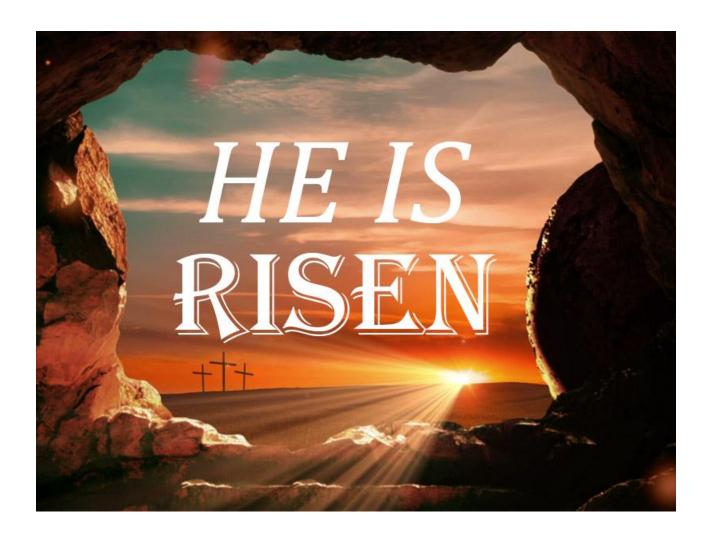
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RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY APRIL 20, 2025

April 20, 2025

Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day

"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!

THE EASTER PRELUDE / LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Risen Today! – Franklin Rutter; Fantasy Prelude on an Easter Hymn – Gilbert M. Martin; That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright - Robert Graham; Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing – David Lasky; Christ Has Triumphed, Alleluia! – Robert J. Hughes; Easter Hymn – Gordon Young

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

EASTER PROCLAMATION / LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Celebrate! Let the whole world celebrate! Jesus Christ is risen! The power of this holy morning fills us with hope.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

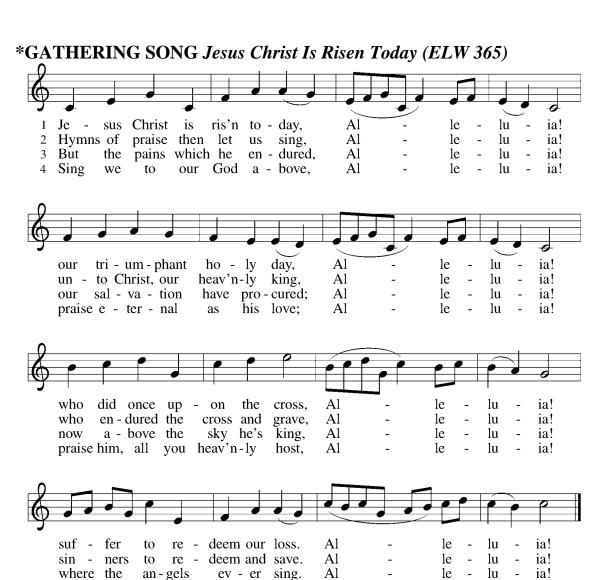
He is risen indeed!

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RETURN OF "ALLELUIA"

CHOIR ANTHEM Antiphonal Alleluia - Alan Smith



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

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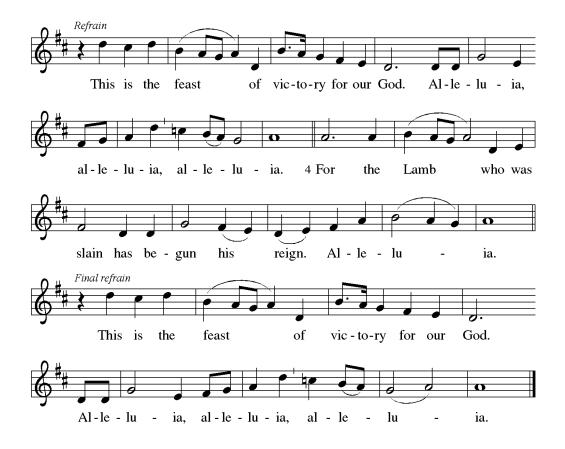
*GREETING

Fa - ther, Son, and

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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM A Gaelic Easter Celebration Patti Drennan

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,

³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—

he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

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

(read responsively between lector and congregation, beginning with the lector)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the [|]LORD is good; God's mercy en- [|] dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,

"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The 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!

¹⁶The 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.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely, but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹Open 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 righ- | teous may enter."

21 I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me and you have become | my salvation.

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³By 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.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

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.

