



# Christ Lutheran CHURCH

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**EASTER SUNDAY**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

## **YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

At Christ Lutheran people of all backgrounds and experiences gather to worship because we all share a common hope: the life, death, and resurrection of Christ makes all things new, even us.

You will find everything that happens in worship printed in this bulletin, with songs found in the red hymnals (“ELW”) under the seats in front of you. If you have a prayer request, the yellow cards in the seatback holders have a place for them; the other side is for any information you would like about Christ Lutheran. Please feel welcome to remain seated as necessary during the service.

## **CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN CHURCH!**

God’s people come in all shapes and sizes – it is a gift to the whole community when the smallest of us are present! Sitting with parents and learning to treasure times of worship is the foundation for helping build a growing faith in a child’s life. There’s some noise and movement that we expect from little ones - feel free to make use of the **activity bags, doodle pads, bookshelf in the overflow area and cry room at the back of the sanctuary** as needed. Whatever sacrifice of energy and effort you make to include your children in worship is multiplied as the good news of God’s love takes root in their lives!

## **RESTROOMS**

Men’s and women’s restrooms off the Gathering Area and Church Hall have changing tables, as does the all-gender restroom near the nursery. A second all-gender restroom is through the Vestry off the East hallway, past the Welcome Center.

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

**Holy Communion** is the family meal of God's people, to which we come at Jesus' invitation. The body and blood of Christ, in the bread and wine, are his real presence with us and offer the gift of forgiveness because of his death and resurrection. Drawn together and strengthened by this meal, we are given a taste of the fullness of God's coming kingdom, and are equipped to be the hands and feet of God's love in the world. All baptized Christians are always welcome at the Lord's table.

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## **COVID Procedure Update**

**Masks are encouraged but optional during worship.** Naturally if you prefer to stay masked throughout the service, you are of course welcome to do so. Masks are not required for singing but suggested.

Our services are on video, and occasional photographs are taken for our website and e-mail news. If you have concerns, please speak to a church staff member.

*Hearing assistance devices are available to those who need help with listening to the service and are located at the entrance to the sanctuary, or please see an Usher for assistance.*

**A Reminder: Please turn off all cell phones during worship services.**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*

## **GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

*The Day of Resurrection  
The Trumpet Shall Sound  
Holy is God the Lord*

McChesney  
Handel  
Mendelssohn

### **WELCOME**

*If you are joining us for the first time, welcome! We’d love to meet you, or if there’s anything you’d like to know about the ministry of Christ Lutheran Church, please consider [filling out a Connection Card online](#) (you can point your phone at the graphic to the right) or using a yellow Connection Card in the pew holders.*



***Prayer requests** can be posted to the livechat or use a yellow Prayer Request (backside of the Connection Card) and give them to an usher.*

*If you are worshipping with us via livestream, consider **preparing your space for Communion**: light a candle (if appropriate and safe), and have a plate with bread/cracker/tortilla and a cup for wine or grape juice (or an empty cup as a sign Jesus is sufficient in one or both elements).*

### **EASTER ACCLAMATION**

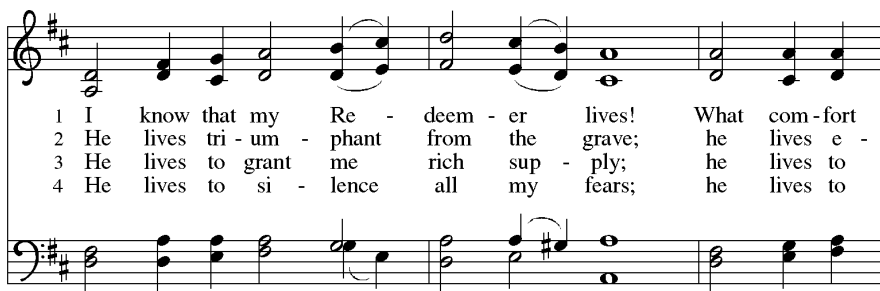
**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

