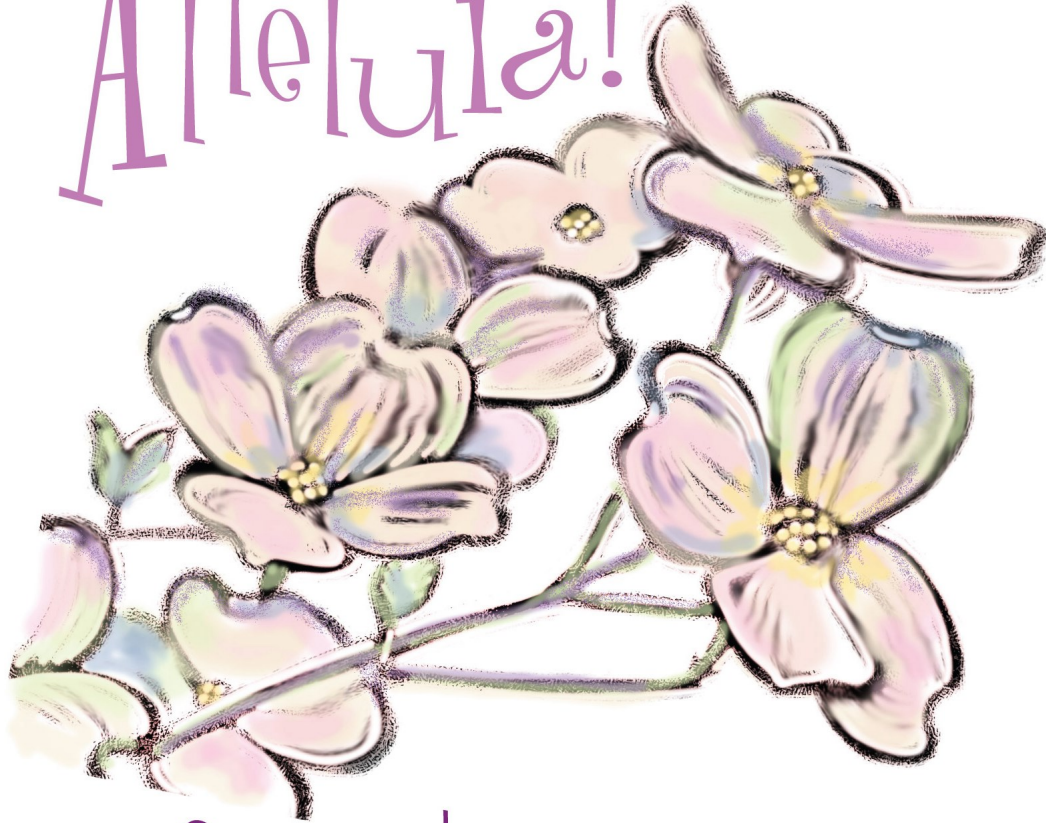


Alleluia!



Christ is Risen!

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All are welcome here
All people of faith, All people of doubt
All people of any origin, race, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression
All people who seek a compassionate community

All are welcome here
Welcome to worship, Welcome to pray
Welcome to learn, Welcome to give thanks
Welcome to serve God and neighbors

All are welcome here
All are redeemed by a gracious God



Please read this before worship begins.

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I cannot say what Communion is any better than Luther, so I'll let him say it. In the Small Catechism Luther writes the following, and more in The Sacrament of the Altar.

What is the Sacrament of the Altar?

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

What is the benefit of this eating and drinking?

This is shown by the words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." In the Sacrament, forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given to us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things?

It is not the eating and drinking that do these things, but these words: "Given and shed for you for the remission of sins." These words are, along with the bodily eating and drinking, the main thing in the Sacrament. Anyone who believes these words has what they say: that is, the forgiveness of sins.

- As we travel this wilderness of COVID-19, it is right and proper for us to participate in the Eucharist as we are gathered as the church in person, as well as live streaming. Holy Communion takes place in the assembly of the Body of Christ.
- Online Communion is new territory for us as we navigate our new context. After reading Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions, after much prayer and discernment, I believe this technology should be used in such manners to share God's grace, love, forgiveness and acceptance.
- As we assemble in person or live stream, when confessions are heard and forgiven, as the Word is proclaimed, it is proper for Communion to take place as we are then sent out as the Body of Christ for the world. I ask you to only commune as the live Word is spoken and not commune to the recording of this service.
- Please use bread and wine or a gluten free option and grape juice. Please prepare a plate and cup prior to service to have and share. If you have one and not the other, know that God is fully present in both elements and only one is necessary.
- God is the One working through the spoken Word in the mystery of communion. We don't fully know how, rather we know Jesus said, "Take, eat; this is My body," ... "Take this and drink of it, all of you. This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. Do this, as often as

you drink it, in remembrance of Me.” God is the source of love infused into us through the Spirit as we partake of the Eucharist. We don’t understand it fully; we fully believe Christ is there fulfilling His promises of forgiveness, life and salvation.

