

*The Seed of Joy*

*Christ*  
IS  
*Risen*  
INDEED

*Alleluia!*

*Glorious Joy*

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*March 31, 2024, 8:30 A.M.*

*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*



## *Introduction*

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world.

Alleluia!

## *The Gathering*

PR Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

PR In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

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

PR Jesus is the full presence of God's joy, available to us in human form. His crucifixion shows how deeply humankind can damage God's embodied joy, and his resurrection reveals God's commitment to restore joy once and for all.

We thank you, God, for your gift of joy and the river of life, flowing freely from your creation: through the earth, through nature, through every living thing.

Friends, here is the font.

C **In the waters of baptism, God cleansed us and claimed us.**

PR God binds God's word to this simple gift of water precisely to tell us that there is no place where we are apart from God's grace.

## *The Service of Light*

### **The Blessing of the Fire**

PK Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

PK Let us pray.  
O God, during our Lenten journey we experienced your joyful presence. You are here in the waters of Baptism, the very simple gift that sustains life. God you are also like a refiner's fire, and your spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people. Bless this flame and inflame us with new hope so that the light of Christ may illumine this Paschal celebration. Purify us by your word and bring us at last to the feast of eternal light. Through Christ our Lord,  
C **Amen.**

### **The Blessing of the Paschal Candle**

PK 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*

PR 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.**

PR 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.**

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

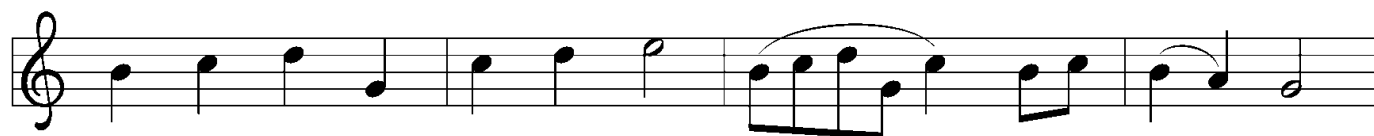
Processional Hymn: ELW (red), hymn 365: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*



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!

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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

## Greeting

PR Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PR 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.**

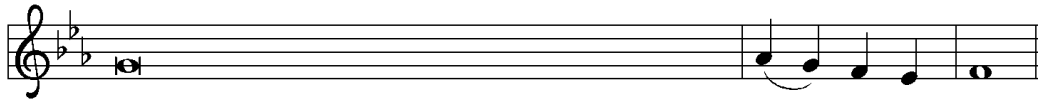
# Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



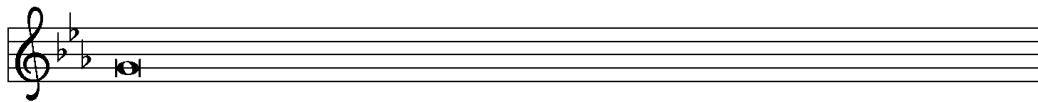
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



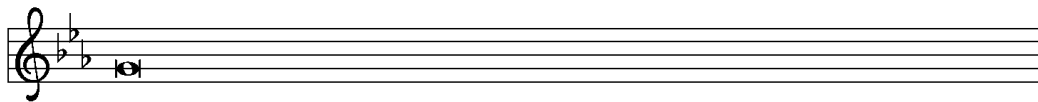
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

# Hymn of Praise



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



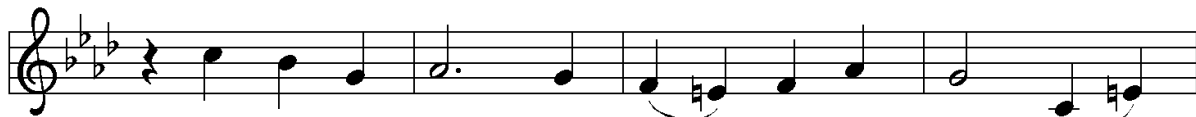
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

PR God of resurrection, you are waiting for us at the tomb of our despair. Break upon us with the brilliance of a new day. Color our grayscale lives with a joy no one can take. Paint the horizon of our hope with brilliance. Mark us indelibly, forever beloved, 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 the book of Isaiah.

