



Holy Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church



Come Together Grow in Faith Serve the Lord

April 14, 2024 9:30 AM - Third 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!

Dave Arrington, Mac Rouleau, Lois Kfoury, Martha Mercer, John Moore, Glenn Oswald, Mark Donahue, Jeremiah Sihotang, Alex Bock, Ron Indorf, Ade Monareh, Carol Saufley, Emily Sullivan, Jim McKenna, & Joyce Rivoire.

Happy Anniversary!

Jo Whiting & Russ Hilliard, Jerry & Jill Schock, Jon & Susan Bock, Bill & Jill Larson,

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!

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. In our Nursery, we have a livestream of our Worship Service, so you don't miss anything!

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.

Office Hours & Pastoral Emergencies:

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

Pastor's Office: *Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons*

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 we will connect you with our Pastor as soon as possible. Email office@htelc.com or call (603)436-1704 and leave a voicemail message.

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, Alice Peterson, Don Gindlesperger, Dave Smith, Hazel Larson, Leo Larson, Rani Marcus, Shirley Jackson, Larry Sanders, Julie Moore, Bob Hollister, Ronnie Brigham.

Homebound: Carol Saufley, Barbara Werdelin, Dave & Joyce Rivoire, Anita Lindstrom, Judy Hollister, Jean Klein, June Slipp. **Military:** (No active military)

Partners in Ministry: ELCA, New England Synod, Ismani Congregation in Tanzania, Imanuel Indonesian Lutheran Church, Ascentria Care Alliance, Camp Calumet, Operation Blessing, Crossroads, Dover Friendly Kitchen, Good News Garage, Seacoast Family Promise, Salvation Army, & Lutheran World Relief.

Friends: David Roth (Bonnie Sanders' brother), Róisín Ruane (April Murphy's friend), Richard Murray (Jessica Feeley's Brother-in-law), Cinda DeWerff & Dane Wilcox (Rich Wilcox's sister & brother).

NOTES ON TODAY'S SERVICE

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

LECTIONARY

This Week: Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48

Next Week: Acts 4:5-12; Psalm 23; 1 John 3:16-24; John 10:11-18

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Musician(s): Jon Bock & Ken Galle

Choir Director: Ken Galle

Sound System & Live Stream: Franklyn Vosburg

Lector: Bill Kath

Counters: Bill & Julie Kath

Liturgical Deacon: Yvonne Topping

Altar Guild: Bobbie Febbo

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY

WEDNESDAY, April 17

9:30 AM: Bible Study

THURSDAY, April 18

8:30 AM: Property Team

SUNDAY, April 21

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship

11:00 AM: Spring Work Day at HTELC

ATTENDANCE AND OFFERING

Maundy Thursday, Mar. 28: 53 (In-Person) + 17 (Online) = 70

Good Friday, Mar. 29: 74 (In-Person) + 29 (Online) = 103

Easter Sunday, Mar. 31: 173 (In-Person) + 31 (Online) = 204

Sunday, April 7: 83 (In-Person) + 22 (Online) = 105

Offering: \$3,586.35

Offering: \$6,873.00

Announcements

Spring Work Day April 21: After church on Sunday April 21, we will be having a spring work day focusing mostly on the church grounds. There will be projects for all ages and abilities with lunch afterwards. If you are able to help, please complete this signup so that we can plan the work and lunch. Any questions, please contact Scott Carson SDC1338@gmail.com.



Creation Care Adult Forum: There will be an Adult Forum, after worship on Sunday, April 28 with the topic: "Is Creation Care for us?". More details to come next week.

Spring Cleaning at Camp Calumet, April 26-28, 2024: These annual events are a FREE weekend for anyone who comes to camp and volunteers their time helping us get ready for the height of the season! We need many hands to clear the cobwebs, give the windows a once over, rake up some pine needles, give the beach a facelift -- there's lots to do. Contact Alice at Camp Calumet: alice@calumet.org

Cooking class postponed to the fall: Last week, we announced a cooking class in May. Our cooking class team has decided to postpone the next cooking class to September. Look for more details in a few months.

