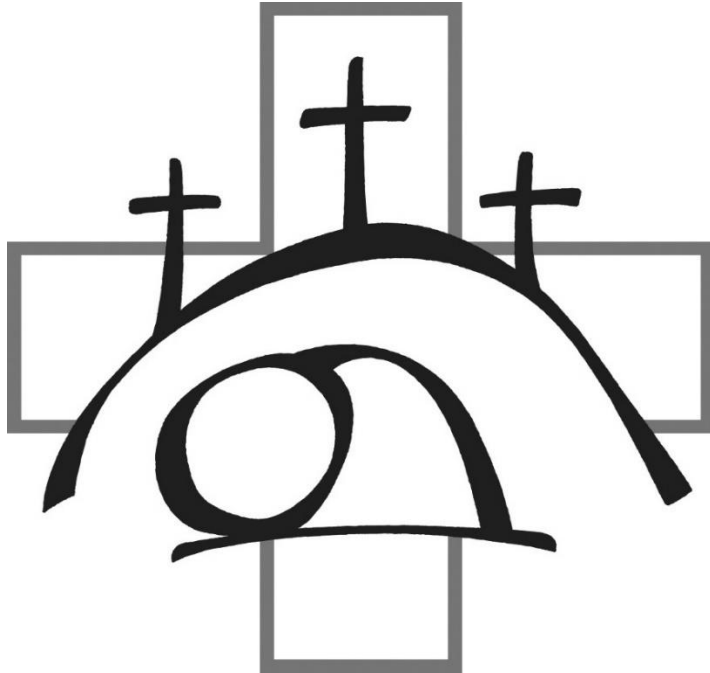


# CELEBRATING THE GOODNESS OF GOD

Worship Bulletin for March 31, 2024



**GLORIFY HIM ...  
GROW IN HIM ...  
GO WITH HIS GOSPEL**

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# Easter Sunday --- He Is Risen!

March 31, 2024

## A place to call home: St. Mark's Lutheran Church & School

In the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ, welcome home. We especially welcome to our house of worship our guests who have joined us today. We pray you will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness to us through Jesus.

We say with the Psalmist, whether here on campus or viewing online, *"I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let us go to the house of the LORD'"* (Psalm 122:1).

May the Lord continue to help us grow in His grace and knowledge as we hear, speak, and sing His holy Word.

## Some items to keep in mind as we gather for worship in this place:

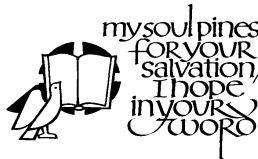
Members & our Guests ... Please pick up and fill out a **Connection Card** which can be found in the Entryway; before you leave place it in the box on the wall or in the basket labeled "Filled out Connection Cards." Thank you!

We do have **LARGE PRINT** copies of the Service; they can be found at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

*Hymns from 'Christian Worship' Red (1993) / 'Christian Worship' Blue (2021) /  
'Christian Worship Supplement' (soft blue cover)*

Personal **hearing assistance** devices are available on the entryway wall near the west entrance. The Sanctuary is also 'looped' for those who have hearing aids that can pick up the signal.

**Holy Communion** is offered on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays. Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members partake of the Sacrament. If you are not a member and would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor.

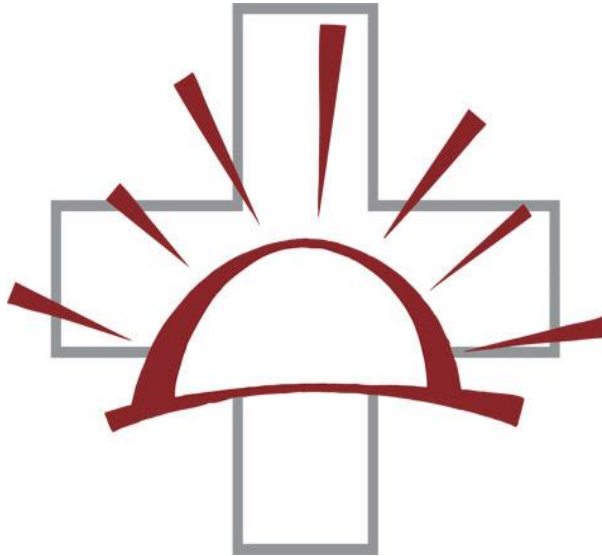


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# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Worship Focus:** What do you hope for as you go through this life? Do your hopes change with what is going on in your life, what stage of life you are at? Earthly hopes are subject to change and to disappointment; hope that originates in heaven, and in particular on this day comes with the promise of heaven, is a sure thing. This hope is not in vain. This hope enables us to endure the hopes which disappoint. Christ Jesus has arisen – HOPE is alive!



