



# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

**April 9, 2023 9:30 AM - Easter Sunday**



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# WELCOME

## to Holy Trinity

### Reconciling in Christ

*At Holy Trinity, we welcome and affirm everyone—because God welcomes and affirms everyone—*



*regardless of age, race, ability, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, or other life circumstance.*

*You are welcome. Your family, children, friends, spouses, and partners are welcome.*

*You are welcome, whether you are a believer, a doubter, or a seeker.*

*Your diversity and uniqueness are welcomed and affirmed into the full life of Holy Trinity.*

*You are wanted here.*

### April Celebrations!

#### Happy Birthday!

Molly Goupil, Dave Arrington, Melinda Mallon, Mac Rouleau, Lois Kfoury, Martha Mercer, John Moore, Glenn Oswald, Mark Donahue, Jeremiah Sihotang, Adeline Mei, Alex Bock, Ron Indorf, Ade Monareh, Carol Suafley, Matt Nania, Emily Sullivan, Jim McKenna, and Joyce Rivoire,

#### Happy Anniversary!

Jo Whiting & Russ Hilliard, Jill & Jerry Schock, Bill & Jill Larson, and Jonathan & Sue Bock.

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#### A Warm Welcome as you worship with us today!

Whether you are here for the first time or a long time member, know that you are welcomed in Christ's Name, joined to be with us, Christ's Body the Church, as we worship God.

Your presence at worship is a gift!

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#### We love having children worship with us!

At this moment, our Nursery is not staffed. You may find Children's bulletins and activities on tables inside the sanctuary.

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#### Prayer Requests:

Prayer Request Cards are available indoors on the Usher's Table. Simply fill one out and hand it to the Pastor, or place it in the Offering Basket.

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#### Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

Church Office: *Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm*

Pastor Luther: *Wednesdays 11am-2:30pm*

If you need a Pastoral Visit, or experiencing a Pastoral Emergency, pastoral care is available for home or hospital visits, emotional support, and church ceremonies. Please contact the Church Office and he will provide you with the Pastoral information during daytime and after work (emergencies) hours. Email [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com) or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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**Donate to Holy Trinity:** You can place your offering in the offering plate during the service. We appreciate what you are able to give to help support our church and our ministries. Thank you.

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## PRAYER CONCERNS

**Health Issues:** Franklyn Vosburg, Jerry Schock, Pastor Linn Opderbecke, Alice Peterson, Sarah Meier, Bob & Judy Hollister, Don Gindlesperger, Steve Bush, Joyce Rivoire, Richard Anderson, Yvonne Topping, Dave Smith, Larry Sanders, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Jean Klein, Joe Lugalla, Geri Seig, Rani Marcus, Grover Marshall, Shirley Jackson **Homebound:** Carol Saufley, Edith Rowan, Barbara Werdelin, Ron Evers, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom. **Military:** Josh Bretz, Matthew Hanrahan, Brendan Podszus, Jacob Schankis, Jessica Chabot.

**Friends:** Linda Smith and Bill Hutchins (Jill Larson's friends), Casey Lavoie (Stephanie Goupil's friend), Danielle Elwanger & family (Bobbie Febbo's granddaughter), Lynn Geraci (Jill & Jerry Schock's friend), Robert Gjellstad (Jerry Schock's cousin), Helaine Wemple (Gisela Wemple's daughter), Frank & Lucille Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins), Mark and Janet Febbo (Bobbie Febbo's cousins).