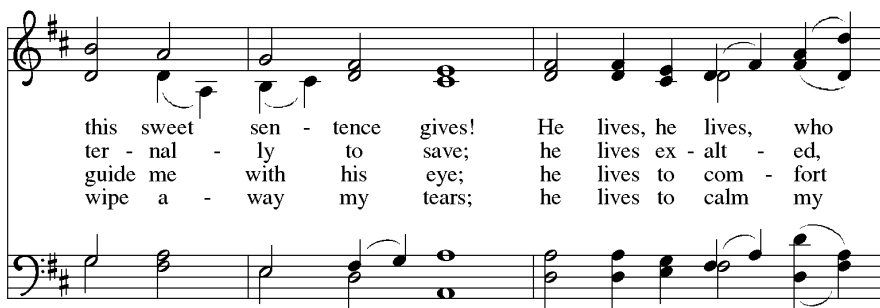
# GATHERING HYMN ELW # 619

## *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*


(st. 1 – 3 ALL; st. 4 - HIGH VOICES; st. 5- LOW VOICES – st. 8 – ALL)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 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.

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

6 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!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 what joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,  
you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.*

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.  
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**  
**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**  
**Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.  
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.  
Where despair prevails, grant hope.  
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## 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.**

*Children: This is the day that the Lord has made.*

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast of Victory*

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, 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.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and  
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

God of new creation,  
From the womb of earth  
You raised the Lord of life:  
May we receive the word of women  
Who braved the soldier's spears  
And met him in the dawning light;  
May we live with morning joy  
That love will never die,  
Through Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life.  
**Amen.**

## WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.*

*When children read, they may read a version that is appropriate to their reading level and voice, which may vary from the printed texts.*

## CHILDREN'S TIME

*The assembly is seated as children come forward for a time together.*

## HANDBELL ANTHEM

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

McChesney

## READING: Jeremiah 31: 1-6

*God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.*

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

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword  
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup>the LORD appeared to him from far away.

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

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built,  
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards  
on the mountains of Samaria;



the planters shall plant,  
and shall enjoy the fruit.  
<sup>6</sup>For 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.”

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

**PSALM 118:1–2, 14–24**

Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## READING: Colossians 3:1-4

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

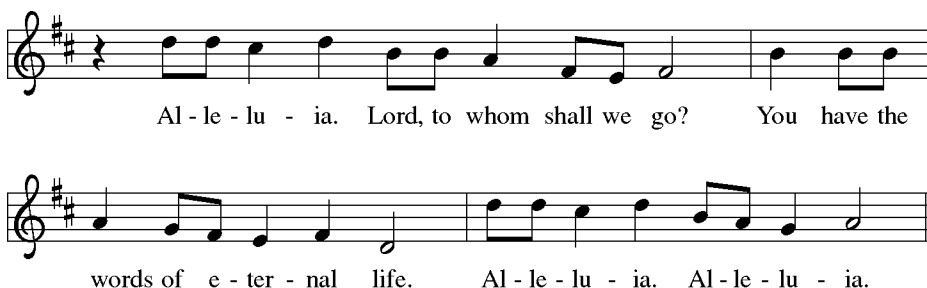
<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the Gospel.*



## HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

The assembly is seated. Time for reflection follows the sermon.

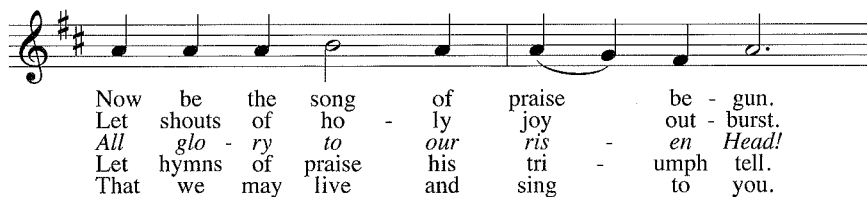
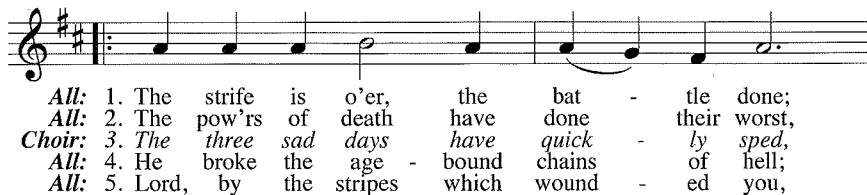
## HYMN OF THE DAY *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