Remember: All Are Welcome – Hospitality fills God’s Table – Everywhere!

Introduction

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.

The Gathering

The Service of Light

A Blessing for Easter Sunday (adapted for a communal setting from *The Lives We Actually Have*, page 210)

P Oh God, we stretch out our hands
to you in this early Easter darkness.
We need you to pull us up and set us
on our feet again,
for we are weak and tired.

C ***God, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Spirit, have mercy.***

P God, on that first Easter morning while it was still dark,
The women went to the tomb to do what could be done to honor you,
though hope had drained away.
A bright angel met them there, and then
– *how is it possible?* – you were there, fully alive, beyond belief.

C **Blessed are we who stretch out our hands to you
in doubt and grief,
in sickness of body and mind and spirit,
Our prayers not fully realized, rejoicing... anyway.
For that is what makes us Easter people:
carrying forth the realized hope of the Resurrected One,
singing our alleluias great and small, while it is still dark.**

The Blessing of the Paschal Candle

P Christ yesterday and today, the Beginning and the End. May Christ the Morning Star
who knows no setting find it ever burning.

C **Amen.**

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

P May the light of Christ who rises this morning in glory
scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.
The Lord is with you.

C **As he also is with you.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle
so that all who share this day in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace
and your spiritual blessings. Once we were in the darkness,
but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light.

Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Choir Introit: *Easter Introit (John Ferguson)*

As we sing our entrance hymn, please stand and face the cross as it enters.

Entrance Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 365, *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*



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!

Greeting

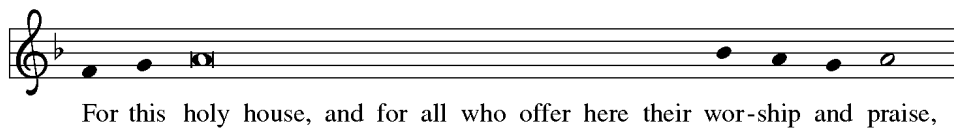
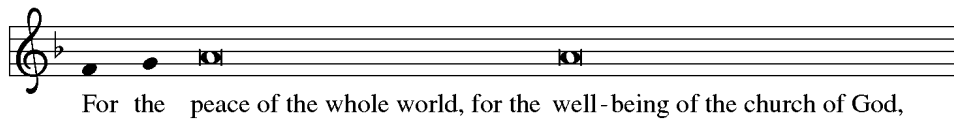
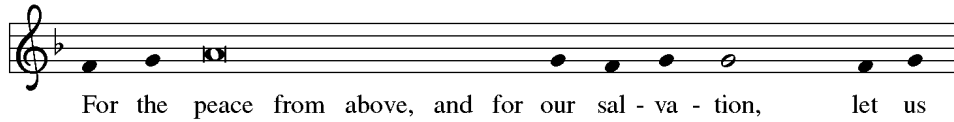
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C **And also with you.**

Kyrie



Hymn of Praise

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. 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.

2 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.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

P 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.

C Amen.

Sit

The Word

L A reading from Acts.

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

Acts 10:34-43

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."

L The word of the Lord.

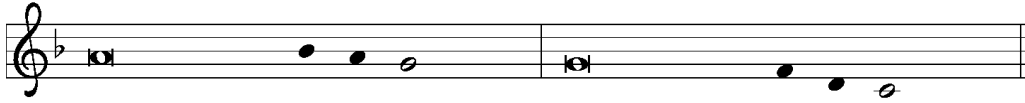
C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (Chanted)

Ref:



Tone:



- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.
- ²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."
- ¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.
- ¹⁵Shouts 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!"
- ¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. R
- ¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over 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 righteous may enter."
- ²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. R
- ²²The stone that the builders 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. R

L A reading from Colossians.

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.

Colossians 3:1-4

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

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Christ, our paschal lamb, ¹ has been sacrificed.* Therefore, let us ¹ keep the feast.

P The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.
C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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!

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sit

Children’s Sermon

Sermon

Pastor Randy Schroeder

Stand

Hymn of the Day: ELW (red), hymn 367, *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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P 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

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

A brief silence.