### Isaiah 25:6-9

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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

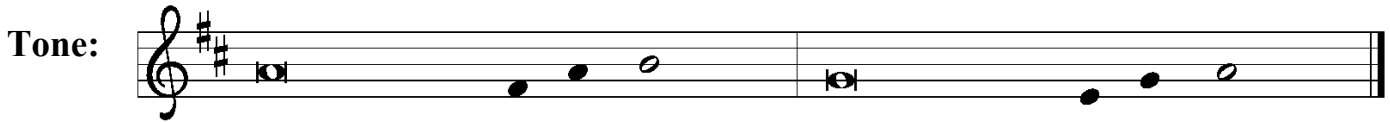
#### Refrain



This is the day that the LORD has made;



let us re - joice and be glad in it.



- <sup>1</sup>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. R
- <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. R
- <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. R

L A reading from the book of 1 Corinthians.

## 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

1Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, 2through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

3For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, 4and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, 5and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. 6Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. 7Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. 8Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. 9For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. 11Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.



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, <sup>1</sup> has been sacrificed.\* Therefore, let us <sup>1</sup> keep the feast.

PR The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

PR 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 389, vs. 1, 3, & 5 (congregation); vs. 2 & 4 (choir):**  
*Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789

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**PK 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** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen, and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. (*A brief silence.*) Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope. God of grace,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

A Merciful God, free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. We pray for justice and peace among nations where war and violence rage, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan. We ask for aid and food to successfully enter Gaza, along with a permanent ceasefire. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and strife. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. We pray for the eradication of racism and hate crimes; may we learn to celebrate one another. We lift to you the victims of the Francis Scott Key bridge collapse in Baltimore, MD and for emergency personnel, government agencies, and all organizations offering services and support, including port chaplains Pastor Vitali Guzs and Pastor Bob Schmitt. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Loving God, we pray for this community of faith (*especially*) Zarema, Zera, and their family in Crimea, Zach, Lynn, Lawrence, Nathan and Haley, Jeanette, Sheila, Suzanne, Jean, and Megan and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

A Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death especially John Donne and all whose ministry in the arts inspired generations to faith. Renew our trust in your promises, that we live with joyful courage and compassion. God of grace,

C **hear our prayer.**

PK Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C **Amen.**

### **Peace**

PK The peace of Christ be with you always.

C **And also with you.**

## *The Meal*

### **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, usher) to commune behind the altar. The presiding pastor will then commune those worshipping online 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.

### **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. (Ted Heise is available to answer any questions about the Vanco Online giving option. His email address is [these@panix.com](mailto:these@panix.com))



*Stand*

## Offering Prayer

A Risen One,  
you call us to believe and bear fruit.  
May the gifts that we offer here  
be signs of your abiding love.  
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,  
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

PK The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

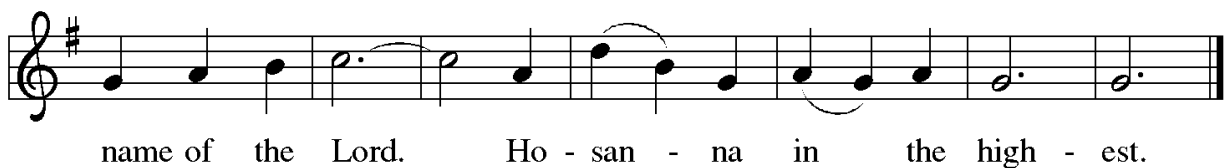
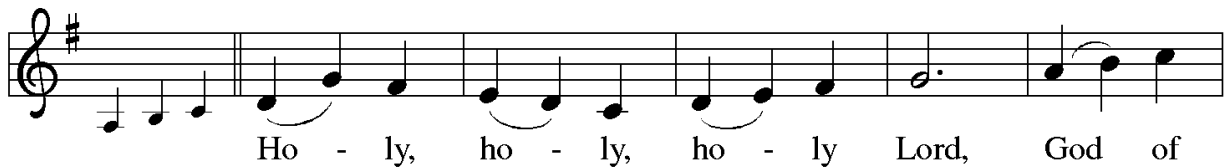
PK Lift up your hearts.

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

PK Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PK 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:



PK 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.

