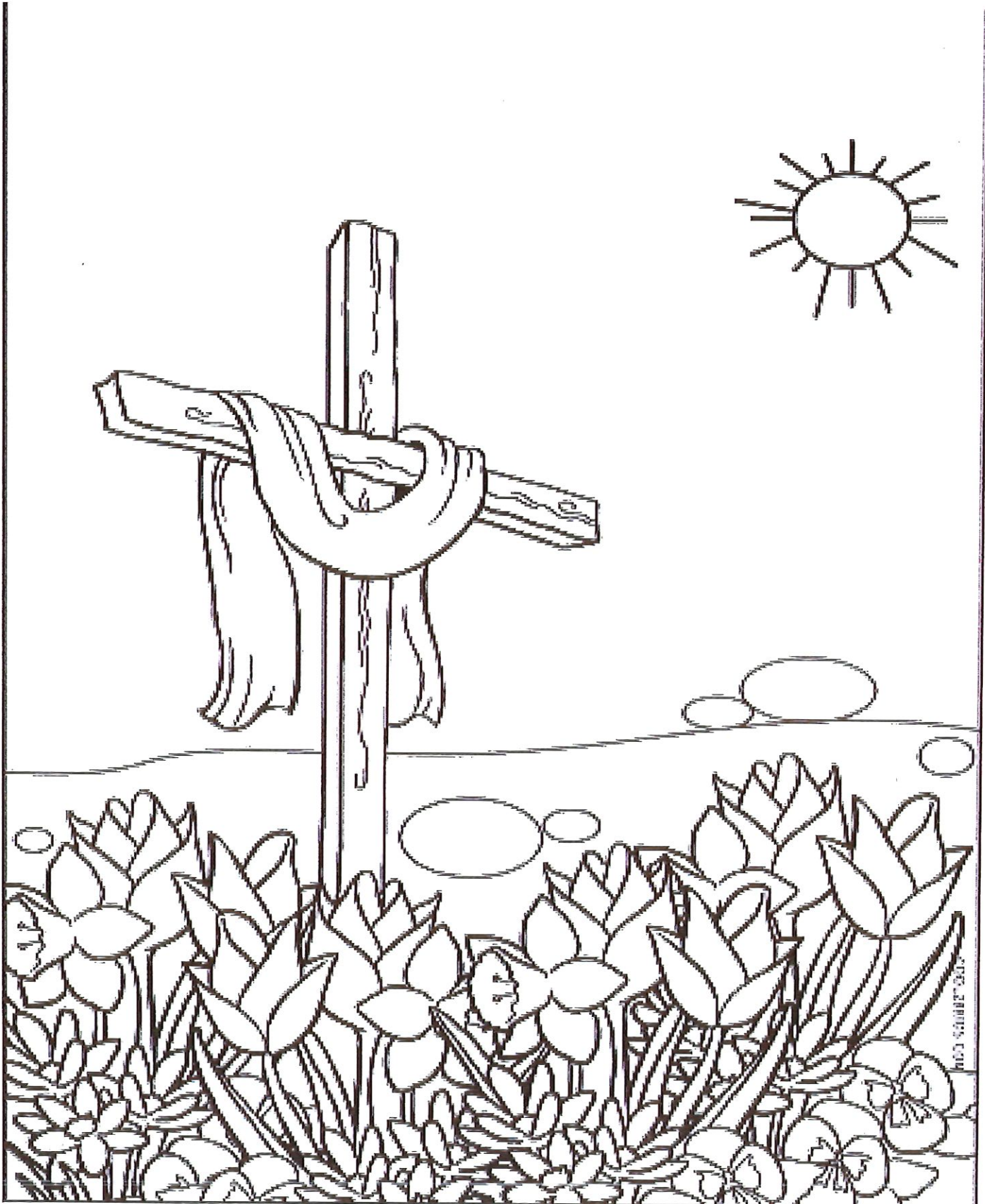
Fellowship:

Flowers: Jean Witt

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