*Prayers will be listed for 6 weeks unless told otherwise. If you would like a prayer concern listed in the bulletin, please fill out a Prayer Request at the Usher's table or contact the Church Office at [office@htelc.com](mailto:office@htelc.com).*

## NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

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. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

## LECTIONARY

**This Week:** Acts 10:34-43; Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10; John 20:1-18

**Next Week:** Acts 2:14a, 22-32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock, Jon Koelker & Dick Topping  
**Choir Director:** Jon Koelker  
**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue  
**Counters:** Phyllis & Barry Philbrick  
**Altar Guild:** Julie Moore  
**Greeter:** Yvonne Topping  
**Lector:** Bonnie Sanders  
**Liturgical Deacon:** TBD

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, April 12**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, April 13**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, April 16**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation Class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, March 26:</b>	94 (In-Person) + 23 (Online) = 117	<b>Offering:</b> \$5,786.10
<b>Sunday, April 2:</b>	115 (In-Person) + 31 (Online) = 146	<b>Offering:</b> \$6,874.50

*Attendance for Maundy Thursday & Good Friday will be posted in the April 16 Bulletin*

## Announcements

**Easter Breakfast: Join us after worship today for “Potluck” breakfast. The church will provide baked ham for all who attend.**

**Easter Lilies:** Anyone who has ordered an Easter Lily is welcome to take it home after Worship concludes.

**Mark Donahue will be out of the office** for a short Easter break this week. He will return to the office on Wednesday, April 12.

**Welcome Pastor Donald Larsen:** On this beautiful Easter Sunday morning, Pastor Don Larsen will begin to serve as a temporary, part-time interim pastor. Pastor Larsen will be with us throughout the summer, until Pastor Luther returns to us once again in September. During these summer weeks, he will be with us for Sunday worship, join us for Bible Study on Wednesdays, and be available for other pastoral concerns.

**Indonesian Cooking Class:** Please sign up for our Indonesian cooking class, held on May 7, after worship! We will learn how to make nasi goreng (fried rice) and lumpia (springrolls). All cooking skill levels welcome. Also, we need some eaters to help us eat this yummy lunch. Cooking starts at 10:45. Eating starts at 12:00.

We would like 15 cooks. These people should bring: a small cutting board and knife, for cutting up vegetables. Also, one salad OR dessert to share. We would like 15 additional eaters. These people should bring their appetites and some kind of beverage to share. There is an activity planned for the eaters while they wait for the food to be made.

Sign-ups are limited to 30 people, 15 cooks and 15 eaters. Please sign up in advance on the clipboard in the Gathering Area. If we find we have more than 30 people interested, we will plan another cooking class in the late summer or fall. All little kids (to accompany the 30 people mentioned above) also welcome. No signups necessary.

**Graduation Sunday** will be celebrated in June. If you know someone from Holy Trinity who will graduate from High School, College, Grad School, or another school this year and would like to be recognized, please speak with the Church Office or Helen Goransson.

**Congregational Letter:** On March 28, 2023, Holy Trinity officially announced that the Call Committee has recommended we call Pastor Luther to be our Pastor. To read the full announcement, please pick up a copy of the letter on table in the Gathering Area. There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, April 16 to discuss the Call Committee’s recommendation. Then, on Sunday, April 30, Rev. Steve Wilco will be here to facilitate on congregational vote on the call.

Thank you to all who donated Lilies this year.

**LILIES DONATED BY:**

**IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF:**

Elisabeth J Anderson  
Richard K Anderson

In memory of my mother Sue Anderson  
In memory of Sue Anderson, and her siblings, and family members.

Rich & Martha Belanger

In memory of Elmer & Florence Klopp (Martha's Parents), and Raymond & Therese Belanger (Rich's Parents)

Judy Evans  
Bobbie Febbo  
Ken & Judy Galle

In memory of my parents  
In memory of all my loving family  
In memory of Warren & Barbara Galle, and other beloved family members.