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



Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

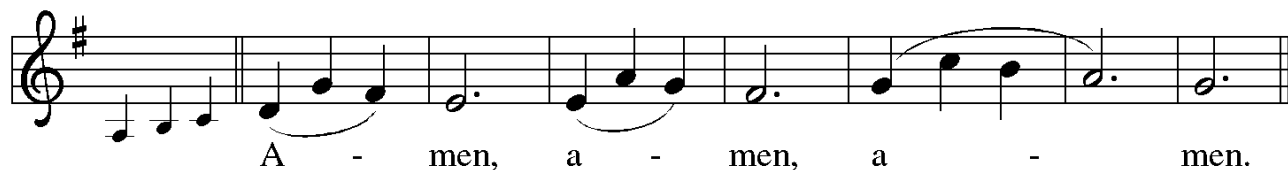
PK O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**C Come, Holy Spirit.**

PK 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.**

PK 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

**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

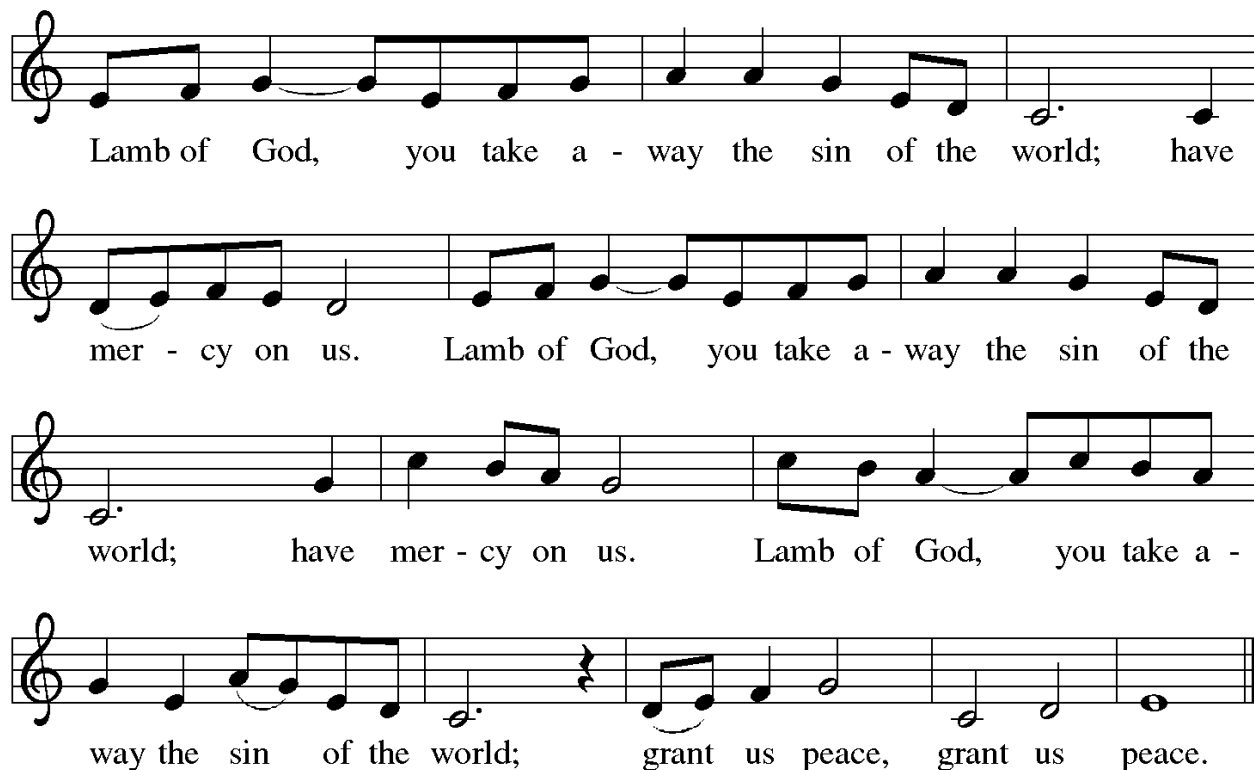
PK We are here because Jesus has called us – strangers and friends, believers and doubters, the certain and the curious. It is always a mixed company that Jesus gathers and invites to this table where, in bread and wine, we are met with God's love, and through Jesus' resurrection, we are joined to each other, different as diverse as we may be. So come, not because you understand, but because you are understood. Come, not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.