## PRELUDE

**See, What a Morning**  
*Arr. by Lloyd Larson*

## SONG *by the Choir*

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**  
*Intradas and Obligatos, John Yarrington, 1986 Choristers Guild*  
*Christ the Lord is ris 'n today, Alleluia, ris 'n today!*

Minister: Christ Jesus has risen,

**Congregation: He has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**  
*Christian Worship Red # 152*

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.**

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory. (*1 Cor. 15*)

**Women: Where, O death, is your victory?**

**Men: Where, O death, is your sting?**

*(no intro)*

**He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives, my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye.  
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

M: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C: But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: We worship in the name of God - the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**C: Let us worship him.**

*(no intro)*

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end.  
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

M: Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance:

**C: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners – of whom I am the worst.**

M: If we confess our sins,

**C: He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: This is how God showed his love among us:

**Men: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him.**

M: This is love:

**Women: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**

M: God our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, hear the word of Christ through his called

servant: All your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Jesus said to her (*Martha*), "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

**C: and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**

M: Do you believe this?"

**C: Yes!**

M: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

**C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship him.**

## HYMN

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 6*

## See, What a Morning

*Christian Worship Blue # 451*



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn - ing of  
2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor - row she  
3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, thro' the Spir - it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave - clothes,  
turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak - ing,  
clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless - ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is  
call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to  
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au -



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in  
life a - gain! The voice that spans the years, speak - ing  
thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in  
life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till  
dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!  
he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!  
reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

### A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**Job 19:23-27**

*Job still had confidence in what God had in store for him ... and all who call on Jesus.*

“Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll, <sup>24</sup> that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock forever! <sup>25</sup> I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth. <sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; <sup>27</sup> I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.**

*Praise the LORD, O my soul; and forget not all His benefits (Ps 103)*

**SONG** by Choir & Congregation ... Congregation vss 1 & 3, Choir vs 2  
*Musical Introduction*

**This Joyful Eastertide**

*Jeremy J Bankson © 2004 Morning Star Music*

**This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!**

**My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow.**

*Refrain Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three-day prison,*

*Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;*

*But now has Christ arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber*

*Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number. Refrain*

**Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;**

**Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver. Refrain**

### A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

**1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*The hope we have in Christ is not just for this life.*

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

M: The Word of the Lord.            **C: Thanks be to God! Let us worship Him.**

*Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name;  
make known among the nations what he has done. (Ps 105)*

## **HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

## **Crown Him with Many Crowns**

*Christian Worship Red # 341*

**Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love—Behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;  
Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.  
Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;  
Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.**

*Our Worship centers on the Gospel Reading for the day.*

## **A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 16:1-8**

*God doesn't just keep His promises, He provides ample proof He does what He says.*

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" <sup>4</sup> But when they looked up, they saw that the stone,

which was very large, had been rolled away. <sup>5</sup> As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup> “Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. <sup>7</sup> But go, tell his disciples and Peter, ‘He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.’” <sup>8</sup> Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

M: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ. Let us worship Him.