Helen Goransson  
Shirley Jackson

In memory of Helen Sewell  
In memory of Elizabeth Ann Thomas - Granddaughter of Shirley Jackson

Paul & Jackie Karl  
Dot & Kurt Kasik  
Susan Kelsch

In memory of Loved Ones  
In honor of our families  
In memory of Austin and Pauline Bergdall "Grandpa and Grandma"

Fred & Betty King  
Jean Klein  
Bill & Jill Larson

In memory of our Parents  
In memory of Len Klein  
In memory of Bill and Florence Larson, & Tom and Adelaide Olsen

Lois Laurence  
Ed & Fran Mallon  
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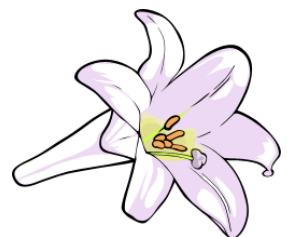
In memory of loved ones  
In memory of Ed & Fran Mallon's parents  
In honor of Oma Laan Tirie-Ratu, opa Frans Kairupan, the Soeun Family. In memory of Opa Hans Tirie, Opa Ben Monareh, oma Sunarjati, oma Meity Najoan.

Julie Moore  
The Parseghian family  
Linnea Richardson  
Bonnie and Larry Sanders

In honor of Quenby, our florist.  
In memory of our son Brian  
In memory of Vendla Margeson  
In honor of our parents, and in memory of Paul Wright

Dan & Lara Scammon  
Jill & Jerry Schock  
Dave & Betty Smith  
Yvonne & Dick Topping  
Gisela Wemple

In honor of our parents.  
In memory of Emil Schock and Ed Craig  
In memory of our parents  
In memory of Joy and mothers  
In memory of Stuart Wemple



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Gathering

Gathering Song

ELW 377

— Please stand as able—

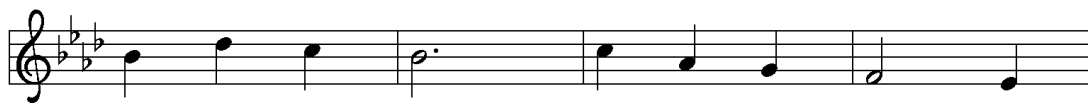
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent;  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Greeting

P: Sing my tongue, the glorious battle; tell the triumph far and wide...

C: **We tell aloud the wondrous story, of the cross, of Christ crucified.**

P: We tell of the bonds that could not hold him, the linens from which he was set free;

C: **We tell of his rising from death, the Resurrection; we celebrate Christ's victory!**

P: For He is risen, and therefore we shout, Alleluia!

