

# Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026



## **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**

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# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

Entrance Hymn 207

*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

*Easter Hymn*

*Descant*



1 Je - sus Christ is risen 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 heaven - 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 ye heaven - 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!

*The people standing (as able), the Celebrant says*

Alleluia. Christ is Risen

*People*

***The Lord is Risen Indeed. Alleluia.***

There is one Body and one Spirit;

People *There is one hope in God's call to us;*  
 Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism  
 People *One God and Father of all*

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Glory to God

*Gloria in excelsis*

*Canticle 20*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and  
 peace to his peo-ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven-ly King, al-  
 might-y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we  
 praise you for your glo-ry. 3. Lord Je-sus Christ,  
 on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;  
 5. you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 7. you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the  
 Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of  
 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*        The Lord be with you.  
*People*            ***And also with you.***  
*Celebrant*        Let us pray.

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

## First Reading

**Acts 10:34-43**

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 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. 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; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            ***Thanks be to God.***

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

- 1        Give thanks to the LORD, for **/he is good**; \*  
          his **mercy en-dures for ever**.
- 2        Let Israel **/now pro-claim**, \*  
          "**His mercy en-dures for ever**."
- 14        The LORD is my **/strength and my** song, \*  
          and he has be/**cōme my sal-vation**.
- 15        There is a sound of exul/**tation and victory** \*  
          in the **/tēnts of the righteous**:
- 16        "The right hand of the **/LORD has triumphed!** \*  
          the right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
          the right hand **/of the LORD has triumphed!**"
- 17        I shall not **/die, but** live, \*  
          and de/**clare the works of the** LORD.
- 18 ‡     The LORD has **punished me sorely**, \*  
          but he did not **/hand me over** to death.
- 19        Open for me the **/gates of righteousness**; \*  
          I will enter them;  
          I will **/of-fer thanks to the** LORD.
- 20        "This is the **/gate of the** LORD; \*

he /**who is righteous** may enter."

21 I will give thanks to you, /**for you answered me** \*  
and have be/**cöme my sal-vation**.

22 The same stone which the /**builders re-jected** \*  
has become the /**chief cor-ner-stone**.

23 This is the /**LÖRD'S doing**, \*  
and it is /**marve-lous in our** eyes.

24 On this day the /**LORD has acted**; \*  
we will re/**joice and be glad in** it.

‡*Please return to second half of chant.*

## Second Reading

## Colossians 3:1-4

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Colossus.

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

*Reader*                    The Word of the Lord.  
*People*                    ***Thanks be to God.***

Are You Washed in the Blood?

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1. Have you been to Je - sus for the cleans-ing power? Are you washed in the  
 2. Are you walk - ing dai - ly by the Sav-iour's side? Are you washed in the  
 3. When the Bride-groom com - eth, will your robes be white, Pure and white in the  
 4. Lay a - side the gar-ments that are stained with sin And be washed in the

blood of the Lamb? Are you ful - ly trust-ing in His grace this hour? Are you  
 blood of the Lamb? Do you rest each mo-ment in the Cru - ci - fied? Are you  
 blood of the Lamb? Will your souls be read - y for the man-sions bright And be  
 blood of the Lamb; There's a foun-tain flow-ing for the soul un - clean; Oh, be

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washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
 washed in the blood of the Lamb? Are you washed in the blood,  
 washed in the blood of the Lamb?  
 washed in the blood of the Lamb. Are you washed in the blood,

In the soul-cleans-ing blood of the Lamb? Are your gar-ments spot-less?  
 of the Lamb?

Are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

Holy Gospel

John 20:1-18

All stand.

Celebrant  
 People

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.  
 Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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. So 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." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and 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. They 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." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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." Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

### ***Vs 3 & 4 of Sequence Hymn sung***

### **Sermon**

**Rev. Carolyn Adhola**

### **Renewal Of Baptismal Vows**

**BCP p. 292**

*All stand*

*Celebrant*            Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People*                **I do.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in God the Father?  
*People*                **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?  
*People*                **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant*            Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People*                **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers of the People Form VI**

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*The Leader and People pray responsively*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;

***For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.***

For this community, the nation, and the world;

***For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.***

For the just and proper use of your creation;

***For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.***

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

***For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.***

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

***For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.***

For Sean our Presiding Bishop, John our Bishop; Carolyne our priest and for all bishops and other ministers;

***For all who serve God in his Church.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray especially for everyone on our St. Paul's prayer list and all our intercessions for family & friends.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Hear us, Lord;

***For your mercy is great.***

*Silence*

*The People may add their own thanksgivings*

We will exalt you, O God our King;

***And praise your Name for ever and ever.***

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
***Who put their trust in you.***

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Silence may be kept.*

***Leader and People***

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Absolution**

**BCP p. 360**

*The Celebrant says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. ***Amen.***

**Peace**

**BCP p. 360**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*

***And also with you.***

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with an Offertory sentence.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

**Offertory Anthem: *I Am He***

Mary McDonald

**Doxology (Hymn 380, v. 4)**

# The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer A

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*The people remain standing. The Celebrant says*

The Lord be with you.

**People**

**And also with you.**

*Celebrant*

Lift up your hearts.