**HYMN**

**Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed**

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 9*

*Christian Worship Blue # 447*



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 2  
 friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris - en!  
 have not seen, yet sing "Hal-le - lu - jah!" v. 4



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:



"Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed." v. 3/v. 5



4 **Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
they preached the truth and pow’r of grace  
and pouring out their lives they gained  
life, life everlasting. Refrain**

5 **The pow’r that raised him from the grave  
now works in us to pow’r’f’ly save.  
He frees our hearts to live his grace;  
go, tell of his goodness. Refrain**

## **FOCUS ON THE SCRIPTURES**

**Based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

**“The Greatest Love Story --- Includes Hope Beyond The Grave”**

### **A CONFESSION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **OUR THANK OFFERING**

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### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.**

**C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.**

**C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:**

**C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*And we also pray ...*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## THE SACRAMENT

*Take and eat ... This is My body ... given for you  
Take and drink ... This is My blood ... shed for. (1 Cor 11)*

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my ☩ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my ☩ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### DISTRIBUTION OF THE SACRAMENT

*The Ushers will direct Communicants by way of the center aisle, returning by way of the outer aisle. Either pick up a Wafer from the table by the Baptism Font or receive a Wafer in your hand from the Communion Assistant. Note: Tinted cups in the center of the Trays are filled with Grape Juice. Your empty Cup can be placed on the backside of the Rail. If seated on the east side, approach the Rail from left to right; if on the*

west side, right to left. When at the Rail, you may kneel or stand. If you need Communion in the Pew, please let an Usher or the Pastor know of this.

As a reminder: Since Holy Communion is a confession of faith, we ask that at this time only members and those who spoke with the Pastor ahead of time partake of the Sacrament. In the future, if you would like to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please reach out to our Pastor following the Service / during the week.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Musical Introduction*

## In Christ Alone

*Christian Worship Blue # 510*

**In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all; here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe;  
this gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
for ev'ry sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
for I am his and he is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

*Musical Introduction ... Song continues on page 12*

## The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

*Christian Worship Blue # 452*

*Refrain*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the  
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst, but Christ their  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es

vic - tor's tri - umph won; now be the  
 le - gions has dis - persed. Let shouts of  
 glo - rious from the dead. All glo - ry

song of praise be - gun: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ho - ly joy out - burst: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to our ris - en Head: Al - le - lu - ia!

**4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
 the bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
 Let hymns of praise his triumph tell: Alleluia!**

**5 By your deep wounds, O risen King,  
 come set us free from death's sharp sting,  
 that we may live and ever sing: Alleluia!  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**M:** We pray. Almighty God, grant to Your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder Your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people,

**C:** so that we may serve You in steadfast faith and confess Your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace.

**Women:** Live in harmony with one another.

**Men:** Serve the Lord with gladness.

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C:** Amen. Thanks be to God! Our Hope is not in vain. Alleluia!

**HYMN**

*Musical Introduction*

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives**

*Christian Worship Red # 152*

**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death.  
 He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring my safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

## TODAY AT ST. MARK'S

### Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Jonathan Kolander

Musical Accompanist: Rosemarie Boushek

Percussion: Don Black

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### For Reflection based on Today's Scripture Readings ...

1<sup>st</sup>: Reflect on what Job was going through in his life, and how then could he be led to say this statement? Note the language which speaks to the permanency of what he confessed. Why are these words powerful to you, assuming they are such? Read Psalm 22.

2<sup>nd</sup>: Why make the connection back to the time of Adam? Why is Christ considered to be 'the firstfruits'? How has death been destroyed? What 'hope' does the world have to offer? Read Revelation 7:9-17.

3<sup>rd</sup>: Of all the happenings in this Reading, which one makes you stop to think about it? What action are we called to take upon reading this account? Read 1 Thessalonians 1.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. MARK'S

Today	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service – Happy Resurrection Day!
	9:15 a.m.	Pancake Breakfast in the MPC
Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	GriefShare # 3, Luther Room
Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	Call Meeting for JrK-K Teacher, Chapel
Thursday	9:30 a.m.	JOL Women's Bible Study, Library
	4:30 p.m.	Board of Stewardship Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Digging Deeper Discussion, Luther Room
Next Sunday	8:00 & 10:45	Worship Service
	9:00 a.m.	New Member Reception, Church Lobby
	9:30 a.m.	Bible Study
	2:00 p.m.	Jesus Cares, Chapel

<i><b>Birthdays</b></i>		<i><b>Anniversaries</b></i>
Linda Black	<i>Apr 4</i>	Jason & Melissa Hioco
Sheilah Jones	<i>Apr 6</i>	



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