**A You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for and 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,
C hear our prayer.**

A 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. Share your abundance to the millions of people suffering from hunger and famine, especially in Nigeria, Somalia, Yemen and South Sudan... Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You show your steadfast love without regard to borders, barriers, or human-made divisions. Infuse your justice in every nation of the world... for recent elections and their ramifications, for peace in Ukraine, Palestine and Israel, for support and care for transgender people, amidst ongoing legislative actions, that all experience the peace that only you can give. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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, especially Jason, Fil, Shirley, Linda, Rosalie, Adele, Jeff, Denise, Victoria, Jennifer, Jeanette, Suzanne, Shelby, Kevin, Nancy, Ann, Mary, Sean, Mayor Dennis, Jane, Robert M, Tom, Peter H, Ruth, Dorothy, Megan and Crystal and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A You hear those who call on you. We pray for victims of severe storms in the US Midwest and South; for victims of the avalanche in northeastern India; for victims of the train derailment in the Netherlands, for ongoing recovery efforts in Turkey and Syria. And for all victims and those who experience loss due to gun violence everywhere. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

A 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,

C **hear our prayer.**

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

C **hear our prayer.**

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Peace

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

The Meal

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- Please have your wine and bread ready for the Meal. It would be best to use grape juice or wine and a small portion of bread or gluten free option for the Eucharist.
- Please participate by lifting the bread and the wine as the pastor lifts the bread and wine.
- If everyone in the family is healthy please take the time to commune each other; presenting the bread first and saying, “the Body of Christ given for you” and then the wine/juice saying, “the Blood of Christ shed for you.” If you’re not feeling well, please commune yourself as you are able.
- The elements (bread and juice or wine) should be consumed in their entirety or returned to the earth as once they are consecrated they are the Body and Blood of Christ. Please do not throw Jesus in the trash or down the drain.

As we prepare to receive Holy Communion, please read the following:

For today’s distribution of Holy Communion, after the Invitation to the Table, the presiding pastor will invite the worship assistants (lector, assisting minister, ushers) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshipping via Zoom and those in the sanctuary who wish to commune in their pews. Then the presiding pastor will commune those who wish to come up to the altar while the Lamb of God is played. Thank you for your patience as we acknowledge the awkwardness of experiencing something different in worship. God is with us in this meal. God is also with us as we experiment with new worship practices.

Offering

Please feel free to send your regular tithe in the mail, drop it off to the church office or if you have not checked out our website and the "Your Offering Made Easy" tab, this could be your opportunity. (John Mills is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option if you wish to contact him. His email address is john_r_mills@icloud.com)



Offertory: Choir Anthem: *Joy is come!* arr. Andrew Carter

Stand

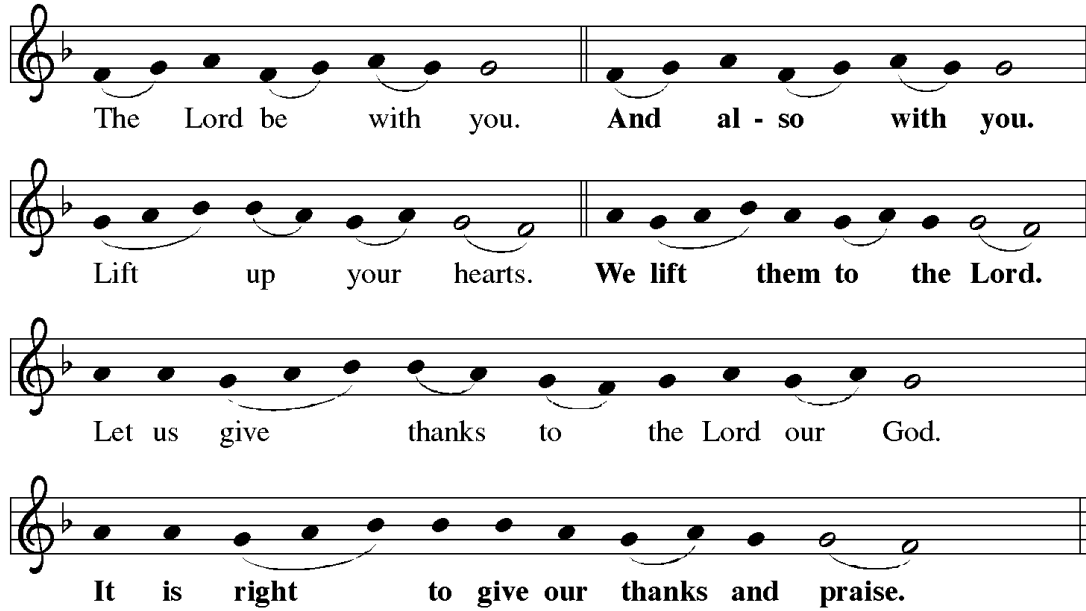
Offering Prayer

A 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.

C Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



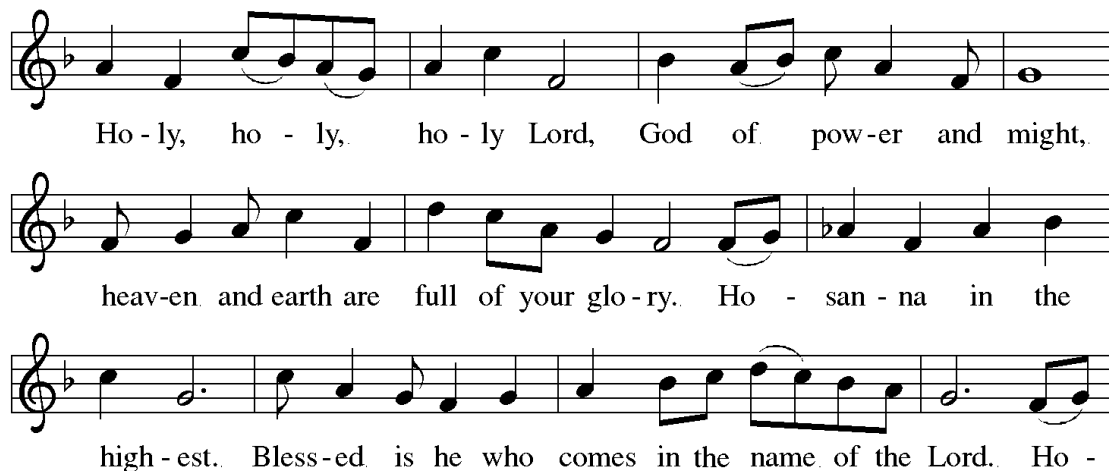
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

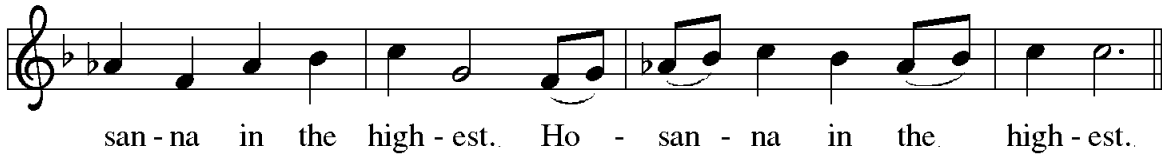
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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 -



P Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

P With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



P O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C Come, Holy Spirit.

P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

C **Come, Holy Spirit.**

P With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.



The Lord's Prayer

C **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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

P So come to this table, which now extends into our homes, you who have faith and you who would like to have faith; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Lamb of God



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 Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 378: *Awake, My Heart, with Gladness*

1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, see what to - day is done;
 2 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, of all their pow'r are shorn;
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens—what peace it does im - part!
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my Sav - ior true;
 5 Christ brings me to the por - tal that leads to bliss un - told,

now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes forth the glo - rious sun.
 now I am safe from e - vil, and sin I laugh to scorn.
 Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the joy with - in my heart.
 my Lord will leave me nev - er, what - e'er he pass - es through.
 where-on this rhyme im - mor - tal is found in script of gold:

My Sav - ior there was laid where our bed must be made
 For Christ a - gain is free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry
 No gloom shall ev - er shake, no foe shall ev - er take,
 He rends death's i - ron chain; he breaks through sin and pain;
 "Who there my cross has shared finds here a crown pre - pared;



when, as on wings in flight, we soar to realms of light.
 he who is strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 the hope which God's own Son in love for me has won.
 he shat - ters hell's grim thrall; I fol - low him through all.
 who there with me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676; tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.
 Music: AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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Stand

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen,
 keep and unite us, now and for ever.

C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

A 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.

C **Amen.**

The Sending

An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 382, *Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!* (Choir only on v. 3)



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turs to life once more;
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

Blessing

P 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.

C **Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Stand

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* Healy Willan

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Trumpet
Trombone
Euphonium
Assisting Minister
Lector
Crucifer
Usher
Altar Guild

Beth Dana
Don Pettit & Daniel Schomer
Sebastien Hollich
William Scherrer
Mike Dana
Matt Ohland
Aaron Thompson
Dick Rahdert
Vicki Mills

Pastor Randy is available for pastoral care. Please contact him at: 260-402-4476 or by email: randy@osluth.org

We collect toiletries (travel size) to donate to the homeless shelter. The basket for your donations is in the narthex. (Look beneath the buffet.)