### Distribution

*There are gluten-free wafers and grape juice. Please indicate your need to the server.*



## 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, grant us peace.

## Choir Anthem: *Now the Green Blade Rises* (arranged by Carolyn Johnson)

*Stand*

PK 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

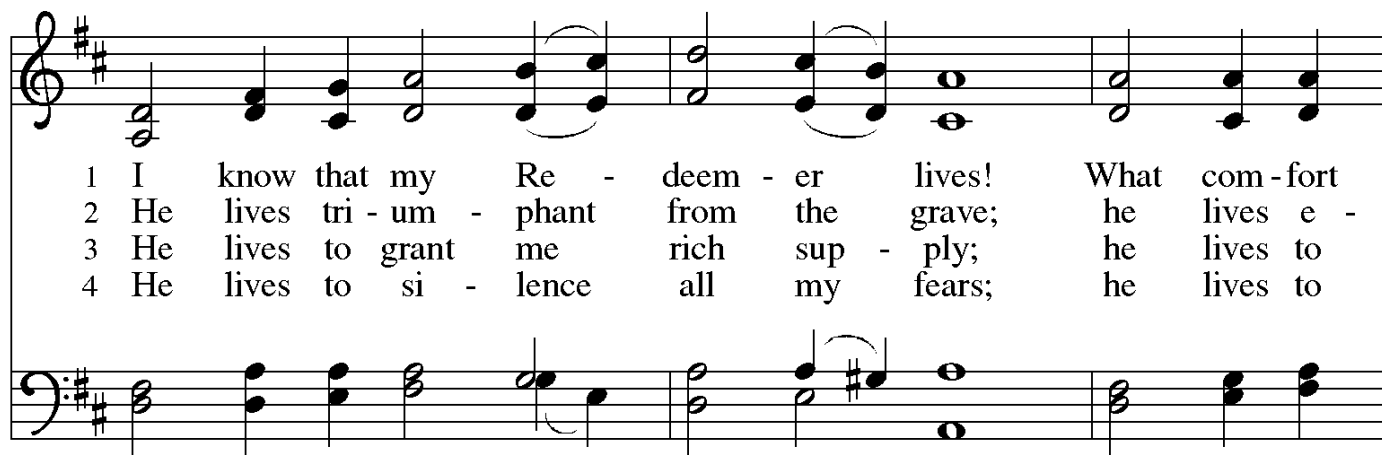
A Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

# The Sending

## An Invitation

Sending Hymn: ELW (red), Hymn 619, vs. 1, 2, 5, & 8: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives!*



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.

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!

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.

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!

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Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

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## Blessing

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

PK The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.  
C **Amen.**

## Dismissal

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
  
A Go in peace. Serve the Risen One with joy!  
C **Thanks be to God.**

**Worship Assistants Today:** Julie Huetteman, Don Pettit, Daniel Schomer, William Scherrer, Raffi Lindsay (Musicians), Sara Behnke, Krista Gearhart, Kathy Grogan, Ainsley Hargus, Kathy and Ted Heise, Mark Hermodson, Vicki and John Mills, Bob Nielsen, Matt Ohland, Reuben Peterson, Missy Schroeder (Choir), Dick Rahdert (Assisting Minister), Bob Nielsen (Lector), Jesse Grogan (Usher), Mike Williams (A-V Specialist), Matt Ohland (Assistant to Mr. Williams)

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

**Pastor Kristin is available for campus ministry-related care and support. Please contact her at: 262-758-1235 or by email: [pastor@plm.org](mailto:pastor@plm.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.)

**Our sanctuary is served by a hearing loop.** Wearers of hearing aids should turn their aids to the setting marked T, or T-coil, or Telephone.

**Kid's Worship Bags and Family Room:** The kids' worship bags have been updated with new items that help children follow along with the worship service, storybook Bibles and fun activities to do. For little ones there are quiet toys, books, and activities in the family in the back of the church for the children to play with during the service. Please feel free to let your children explore.