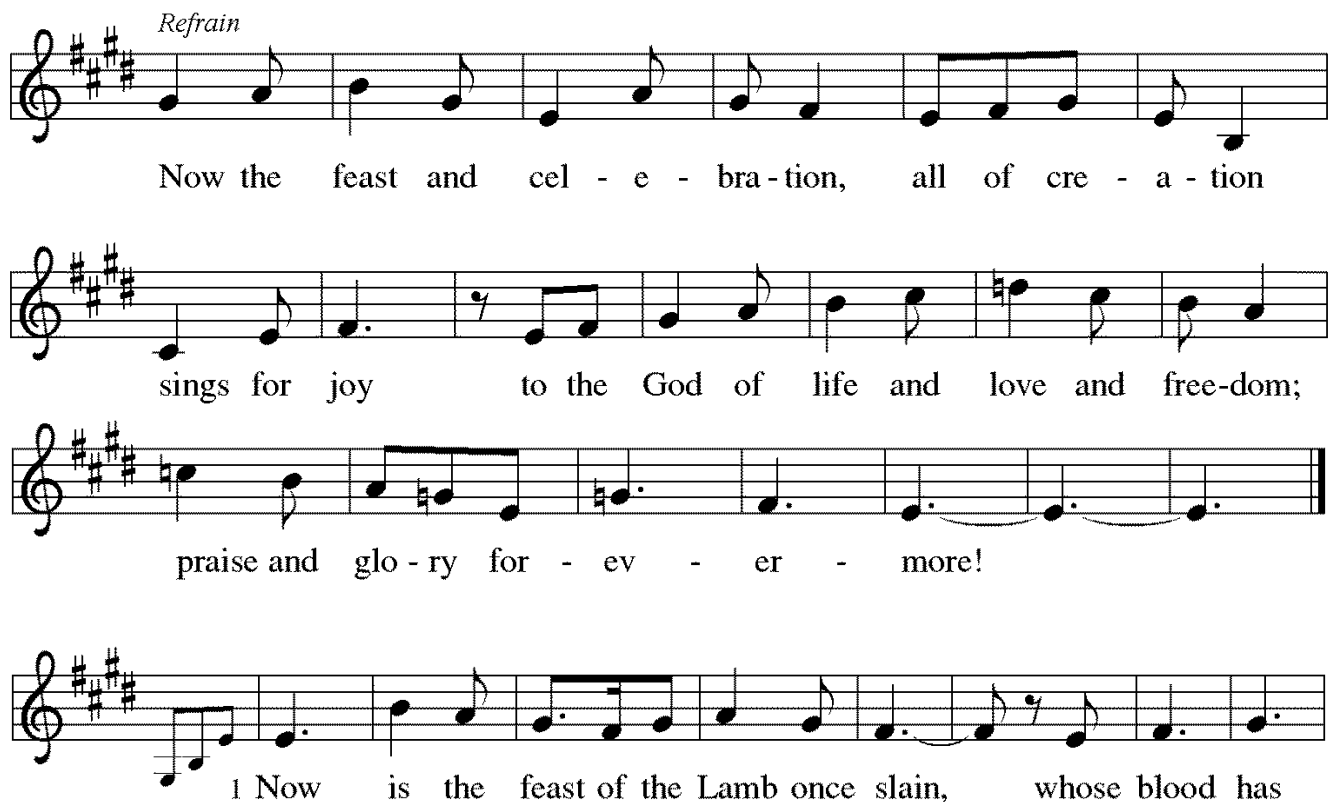
C: **For He is risen indeed, Hallelujah! Amen!**

## Canticle of Praise

ELW 167

### Now the Feast and Celebration

*Refrain*



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion  
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;  
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!  
1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has

*Refrain*

freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and

*Refrain*

glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of

*Refrain*

God; to make all things new.

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen**



# WORD

The remaining lessons appointed for use on this Sunday are located in the announcements of this worship booklet. You are invited to read them during the collection of offerings or Communion. You are also invited to take this booklet home with you and read the lessons and prayers as part of family worship or individual devotions.

## First Reading

L: A reading from Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>He 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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: Word of God, word of life

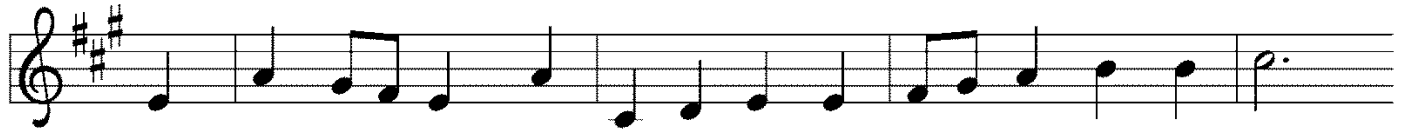
**C: Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm Paraphrase : Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

P: This is the day that the Lord has made;

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

## The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

## Second Reading

L: A reading from Colossians 3:1-4:

<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.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

— Please stand as able—



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 20:1-18:

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

<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.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