**People**

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People**

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you,

Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus (S128)

*The acolyte will ring the Sanctus bells each time the word "holy" is sung.*

*Celebrant and People*

Ho - ly, ho - ly,  
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven 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.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**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,  
for ever and ever. *Amen.***

**Breaking of the Bread**

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*A period of silence is kept.*

*Then said*

[Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

*Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at Christ's table; we ask only that you come seeking a closer relationship with our God.*

**Communion Anthem:** *How Deep the Father's Love*  
Jon Healey, Guitar

Stuart Townsend

**Post Communion Anthem:** *Hallelujah Chorus*

G.F. Handel

**Post Communion Prayer**

**BCP p. 365**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*The priest blesses the people, saying*

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Post Communion Hymn 210

*The Day of Resurrection!*

*Descant*

3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
 1 The day of re - sur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;  
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
 the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of re - sur - rec - tion light;  
 the round world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
 and, lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear so calm and plain  
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes to - geth - er blend,  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.  
 our Christ hath brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.  
 for Christ the Lord is ris - en, our joy that hath no end.

**Dismissal**

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*Celebrant*  
*People*

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.*

## ***Upcoming Events & News***

**Altar Flowers:** The next available dates are April 19<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to reserve any of these dates, please contact Rhonda Mundy.

**Food, Fellowship & Faith:** Formerly called Pub Theology, Food, Fellowship & Faith will meet on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at US Pizza. Come join us!

**ECW Meeting Update:** ECW will begin meetings after Easter season. Watch for upcoming dates in the announcements soon!

**Adult Sunday School:** Adult Sunday School is reading Adam Hamilton book, *The Lord's Prayer*, and we will continue meeting at 9:15 each Sunday morning in the Parish Hall. Come see what it's all about!!

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- **Children's Sunday School:** Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am
- **Care Team Meeting:** Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> after Coffee Hour
- **Adult Sunday School:** Sundays, 9:15 am in the Parish Hall
- **Coffee Hour:** After the service, everyone is invited to the Parish House (two lefts at the bottom of the steps) for refreshments and fellowship
- **The Chosen Meetings:** Every Monday from 3:30-5:00 pm and every Tuesday from 3:30-5:00 pm
- **Dementia Caregivers Support Group:** April 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am & April 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church in the Parlor

### ***St. Paul's Prayer List:***

**Intercessions:** Jamie Bridgers, Jim & Deb Johnson, Patricia Smith, Joan Davidson, Matt Stephenson, John & Susan Dempsey, Ellen Massey, Bill Olson, Cindy Perkey, Dana & Bob Teichart, Mabelle Christiansen, Martha Healey, Mike Mundy, Natalie Molineaux, Marilyn Smith, and Inge 'Granny' Grahn.

**Intercessions for Family & Friends:** Kitten Lawless, DeAnna McCool, Robin Goertz, Gerry Goertz & Jinny Goertz, Tom & Kathy Celestine, David Smith, Adam M, Charlotte, Daniel & Steven King, Sherry Snow, Mark Higginbotham, Danny Yeager, Shannon Bohnert, Micah Jordon, Rodney Brady, John V. Miller, Ben Handford, Jim Reynolds, Peggy & Dale Comer, Kristin, Georgina Mosser, Kristi Smith, Raymond Staggs, Gary & Phylis Bratton, Connie Barnett, Q, James & Lois Work, Sharon Runyan, Eleanor, Shelly & Heath Wooldridge, Linda Brewer, Sarah Mosser, Nicole Haskins, Linda Healey Morgan, Sandra Coe, the Teague Family, Kera Cook & family, Jacqueline Levy, Gina, Linda, Autumn & Our Father's Table, Hank Pearce, Sharon Santangelo, Ellie & Clarke, Charli Seitz, Susan Henley Powers, and Rebecca Little.

**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** Lloyd Bess (4/5), Virginia Cruse (4/6), Danny Dozier (4/10), Dana Teichart (4/10), John Dempsey (4/11), and Sarah Hays & Rick VanGrouw (4/11).

### **Ministers Serving this Sunday**

Celebrant: Rev. Carolyne Adhola

Lay Eucharistic Minister (8:00): Sarah Harmon

Lay Eucharistic Minister (10:30): Brenda & Nikki Bittle

Lector: Nelson Barnett

Ushers: Mike Mundy & Fuller Bumpers

Technical Support: David Taverner

Coffee Hour: ***Egg Hunt***

Altar Guild: Jo Cargill-Krug & Nelda Mitchell

Community Meal (4/8/2026): Team Bumpers

*Office Hours:*

*Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-12:00 pm*

*The office is closed on Friday*



# *Easter Gifts 2026*



## **In Memory Of:**

The Rev. Robert F. Bartusch, Nancy Bartusch, Y. M. Massey, Betty Hail Massey, Conway Hail, Jr., and Attie Lee Turner *by Steve & Ellen Massey*

Betty Gillmore & Joseph G. Pilot, Jr., Dwight Nelson Ford *by Dwight Ford and Karis Bufford Ford*

Wayne & Anna Mae McSpadden, Jim & Bobbie Wilson, MaDonna Smith, Elley Lindsey, Jeanne Roepcke and Our Grandparents *by Jacqui & Scott McSpadden*

Mike & Patty Healey, Clyde & Marian McGinnis, Martha Sue Smith, and Susie Farris *by Jon & Martha Healey*

Carter Jeffery, Jr., Coleen Shane Waldrip, Joe H. Waldrip, Sr., Joe H. Waldrip, Jr., Elfrieda Guenzel Shane, Buddy Shane, Fitzhugh Spragins and J. Higginbottom *by Susan Waldrip Jeffery*

Nick Avants *by Shelba Avants*

## **In Thanksgiving For:**

Karis Bufford Ford *by Dwight Ford and Alan Bufford*

Our children & grandchildren *by Jacqui & Scott McSpadden*

Jeremy, Kristen, Caleb, Jordan, and Myka Jeffery and Larry Jack Guenzel *by Susan Waldrip Jeffery*