

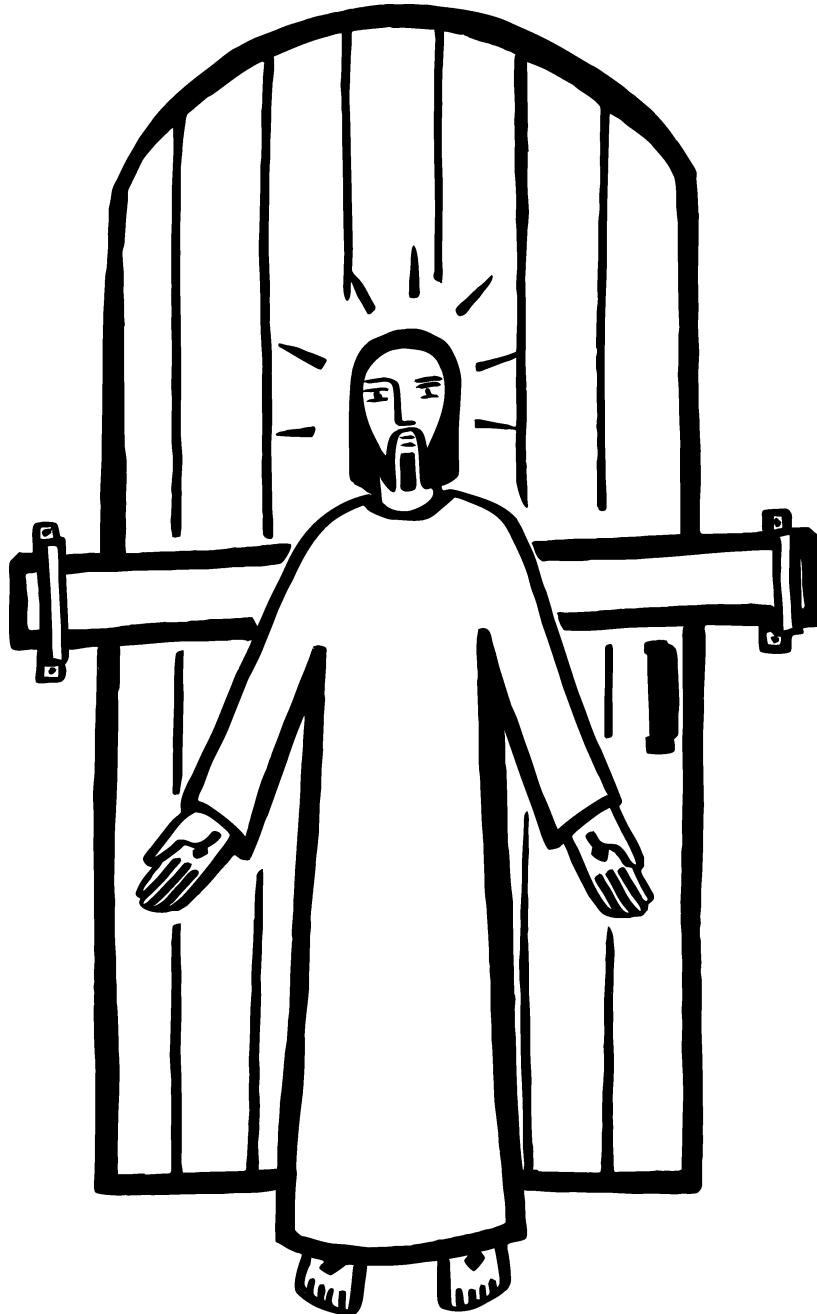


# Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



*Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord*

April 16, 2023 9:30 AM - Second Sunday of Easter



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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

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter.

## LECTIONARY

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

**Next Week:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4,  
12-19; 1 Peter 1:17-23; Luke 24:13-35

## WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

**Musician(s):** Jon Bock

**Choir Director:** N/A

**Sound System:** Franklyn Vosburg & Mark Donahue

**Counters:** Phyllis & Barry Philbrick

**Altar Guild:** Julie Moore

**Lector:** TBD

**Liturgical Deacon:** TBD

## THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

**WEDNESDAY, April 19**

9:30 AM: Bible Study

**THURSDAY, April 20**

8:30 AM: Property Team

**SUNDAY, April 23**

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

10:30 AM: Confirmation Class

## ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

<b>Sunday, April 2:</b>	115 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 31 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 146	<b>Offering:</b> \$6,874.50
<b>Thursday, April 6:</b>	53 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 38 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 91	
<b>Friday, April 7:</b>	65 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 32 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 97	
<b>Saturday, April 8:</b>	97 ( <i>Online Only</i> ) = 97	
<b>Sunday, April 9:</b>	180 ( <i>In-Person</i> ) + 58 ( <i>Online</i> ) = 238	<b>Offering:</b> \$4,621.90

## Announcements

**After Worship, there will be a Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary to discuss the Call Committee's recommendation to call Pastor Luther Zeigler. Pastor Luther will be with us so we can learn more about him, his goals and aspirations, and we can ask questions about the details of this call.**

**Baptized into Christ** this morning is Hunter Robert Farley, son of Tara & Keith Farley.

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

**Contact Pastor Larsen:** Please use the following email address [InterimPastor@htelc.com](mailto:InterimPastor@htelc.com) to reach Pastor Larsen while he serves as our Interim Pastor this summer.

**Did you miss seeing confirmation students today?** That's because they and their class leaders are at the Camp Calumet "Confircamp" retreat with several other New England ELCA congregations. They're enjoying 5 hours of confirmation class time about "The General Epistles," and an assortment of recreational and worship activities lead by the Calumet staff! They return early this afternoon. Please keep them in your prayers.