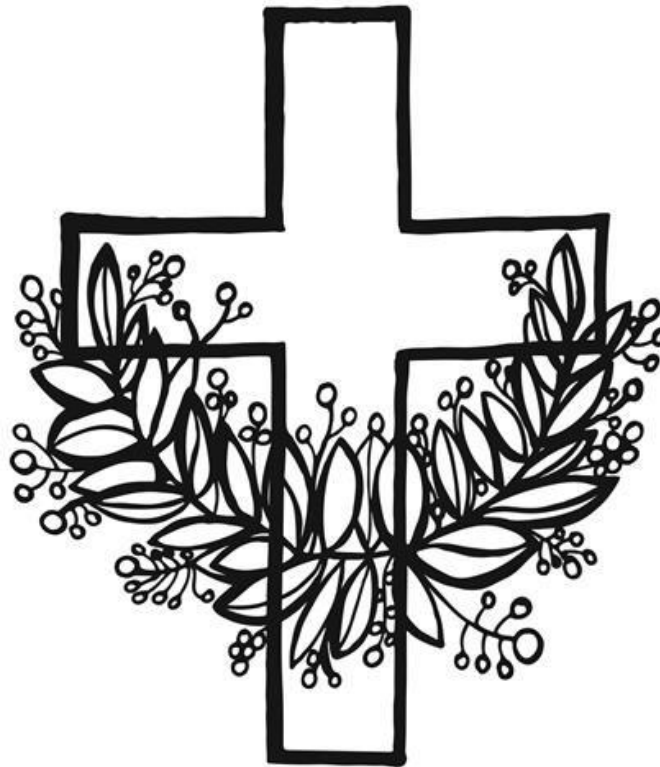
## Children’s Message

—Please be seated—

The children are invited to come forward to join the Pastor at the Chancel for a message.

## Sermon

— Please be seated —



## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
 sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
 out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

## **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Blessed is the Holy Trinity, + one God, forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Creator, Redeemer, Spirit of truth,

Everywhere present, Treasury of Blessings,

Author and Giver of all Life;

Come and dwell with us,

Cleanse us of every stain,

Save your people.

**C: All praise and honor to you, Eternal God.**

P: In the waters of baptism, we were baptized into Christ Jesus; we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. To God be given honor and praise through our risen Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

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

### — A brief silence—

LD: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: 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,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: 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. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**



LD: We pray for our partners in mission and ministry: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Bishop James Hazelwood and the New England Synod, Pastor Livingstone Msungu and the Isimani congregation in Tanzania, Fundaninos Orphanage in Guatemala, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Congregation, Ascentria Care Alliance and Camp Calumet. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

LD: 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.**

LD: 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.**

LD: 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.**

### **The Sharing of God's Peace**

P: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to exchange expressions of peace with those near them.

# MEAL

## Offering

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, the assembly stands. Bread, wine, money, and other gifts may be brought forward.

## Choir Anthem

### Offertory Song      ELW 879 (verses 1&5)      —Please stand as able— For the Beauty of the Earth



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

#### *Refrain*



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Text: Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1835–1917, alt.  
Music: DIX, Conrad Kocher, 1786–1872

## Offertory Prayer

LD: 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 Celebration of Holy Communion

As you come to the Lord's Table, know that it is Christ who invites you to receive the bread and wine, the body and blood. There will be a single communion station around the altar. You will receive a wafer (gluten free wafers are available). Next you may take a pre-filled glass of wine. Please put the glass in the basket by the baptismal font or the lectern. Pre-filled Communion Cups are still available for anyone uncomfortable coming forward to the altar. If you would like to receive communion from the Pastor, but you are unable to come forward, please ask someone to talk to the ushers and we will bring communion to you.

### Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### Preface

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:

## **Holy, Holy, Holy**

**—To the tune hymn Holy, Holy, Holy—**

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory and Your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who**

**Comes in the name of the Lord God most high.**

## **Thanksgiving at the Table**

**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 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:

**C: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

## **Christ will come again.**

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.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

P: Now, as our Lord taught us, we are bold to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**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.**