The assembly stands to proclaim the Word of God in song.

### Refrain:



### Stanzas:



### Final Refrain:



Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909 (PD).

Tune: *VICTORY*, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594 (PD).

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## NICENE CREED

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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and every nation of the world that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Mikael Agricola, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

*We invite those worshipping by livestream to share a sign of peace in the chat, and for those in person we turn to offer them our greeting of peace before sharing a sign of peace with one another: **Peace be with you!***

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## OFFERING

*This congregation serves our neighbors, community, and the world through the participation and support of its members and guests. Because offerings are never just about us, this month we are sharing a portion of your gifts with **Housing Opportunities** [www.hoi.help](http://www.hoi.help) (2001 Calumet Ave., Valpo).*

*If you wish to give electronically, browse to our secure on-line portal at [clcvalpo.org/give](http://clcvalpo.org/give) or use [our CLC app](http://our.CLC.app) (download at [clcvalpo.org/app](http://clcvalpo.org/app)).*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Christ Rising Again*

Lee Scott

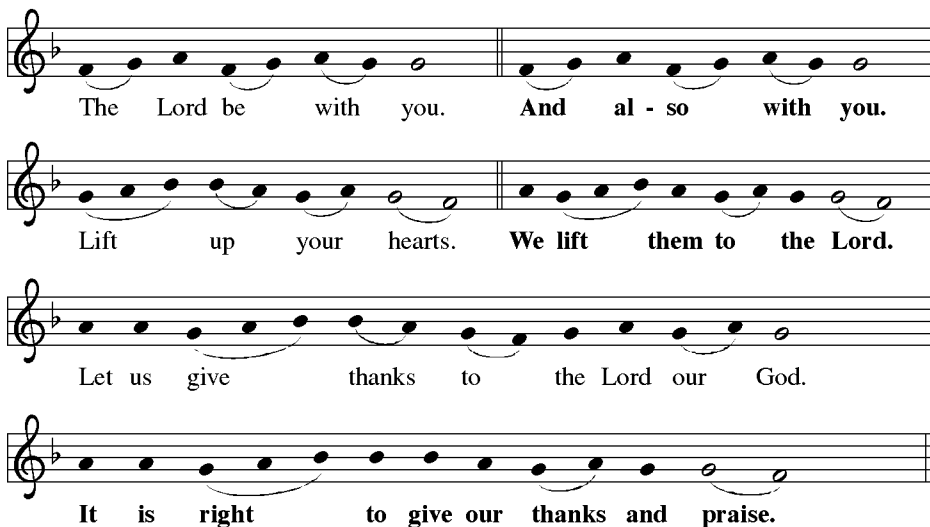
*Christ rising again dies no more, death has no strength, no power over him; for in that he lives, he lives to God. Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns, for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains. Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King, whose rising forth with life restored removes death's dreadful sting. Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame, through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name. Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died. In Christ let all the earth rejoice, our Lord, once crucified.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

*The assembly stands as the gifts are brought forward.*

Generous God,  
**in this meal you offer your very self.**  
**We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.**  
**In the breaking of this bread**  
**reveal to us the Risen One.**  
**In the pouring of this wine**  
**pour us out in service to the world;**  
**through Christ our Lord.**  
**Amen.**

## DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

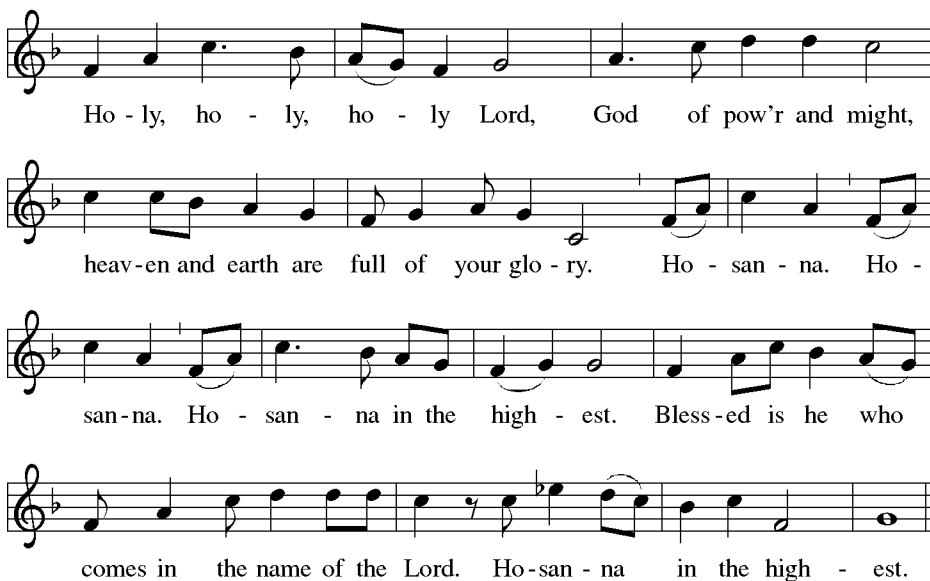
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The pastor begins the prayer and all join in singing:*

## SANCTUS

*(An ancient practice invites us to make the sign of the cross in honor of Jesus at the words "Blessed is he.")*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are 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 in the high - est.

## TABLE PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Children: The Spirit makes us one. We pray 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 and know Christ,  
broken and poured out for you.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### DISTRIBUTION

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*The pastor invites those worshipping via **livestream** to commune:*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
**Amen (receive the bread)**

The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen (receive the cup)**



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## LAMB OF 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS ELW # 362

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing*



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty victim from the sky,  
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
 you have conquered in the fight,  
 you have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 newborn souls in you to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 now no more the grave enthrall;  
 you have opened paradise,  
 and your saints in you shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

*Trumpet Duo*

*Corelli*

ELW #384     *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

*After all have returned to their places, the assembly stands as the minister continues.*  
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Gracious God,  
in you we live and move and have our being.  
With your word and this meal of grace,  
you have nourished our life together.  
Strengthen us to show your love  
and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

### **INVITATIONS**

*Brief invitations are shared, especially those related to the assembly's participation in God's mission in the world.*

### **BLESSING**

The God of all,  
who raised † Jesus from the dead,  
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit  
to live in the new creation.  
**Amen.**



**SENDING HYMN ELW #365*****Jesus Christ is Risen Today***

*(During the singing of the hymn, the congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing the "Hallelujah Chorus" as the postlude; music scores will be provided).*

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n 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 heav'n - 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 you heav'n - 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!

*Children join the pastors to send us in mission.*

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah (from Messiah)*

G.F. Handel

### ***Worship Leaders***

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Acolyte	Sam Venstrom	Lynx Vittitoe
Lector	Crystal Ridley	Sara Long
Prayer Assistant	Darla Hernandez	Magdalena Gibson-Even
Communion Assistants	Phyllis Schroeder Linda Mapes	Sara Long Erin Crill Audrey Crill Holly Knauff
Ushers	Willem Bendicsen Ramona Krueger	Jeff Peiffer
Sound/Light	Lance Nolting	Tony Reinhold
Livestream Tech	—————	Ben Crill
Pastors	Rev. Timothy Knauff, Jr. Rev. Erica Gibson-Even	
Director of Music	Brian Bartusch	
Worship Participants:	Sanctuary Choir Celebration Ringers Handbell Ensemble Phil Hahn, Laura Norman, trumpet Wayne Coil, trombone Karl Stefans, tuba Robert Summerville, timpani	
Communion Bakers	Marilyn McGawn and Lois Felten	