**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.

**The Call of Rev. Luther Zeigler:** 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. On Sunday, April 30, Rev. Steve Wilco will be here to facilitate on congregational vote on the call of Rev. Luther Zeigler. Beginning Monday, May 1, Pastor Luther will have a Holy Trinity email address for you to directly reach him.

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Second Sunday of Easter – Sunday, April 16, 2023—9:30 a.m.

Welcome

Gathering Song

ELW 365

— Please stand as able—

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: Christ is risen. Alleluia!

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

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!**

## Canticle of Praise -

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*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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

al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

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

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

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

*Final refrain*

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

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

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

**C: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 2:14a, 22-32:

<sup>14a</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], <sup>22</sup>“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—<sup>23</sup>this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. <sup>24</sup>But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. <sup>25</sup>For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,

for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

<sup>26</sup>therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;

moreover my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,



or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup>You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

<sup>29</sup>"Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup>Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup>Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

<sup>32</sup>This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

L: Word of God, word of life

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

L: A reading from Psalm 16:

L: <sup>1</sup>Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

**C: <sup>2</sup>All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

L: <sup>3</sup>But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**C: <sup>4</sup>I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

L: <sup>5</sup>O Lord, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who uphold my lot.

**C:   <sup>6</sup>My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

L:   <sup>7</sup>I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

**C:   <sup>8</sup>I have set the Lord always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

L:   <sup>9</sup>My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

**C:   <sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

L:   <sup>11</sup>You will show me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are  
pleasures forevermore.

L:   Word of God, word of life

**C:   Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

L:   A reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9:

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup>so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Although you have not seen him, you love him;

and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

L: Word of God, word of life

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Children's Message

—Please be seated—

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

## Gospel Acclamation

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— 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.

## Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, Chapter 20:19-31.

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

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

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

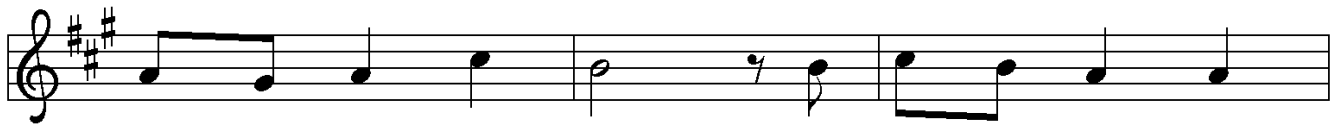
**Sermon**

**— Please be seated—**

## We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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# The Baptism

—Please be seated —

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font. The assembly is seated.

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

P: Keith & Tara, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Hunter Robert Farley baptized into Christ? If so, answer I do.

*Response: I do.*

P: As you bring Hunter Robert to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that all your children may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Keith & Tara, do you promise to help Hunter Robert grow in the Christian faith and life? If so, answer, I do.

*Response: I do.*

The presiding minister addresses sponsors

P: Bob & Tara, as Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Hunter Robert in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, answer, I do.

*Response: I do.*

The presiding minister addresses the congregation.

P: People of God, do you pledge to help pass faith to Hunter Robert and to support and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**C: We do.**

## Profession of Faith

— Please stand as able—

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The congregation joins in the responses.

P: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: I renounce them.*

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the congregation.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

At the font, the presiding minister begins the thanksgiving:

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

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

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

P: Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things.



- P: Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land.
- P: By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- P: Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

The assembly may be seated. The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. The candidate is immersed into the water, or water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

- P: Hunter Robert, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

- LD: Hunter Robert, you belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

- LD: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

P: Sustain Hunter Robert with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

P: Hunter Robert, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: **Amen.**

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

LD: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.

LD: Let us welcome our newly baptized brother – Hunter Robert Farley.

C: **We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

## 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: God of rebirth, the good news of your resurrection brings refreshment to a weary world. Following the women at the tomb, empower us to boldly share your radical love through our words and our work. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: As you breathed your Spirit into the disciples, breathe your spirit of healing upon all creation. Nourish the earth with sufficient rains. Strengthen us to counter the effects of pollution and destruction. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: You prepared the disciples for their ministry by calming their fears and granting them your peace. Equip our communities' leaders. Give them a spirit of peace and hearts that burn for justice, that their leadership reflects your love. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: You come among us in unexpected ways. Send us to those who hide in fear or question your love. Be a healing presence for any isolated by addiction, incarceration, mental illness, chronic pain, sickness, or grief. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently.

— A brief silence— Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: As you met the disciples on the road to Emmaus, show us your presence along our journeys. Bless our doubts and questions. Provide trusting and safe relationships for all ages, to nurture our connection to you and one another. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

LD: Resurrecting God, you bring us to new life every day. Thank you for blessing us with companions on our faith journey, especially those who now rest in your love. Strengthen us with the eternal peace of your promises. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

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.



**THE MUSIC TO THIS HYMN IS FOUND IN THE MAROON HYMNAL UNDER THE SEAT IN FRONT OF YOU. HYMNS ARE IN THE BACK SECTION OF THE HYMNAL.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us vision, grant us justice, grant us your own true peace.**

**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 379 – Now the Green Blade Rises**  
**ELW 482 – I Come with Joy**  
**ELW 474 – Bread of Life from Heaven**

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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

## 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.

## Sending Hymn

ELW 376

—Please stand as able—

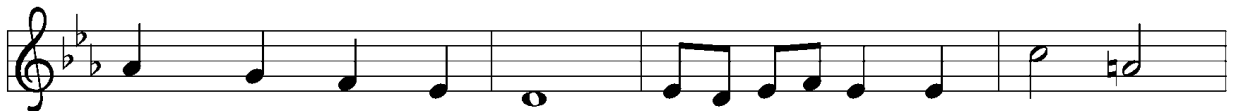
### Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

#### *Refrain*



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## **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.**