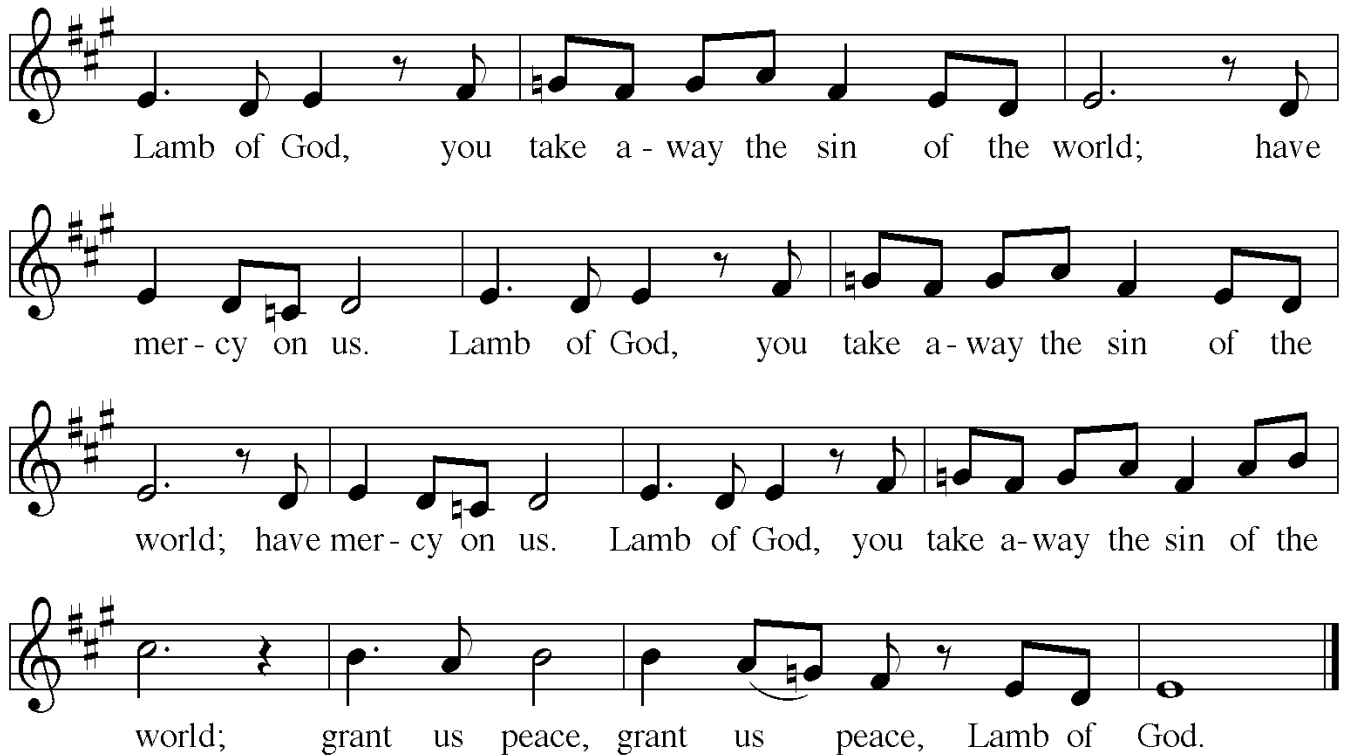
## **Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

The assembly may be seated. The bread may be broken for the communion.

## Communion

— Please be seated—



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, Lamb of God.

## Communion Hymns

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day. To follow along with the Communion Hymns, please locate the cranberry Hymnal under your seats.

ELW 361 – The Day of Resurrection

ELW 391 – This Joyful Eastertide

WOV 671 – Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

ELW 379 – Now the Green Blade Rises

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## Communion Blessing

— Please stand as able—

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

LD: Let us pray.

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.

## SENDING

### Sending of Communion

P: Gracious God, whose mercy endures from generation to generation: Bless those who go forth to carry your Word and sacrament to our sisters and brothers who are homebound. In your love and compassion, nourish and strengthen them with hope through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

### Rites of Passage and Announcements

—Please be seated—

The congregation is invited to share birthdays, anniversaries, and other significant events in the life of its members. Subsequently, brief announcements may be made, especially those related to the congregation's participation in God's mission in the world.

### Blessing

—Please stand as able—

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.

### Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.