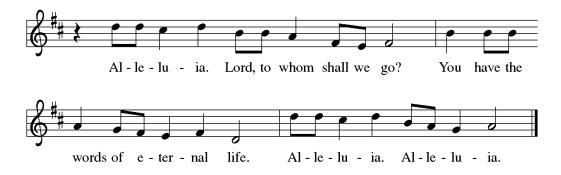
¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They 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

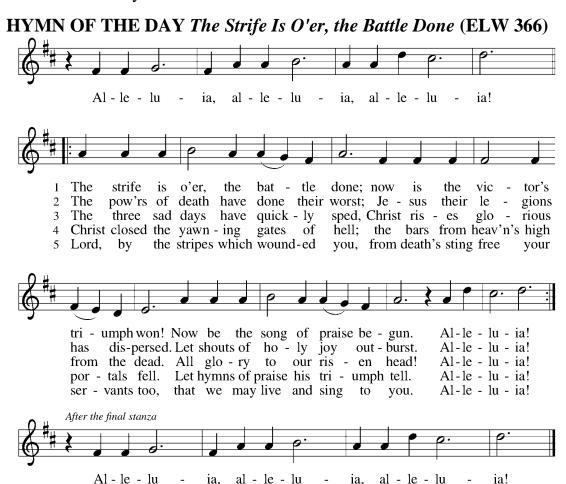
among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Martin Horn

*Please stand as you are able for the final verse



Text: Symphonia Sirenum, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

*CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH (Please respond.)

P: God of grace. C: hear our prayer.

and the life everlasting. Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful (ELW 182)



Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923 Text and music © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
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.
Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

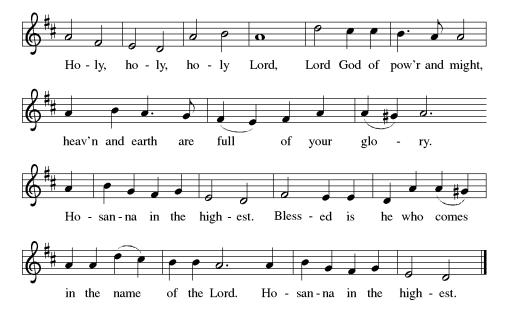
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*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,
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:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

*LORD'S PRAYER (sung)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray in song as Jesus taught us.

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 grace. Receive the gift of new life.

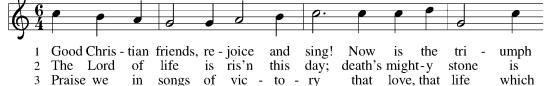
COMMUNION

Continuous - Please continue down center aisle at the direction of the usher. After you receive the bread, you may take a cup of red wine or white grape juice from the tray. Please place your empty communion cup in the basket. Gluten free wafers are available, ask the Pastor when you come forward. Notify the Head Usher if you would appreciate receiving Communion at your seat rather than walking up to the altar, the Pastor and Communion Assistant will be happy to bring Communion to you.

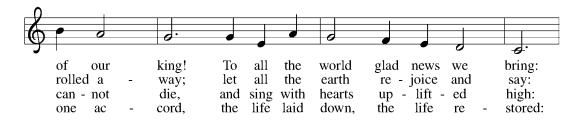
COMMUNION SONG



COMMUNION HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! (ELW 385)



4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with





Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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*COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

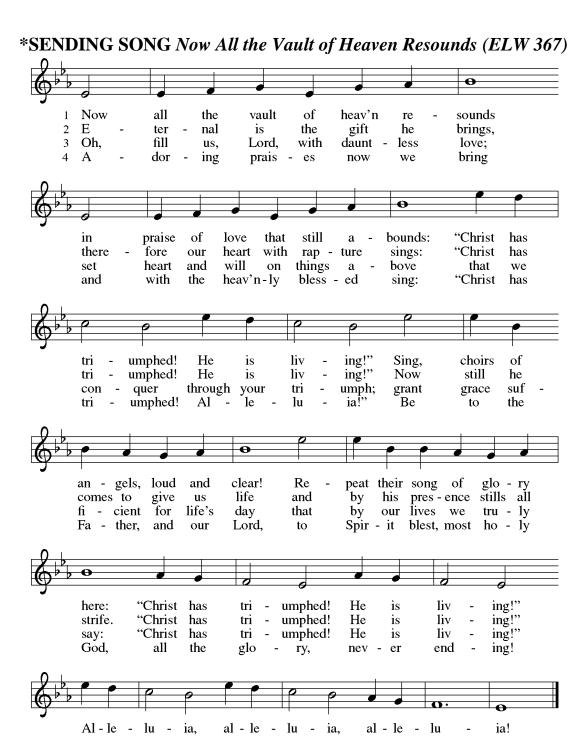
Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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.

Amen.



Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.

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*DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES/SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE The Strife Is O'er - Norman Johnson

Many thanks to the members of our choir for their special music on this Easter Sunday morning. They have worked very hard during the Lenten season putting in extra time at rehearsals to prepare all the music chosen for them for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter! Be sure to thank them when you see them today! Happy Easter to everyone from the members of the music program!

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Communion Clean-Up	Ilona & Jerry Laney
Communion Bread	Ilona Laney
Communion Assist	Martie Veilleux
Attendance last Sunday	39

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are placed to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Hess and their children given by The Hess Family.

Welcome Visitors! We welcome you to our worship service. We hope your visit with us will be a time of blessing. If you have any concerns, please talk to the Head Usher. We invite you to worship with us again!

Please welcome Rev. Martin Horn with a warm thank you for preaching this morning.