**Dates OSLC is Closed in 2024:**

April 1: The Monday after Easter

May 27: Memorial Day

July 4: Fourth of July

September 2: Labor Day

November 28 and 29: Thanksgiving

December 24 and 25: Christmas

December 31 and January 1 (2025): New Years

**Hosts Invited for Fellowship Hour**

We all love to gather after church for coffee and fellowship! We are looking for volunteers to make coffee for the fellowship hour. If you would like to bring a snack that would be much appreciated but not necessary. Please click on the link or scan the QR code to sign up to be host for a Sunday or sign.

There is a hard copy sign up in the fellowship hall if you prefer paper. There are two slots per Sunday. If you are willing to host by yourself, please put your name in both slots. [Hosting Fellowship Coffee Hour sign up](#)



**Nursery is Available**

OSLC has a nursery for children infants through 5 years old, in our lower level staffed with a paid nursery attendant. Crystal is a Purdue Student majoring in Elementary Education and has completed the Red Cross' Adult, Child and Infant First Aid and CPR course. Crystal is there to welcome your child(ren) during our 9:00 am service, Faith Formation hour and our 11:30 am service. For more information or questions contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

## **Sunday School**

Sunday School is from 10:20 am to 11:05 am. We have classes for children ages 2-5 in the Nursery with Crystal. Elementary school age class for children in grades K-5<sup>th</sup> and confirmation class for children grades 6<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to the Fellowship Hall for coffee hour beginning around 10:00 am and the teachers will gather the students at 10:20 to take them to their classrooms. If you have any questions or would like more information, contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or at 260-402-4477.

## **Confirmation**

All Students in the 6th grade or above are invited to attend Confirmation Classes. Confirmation Class will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:20 am until 11:05 am, in the Jr. & Sr. Class room upstairs. Pastor Randy will lead the Confirmation and hopes you will join him.  
**(No Confirmation today, March 31)**

## **Adult Forum**

Adult Forum begins in the Fellowship Hall at 10:20 am in person and on zoom. We conclude at 11:05 am. We welcome ideas for topics and guest speakers. Please contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or Mark Hermodson at [hermodson@comcast.net](mailto:hermodson@comcast.net) if you have any suggestions.

### April Schedule:

April 7<sup>th</sup>- Special Adult Forum with Wes Tillet from LUM. Wes will preach at the first service and then stay to share with us during the Adult Forum.

April 14<sup>th</sup>- Fellowship time and opportunity for ministry teams to meet if they haven't met yet.

April 21<sup>st</sup>- Exploring grief and how to comfort those who are grieving- Missy Schroeder End of Life and Grief Coach.

April 28<sup>th</sup>- The Council will share information from Honoring the Past, Experiencing the Present, and Discerning the Future retreats.

## **Centering Prayer Group**

Join us every Monday morning for Centering Prayer online via zoom from 9:00 – 9:30 am. The zoom link will be sent out on Fridays with the worship zoom link.

**(No Centering Prayer on April 1.)**

## **Luncheon Lectio Divina- Praying with Scripture**

Join us every Wednesday at noon via zoom for Lectio Divina. The zoom link will be sent on Fridays with the worship zoom link.

## **Working Mom's Group**

You are invited to join us for OSLC's Working Mom's Group on the first Saturday of the month at The Lobby by Grey House from 9:30 -11:00. This casual group meets to support one another as moms and women working outside the home. Our next meeting is on Saturday, April 6th. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Schroeder at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477.

## Women, Wine (or whatever your preferred beverage) & Feminine Spirituality

You are invited to join us on Sunday, April 21st, from 2:00-4:00 pm at Wildcat Creek Winery for Women, Wine, and Feminine Spirituality. (You do not need to be 21 to go to the winery; they sell soft drinks and wine.) We will discuss the Book [Fierce Women of the Bible and Their Stories of Violence, Mercy, Bravery, Wisdom, Sex, and Salvation by Alice Connor](#). (You can click the link to purchase the book from Amazon.) On April 21<sup>st</sup> we will cover the chapter on Rahab and Bathsheba. You do not need to read the previous chapters to be able to participate. Space is limited at the winery, please contact Missy at [missy@osluth.org](mailto:missy@osluth.org) or 260-402-4477 to let me know if you plan to attend.