### **April Altar Gifts**

Communion Wine	Andrew Teeple ~ In thankfulness for family Linda Mapes ~ In Thankfulness for our 56th Wedding Anniversary
Altar Candles	Lois & Michael Felten ~ In memory of Arnold & Rick Felten
Eternal Lamp	Ellen Swayne ~ In memory of Gladys Swayne Diana Ahlbrand ~ In memory of Wendell Ahlbrand

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

### **In Honor**

Gregg & Vickie Copeland ~ In Honor of family  
Michael & Lois Felten ~ In Honor of Connie Bretscher  
Phil Hahn ~ In Honor of my daughters: Theresa, Heather and Carolyn  
Darla Hernandez ~ In Honor of the Hernandez children  
Sara & Jeremy Long ~ In Honor of our Parents  
John Novak ~ In Honor of my Mother, Monte Novak  
Tom & Dale Owens ~ In Honor of our Grandchildren  
Brooke Robinson ~ In Honor of Family  
Ellen Swayne ~ In Honor of Family

### **In Memory**

Brian Bartusch ~ In Memory of Walter and Carole Bartusch  
Katy Byrne ~ In Memory of Chris Rather  
Lillian DeJesus ~ In Memory of Alexander DeJesus  
Sally Ecklund-Baker ~ In Memory of Mary Moore  
Margaret Johnson ~ In Memory of Don Johnson and Mindy Barnett  
Larry & Darlene Leatz ~ In Memory of Bonnie DeFries (Larry's sister);  
Bobbi Watkins (our niece)  
Rachel Lieske ~ In Memory of Stella and Clarence Moss  
Sara & Jeremy Long ~ In Memory of our Grandparents  
Kathy Page ~ In Memory of Tom Page  
Cheryl Slack ~ In Memory of Lutheran Parents and Grandparents  
Ellen Swayne ~ In Memory of my parents, Gladys and Charles Swayne  
and my cousin, Ann (Bobbi) Watkins  
Sherry Taraskiewicz ~ In Memory of my husband, Larry Taraskiewicz  
Dave & Kris Trapp ~ In Memory of Paul and Carol Trapp  
Vicky White ~ In Memory of my parents, husband and son

## The Stone-Moving Power of God

Special effort had been taken to seal up Jesus' tomb. Pilate and the religious authorities had taken great care to make absolutely certain there was no way Jesus' followers could move that stone themselves. They posted armed guards all around.

If they had had the technology back then, we could well imagine that floodlights, security cameras, and an alarm system would have been added to the tomb. But none of that would have mattered. For nothing in heaven or on earth could have stopped the stone-moving power of our God. An angel messenger comes in a brilliant flash to roll that stone away, and then he sits on it to share the good news that Jesus is alive. What had been intended by those who persecuted Jesus as a *period*—a full stop for the Jesus movement—becomes a *pulpit* for proclamation: “Do not be afraid!” (Matthew 28:5). Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

As we remember the story of Jesus' resurrection, we tune our hearts and minds to trust that this God who brings life out of death is still at work. What stones might God be moving today? Might we sense the Spirit at work in our lives here and now, rumbling the ground of our hearts and rolling away the messages of shame, fear, or rejection that have weighed us down? Might God be at work, rolling away stones of oppression and injustice in our world? Might we be sent, like these women, to not let fear rule our hearts, but to go, tell, and witness to a God who continues to open up a new future for us? Yes! The risen Christ appears to us today—present in word, and bread and wine, and water—ready to bless, nourish, call, and send. Nothing can stop this God. Jesus Christ is risen, indeed—Alleluia!

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