An update regarding our complimentary Daily Prayer Booklets: Due to increased demand, Holy Trinity has doubled our subscription for "Christ in Our Home", the large print daily prayer booklets typically found in the Gathering Area. This will begin for the next quarter of booklets (July, August, & September), of which we expect them to arrive in May.

Purses and Packs: The Social Ministry Team is asking for your help this spring! Last fall HTELC met to discuss upcoming goals for our church family. One of those goals was to increase our outreach and involvement with the community. The Social Ministry Team has decided to collect 20 purses and 20 small packs/bags which will then be outfitted with personal items. These bags will then be brought to Operation Blessing to be distributed to clients. In addition to the purses and packs, the SM team will also be requesting donations for these bags. We ask that these items be full sized. With the assistance of OB, and some discussions by the SM team, we are requesting the following items: socks, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, combs and cleansing wipes. The "tree" is back in the Narthex and there are tags hanging from its branches. Each tag has a list of items. The attempt has been made to keep the value of each tag at \$10.00. Bins will be placed near the tree to collect your donations. We will be assembling the bags after services on Sunday, May 19. Thank you.

Creation Care Books in Our Library. The Creation Care Task Force encourages you to review the books available in our Library. The titles below are about Faith, Theology and Reflection related to our Lutheran perspectives and substantiate the Christian call to Creation Care. Fuller summaries are in this week's issue of Tidings at htelc.com

Crucified Creation: A Green Faith Rising. If you only have time to read one volume, *this is it!* - especially if you enjoy a magazine format, multidisciplinary articles, analytical yet personable writing and multiple authors. They push us further and test our faith-based resolve to act in meeting climate change crises.

Eco-Reformation: Grace and Hope for a Planet in Peril. This book reviews the rise of industrial, fossil-fuel capitalism and the explosive growth in human population that has endangered planetary life-support systems. The conviction at the heart of this collection of essays is that a Gospel call for ecological justice belongs at the heart of the Reformation churches.

Behold the Lilies: Jesus and the Contemplation of Nature - A Primer. The author is a pioneer in the field of ecological theology and spirituality. Through first-person reflections, he maintains that those who would follow Jesus are mandated not just to care for the earth and all its creatures but also to contemplate the beauties of the whole creation.

Before Nature: A Christian Spirituality. The author caps themes in his previous classic book. He continues the pursuit of a theology bound up with nature and its fragile condition and invites readers on a theological and spiritual journey to a prayerful and contemplative knowledge of the Triune God. Christians are inducted into a bountiful relationship with the cosmic ministry of Christ and the Spirit uniting all of nature in a single vision of hope.

Christianity, Climate Change and Sustainable Living. The authors have two primary foci: 1} our current habits of consumption and production in the West cannot be maintained; and 2} we urgently need to reconsider our lifestyles and the policies that shape them. This book represents a serious Christian engagement with the issues of sustainable consumptions and production.

A New Climate for Theology: God, the World, and Global Warming. The author maintains that global warming/change occurs because we don't see ourselves as inextricably bound to the planet and its systems. This book also paints an alternative idea for what being human means and what a just and sustainable economy might mean in an unfolding universe of divine love and human freedom.

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Welcome

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Thanksgiving for Baptism

—Please stand as able—

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

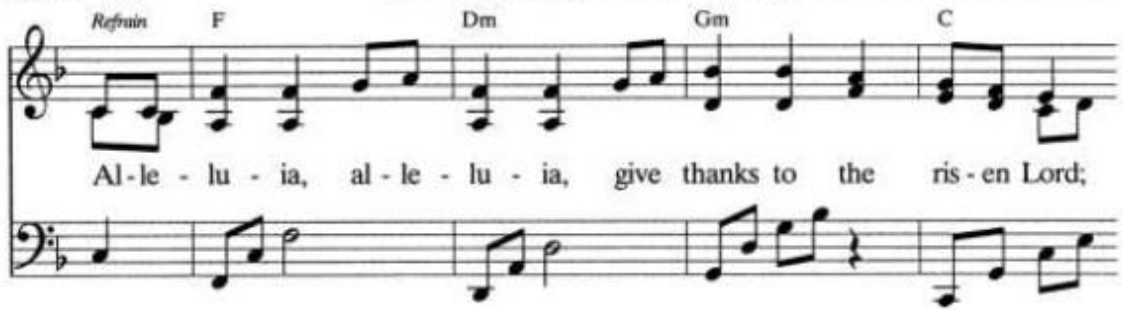
We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