## Boilermakers and Hoosiers and Buckeyes Oh My!

This year during NCAA March Madness, **Purdue Lutheran Ministry (PLM)** is participating in Campus Ministry Madness, a fundraising challenge between Lutheran Campus Ministry sites across the country. Help PLM reign supreme or give to your alma mater to support the transformational work happening at our Campuses nationwide! Give today at <https://campusministrymadness.org>. The challenge runs through April 8.

## We've Got Talent 2024

Join us for [We've Got Talent](#) — an amateur talent competition judged by a panel of local experts (see below). The event features a live show plus refreshments & other surprises.

Details:

**DATE** – Friday, April 12

**TIME** – Doors open – 5:30, show starts 6:30

**PLACE** – St. Andrew United Methodist Church, West Lafayette, IN

**Tickets** – \$35 per per; \$280 per table (max. 8)

Enjoy a selection of heavy appetizers and desserts.



**Tickets:** [www.lumserve.org/weve-got-talent](http://www.lumserve.org/weve-got-talent) or Text WGT to 50155

**The best part?** Every penny raised from this event directly benefits the LUM [Good Samaritan Fund](#). This fund serves as the cornerstone of the LUM [Financial Assistance Program](#), extending a crucial safety net to families and children within our community.



## Wednesday Dinners

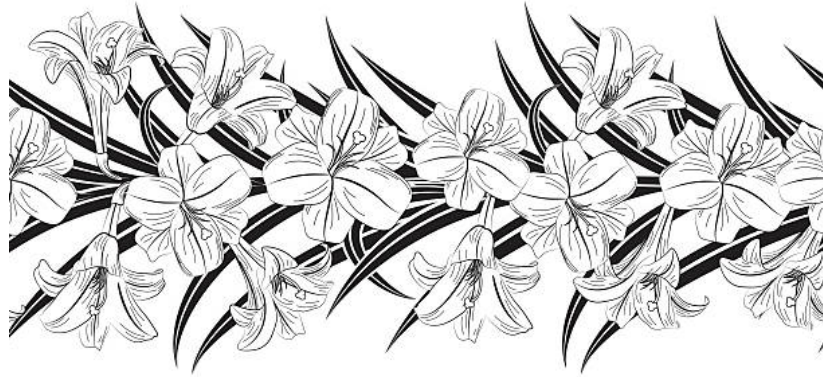
6-7:30pm @ PLM

Sponsor a meal by providing food or funding. College students **love** food.

use code to sign up  
or  
call 765-743-2398  
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# *Easter Flowers*



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**Our Parents & Sister**

**Our Grandparents**

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**Sophia Nielsen; our new  
granddaughter**

## About Our Nave

Against the north wall is the Tree of Life, designed by the late liturgical designer Charles Pohlmann and constructed in 1996 by then-OSLC member Ted Marshall. The processional cross was given to OSLC in memory of Jennie Dana. Many of our paraments were designed and hand-woven by OSLC member Bea Stromberg. The west wall is lined with seven wood carvings depicting the life of Christ commissioned from the late Nigerian carver Lamidi Fakeye. At the center of the nave stands a marble baptismal font, a gift from members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. The prints of paintings on the east wall are by nationally known liturgical artist He Qi. The center piece is given by the Church Council in honor of Sam Rasmy for his long-time service as Financial Secretary of OSLC. The Last Supper, by Guatemalan artist Angelina Quic Ixtamer, was purchased by the 2014 Guatemala Mission Team. The OSLC logo was redesigned in 2022 with elements reflecting the unique architecture of the sanctuary, the 2019 addition of the south stained-glass window, our affiliation with the ELCA, and the eternal presence of our Lord and Saviour.

References to the Tree of Life are found in both the Old and New Testaments. It has both literal and symbolic meaning for Christians: it is the literal tree of life in Genesis, and in Revelation it represents everlasting life granted to those who display fruits of the spirit and of righteousness aligned with God's principles.

### **Our Saviour's Vision, Mission, and Values** (October 4, 2018)

**Vision**                    *God calls us to be a community of discipleship for all,  
making Christ's love real in our daily lives.*

**Mission**                *Grow in faith and Christian calling  
Love and serve God and neighbor  
Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ*

**Values**                    *Centered in liturgical worship  
Outreach to campus and partnership with Purdue Lutheran Ministry  
Education and mentoring for all ages  
Responsible stewardship of resources  
Care, compassion and service in the local and global community*