

PRAYERS for April 4, 2021 – Easter Sunday

Worship Assistant: Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord on this glorious Easter Sunday, let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Worship Assistant: God our Father, once again we worship You, glorify You, and honor You with alleluias! You raised Your Son from the dead and made Him to be Lord over all things in heaven and on earth. By raising Christ, You conquered the power of death and opened for us the way of eternal life. We thank You for this new life given to us in Christ Jesus. We are also thankful as we celebrate the baptism of Jemma Swenson and Theodore Baade this morning. Help Jemma and Theodore live as Your redeemed children. Let our celebration today raise us up and renew our lives by the Spirit that is within us. Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed!

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Eternal God, we often turn away from You, forsake Your house, neglect Your Word, and fail to enjoy Your fellowship. Keep us close to You for we feel sadness when we are separated from You. You are light and in You there is no darkness at all. We know that with the miracle of Easter that Your Gospel is true. Grant that the Easter message might make us bolder in our lives, stronger in our faith, more secure in our love, more confident in our hope, and more enthusiastic in our witness for You. Ground us firmly in You and help us lead doubters to faith in Your Son. We ask that You transform us on the inside so that we may live lives more like our risen Christ.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: God of Mercy, You wash away our sins in water, You give us a new birth in the Spirit, and You redeem us in the blood of Christ. You are the source of all our lives, and we thank You for all the ways You love us, provide for us, and hear our prayers. As we celebrate Christ's resurrection, increase in us the awareness of these blessings. Strengthen our Word of God congregation so that we may be a family united in the bond of Christ and standing firm on the truth of Your Holy Word. Help us to glorify Your name in all that we say and do.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Risen Christ, death could not hold You in its power. You have proved Yourself to be the one who could deliver us from sin, pain, suffering, and grief. You know the needs of every suffering heart and are moved by every tear. We humbly ask for Your healing hands upon all who are sick, all who are recovering from surgery or illness, all who are mourning the loss of a loved one, all who are struggling with life issues, all who fear danger or distress, and all who are rebuilding their homes and lives after the tornado. We lift up to You all people who on our prayer list and the families and friends whose names we speak out loud or say silently in our hearts.

(Wait at least 20 seconds for names.) Lord, in Your mercy.....*hear our prayer.*

Worship Assistant: Heavenly Father, graciously hear the prayers of Your people. Give us grace and strength to walk closer to You and to serve You faithfully. Be with Christians throughout the world who seek to worship You. Protect those who are persecuted, keep strong those who have lost faith, and keep safe those who are in danger. We ask You to watch over our military personnel, our police, our firefighters, our first responders, our missionaries, and our leaders.

Lord, in Your mercy..... *hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**