Prayer requests for the following: Doug Weaver, James Bersch, Evelyn Gomez, Kristen Hardman, Brandan DeShong, Kaitlyn Dovey, Angela Puchalo, Katelyn Mary Dodge, Charles Carl, Fran Stouffer, Marty Wenger, Don Wildeson, Nancy Marshall, Betty Amt, our world & country, Debbie Aschmann, Donna, Karen, Chuck Bedsworth, Linda Mumaugh, Katy Klutz, Becky Ensinger, Sam Mull, and all the Homebound. If anyone has a prayer request, please call Janice McEntire, 717-264-3702.

Please Be Aware: We wish to be a praying congregation, and especially for those who are sick or experiencing difficult times. We will continue to name person's (first name only) aloud each Sunday, and we will hold each name for a month. In order to keep our list updated we ask that by the final Thursday of the month, but please call Janice McEntire 717 264-3702 to keep the name on for an extra month. Any name can remain for as long as desired, but we need to hear from the person adding the name, or we will presume the name can be removed. Thank you for your understanding.

Weekly Calendar Reminders:

April 23 - Qigong/Tai Chi 7pm 24 - Choir 7pm

Qigong/Tai Chi Class will be starting **April 23rd, Wednesdays at 7:00pm** at Solomon's Church main Sunday school room. This is an open class. If you can walk independently, you will survive the class. All exercises are mild. For more information contact: Colleen Johnson.

2025 Relay for Life: The event will take place at Greencastle/Antrim High School on Friday, May 16th from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Solomon's is signed up as team again this year and if you like to join the team, please go to the website to join our team or call 1-800-227-2345. Sam & Becky will also be collecting the Luminary forms and will need the form and donation by Sunday, May 11th. Please reach out to Becky Mull if you have any questions and we hope to see you on the track! Thank you for your continued support.

During the month of April, Social Ministry will be collecting paper products for Maranatha Food Pantry. Paper products cannot be purchased with Food Stamps. Items needed are toilet paper, napkins, paper towels, Kleenex, hand wipes, diapers, etc. Please place the items in the totes under the coat rack, next to the mailboxes.

SpiriTrust Lutheran Chambersburg Auxiliary still has discount cards available for \$5.00. Cards are good until Sept. 1, 2025. All proceeds go to support programs at Luther Ridge. Lots of great places to save. See Becky Pecha if you would like to have a card.

Communion Cards – to maintain accurate records, we ask that each member fill out a communion card **only once per calendar year**, at a service when you partake of Holy Communion.

The 2025 Chart for Altar flowers is on the table in the Sunday School room. The cost of the two vases will be \$50.00 per week. You will continue to provide Kimberly with the information for the bulletin prior to the week before the Sunday you choose. Include the cost of \$50.00 with the bulletin information.

The 2025 sign-up charts for Acolyte, Lector etc. are on the table in the Sunday School room. Please sign up for as many as you can.

Power Pack Meals: The need for nutritious food for New Franklin Elementary School students in need is an on-going project. If you would like to give a monetary donation, please make your check payable to Solomon's Lutheran Church and put Power Pack Meals in the memo of your check.

If you are not taking your altar flowers home, please let Kathy Bowen know to whom or to where you would like them donated. Thanks.

Music Notes/Hymn Notes:

Our opening hymn this morning, "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today," was first written in Latin as a Bohemian hymn in the 14th century by an unknown author. The Latin version had eleven verses! It was first translated into English in 1708, and later in 1749, the verses of the hymn were revised by John Arnold. Initially the hymn only had three verses that were translated, with just the first verse being a direct translation; but in 1740 <u>Charles Wesley</u> added a fourth verse to the hymn as an alternative. This verse was later adopted into the hymn as part of it. Charles Wesley is given credit for having written the text for the full hymn, but he only added the fourth verse. The "Alleluias" were added later helping to make this a truly joyful hymn for Easter Sunday! (Wikipedia).

Our sending hymn this morning, "Now all The Vault of Heaven Resounds," is a distinctly Lutheran treasure. It was written specifically for the tune, *Lasst uns erfreuen*, but is also used for other texts in the ELW (#s 393,424, 835). The German *lasst uns erfreuen herzlich sehr* translates as "let us rejoice most heartedly." The tune originated in Germany in 1623 and found widespread popularity in 1906 when it was published in an English hymnal. This text we sing today was written for the old red Service Book and Hymnal (1958) by Paul Z. Strodach (1876-1947), but has continued to be placed in more recent Lutheran hymnals, (LBW and ELW), exhibiting the hymn's "staying power." What a wonderful way to end our Easter Sunday celebration: "Christ has triumphed! He is living! Alleluia!" (Living Lutheran.org)



The Easter Flowers in Memory and Honor of Family and Friends have been donated by:



Sam & Becky Mull
In memory of our parents & son
In honor of our children & grandchildren

Mark & Sally Gayman
In memory of our parents
In honor of our children and grandchildren

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In memory of our parents, Bill & Louise Coldsmith
and Jack & Bea White

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In memory of our parents
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