671 wov Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Refrain F Dm Gm C



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

F Dm B^b C



1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

F Dm B^b C *Refrain*



he is the king of cre - a - tion.
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

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 Music: Donald Fishel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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Greeting

P: May 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

—Please remain standing—



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

WORD

First Reading

L: A reading from Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L: Word of God, word of life

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

L: ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my
prayer.

**C: ²“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

L: ³Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;
the Lord will hear me when I call.

**C: ⁴Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

L: ⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the Lord.

**C: ⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord.**

L: ⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

**C: ⁸In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading

L: A reading from 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

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Gospel

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, Chapter 24:36b-48

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

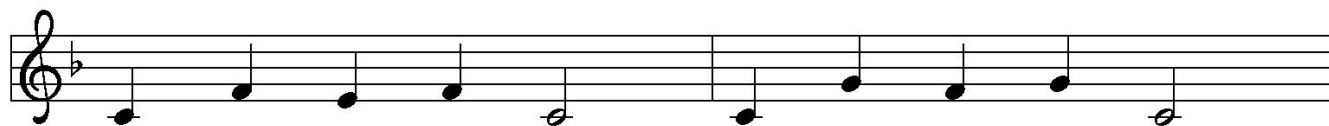
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

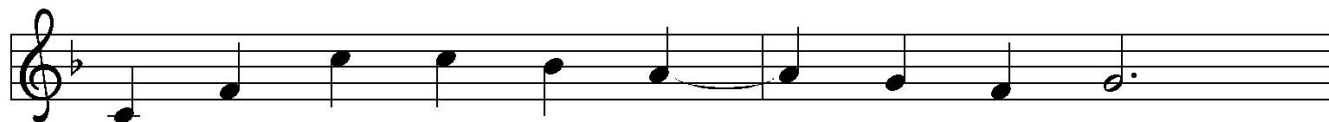
Sermon

— Please be seated—

Day of Arising



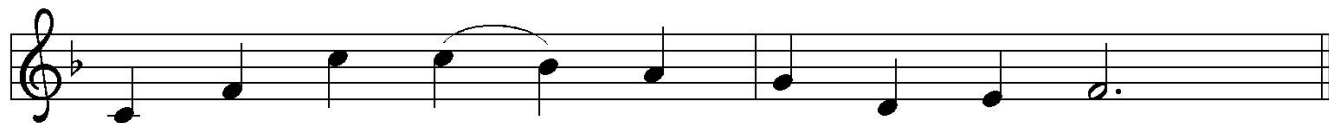
1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
 2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
 3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
 4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
 blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
 This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
 bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
 yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
 when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
 Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
 our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
 there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
 that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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Nicene Creed

LD: Let us confess our faith using the Nicene Creed.

**C: 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 of the People

LD: 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—

LD: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. We pray especially for those whose names we say out loud or silently. — A brief silence— God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: We pray for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the New England Synod, and their leaders. We also pray for all of our partners in mission and ministry, locally and abroad. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

LD: 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.

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

Offertory Prayer

LD: Let us pray.

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

Amen

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: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

P: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your

servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, 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 Hymns

While others are communing, you are invited to sing a communion hymn or to meditate on the readings and prayers for the day.

ELW 461 – All Who Hunger Gather Gladly

ELW 479 – We Come to the Hungry Feast

ELW 493 – Taste and See

Prayer after Communion

LD: Let us pray.

C: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

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.

O Living Bread from Heaven



1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here



The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;



O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,



My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Dismissal

—Please remain standing—

LD: Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

C: Thanks be to God.