Sunday School Information: There is no Sunday School today. Next week there will be Sunday School for all ages.

Easter Flowers: Thanks to all who contributed flowers for today's services. You may take your flower home with you following the second service. If you choose to leave your flower at OSLC, it will be planted on the church grounds.

A Message from the Finance Team: John Mills has graciously volunteered to take on the role of OSLC's Treasurer in response to Sue Hermodson's recent announcement to retire from that office. THANKS, JOHN!

However, this means that John will be stepping down as OSLC's Financial Secretary and so now we are looking for someone to volunteer for that important office of the congregation. Please consider serving OSLC's congregation in this important role. If you are interested, please contact Carl Behnke (behnkec@purdue.edu) or Steve Belter (seb@wintek.com), co-chairs of the Finance Team. If you want to learn more about the position, visit with John Mills (john.r.mills@icloud.com).

The Financial Secretary...

- * Records annual pledges and weekly contributions by members of the congregation
- * Annually estimates income for the coming year based on pledges and giving patterns
- * Creates and distributes quarterly reports to members on the status of their giving
- * Creates and presents an end-of-year report for the annual congregational meeting
- * Works with the Treasurer to reconcile contributions on a monthly basis
- * Participates in monthly meetings of the Finance Team

LTHC Drive for Supplies: We have been asked if OSLC would like to help collect coffee, creamer and hot chocolate for HTHC. During this time of year these supplies run low. The coffee can be in large canisters/tubs (as long as it's ground), the creamer could be in canisters or individual packets, and the hot chocolate could be in single packets. You can place your donations in the basket under the table by the office where the Drive for Supplies sign is sitting. We will be taking donations through the end of March. We will drop them off periodically at LTHC during the next two months. Thank you for being a part of ending homelessness!

Hearts & Crafts will be held twice next week, **Sunday, April 16 (1-4 PM) & and Wednesday, April 19 (11 AM—2:00 PM)** in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to bring a project or come and learn a new skill. Lunch will be provided. See Sandra V. for more details.

Prayer Requests: As spring sets in, we encourage you to check the current prayer requests and update any names that can be removed or added as needed. If you would like to add an individual's name to the prayer list, please don't hesitate to reach out with names and how long we can expect to keep their name on the list.

2023 Offering Envelopes: Please check your mailbox for 2023 offering envelopes

Earth Day Kids Outing: We would like to plan a fun outing for the kids of OSLC around Earth Day! Earth Day is April 22nd and we would like to go to the Celery Bog and explore our Earth close to that date. Missy will be emailing the parents to see what date works soon. Look for more details to come!

Adult Forum – We will begin the Adult Forum at 10:20 am and conclude at 11:05 am.
April 16th – Amanda Hudson, Executive Director of Family Promise
April 23rd – Mayor John Dennis
April 30th - Hannah Freedburg from Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service www.lirs.org

Centering Prayer Class: Are you interested in different ways of praying? Have you ever thought of trying praying in a meditative and more contemplative way but you are not sure how to start? Missy Schroeder is going to host a class on Centering Prayer on Wednesday, April 26th at 7:00 pm via zoom. What is Centering Prayer? Centering Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of contemplative prayer, prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship." <http://www.centeringprayer.com/> If you are interested in joining the Centering Prayer class, please email Missy at missy@osluth.org.

Dinner Group: Are you looking for an opportunity to get to know the people in our community? We have been apart for so long and we are hopeful that now is the time we can come back together. We have had some interest in starting a dinner group. This group would meet once a month around a meal to create friendships, community and share life together. If this is something that you would be interested in participating in, please email Missy at missy@osluth.org.

Sunday School Schedule

April 16th - Jesus is Risen (John 20:1-18)

April 23rd - Thomas Believes (John 20:19-31)

April 30th - The Great Commission (Matthew 28:16-20)

We hope you will join us in two weeks for... **A Special Event for Mission Guatemala!** Sunday, April 16 from 4:00pm - 6:00pm at the **The Liter House Special Events Center Inside Half Liter BBQ, 5301 Winthrop Avenue - Indianapolis** Your \$25 ticket includes appetizers, drink ticket & silent auction bidding! There will be updates on the work of Mission Guatemala! We hope you will join others like you who support the work of Mission Guatemala! And, please invite friends to join you! A limited number of tickets are available! To buy tickets now, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/friends-of-mission-guatemala-benefit-and-silent-auction-tickets-574451147847>

Easter Flowers



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