

Welcome to
Luther Memorial Church



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD,
Easter Day
10:30 am

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WELCOME!

This is the day that the Lord has made. Together, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

~ Here are a few notes to help you participate in worship today: Almost everything you need is in this bulletin, including hymns. You are invited to participate with the words in **bold type**. You are invited to stand as you are able where indicated. Hymns are included in this bulletin, however if you need larger print, hymns may be found in the back of the red hymnal using the number indicated (#). Please join in singing all the music! Today especially we raise our voices in praise!

~ **You don't need to disconnect here!** You don't need to turn off your phone, but please place it in silent mode. Feel free to take pictures—of our building, of worship, but ask permission for any people-pictures. We ask that you not use flash during this worship service. Post your favorite quote from the sermon or verse from a hymn...just be sure to check in and let your friends know where you are!

~ We welcome all of God's children **no matter your age**. Wiggles, dancing, and singing welcome! Together we raise a joyful noise. If you would like a children's bulletin, a soft toy, or a book, they're near the ramp door (out the doors next to the pulpit on the long Welcome Table).

~ **Restrooms** may be found out either door at the front of the Sanctuary. There is an accessible ramp through the doors near the pulpit. At the top of the ramp(s), follow signs to the restrooms. A fully accessible restroom is available through the parlor.

PRELUDE – "Now the Green Blade Rises" Variations

R.H. Haan

Please rise in body or spirit and face the cross as it leads us into worship.

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

ONE: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

ALL: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ENTRANCE HYMN

ELW 365

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.


Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of the Risen Christ, the love of our ever-living God,
and the fellowship of the life-breathing Spirit be with you all.


And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

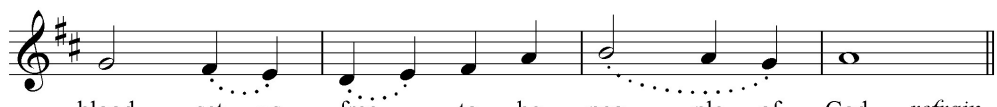
Refrain



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




1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom and strength, And
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, And
4. Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might Be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain Has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. ... *refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing and glo - ry are his. ... *refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: ... *to verse 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. ... *refrain*
gun his reign, Al - le - lu - ia! ... *final refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of victo-ry for our God, Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

Text: Dignus est Agnus, tr. John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Tune: FESTIVAL CANTICLE, Richard W. Hillert, 1923-2010

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

FIRST READING**Isaiah 65:17-25**

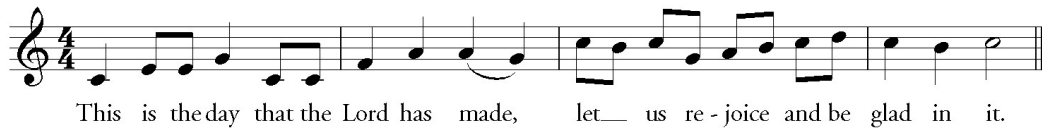
¹⁷I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating, for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy and its people as a delight. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it or the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days or an old person who does not live out a lifetime, for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat, for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—and their descendants as well. ²⁴Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

Refrain: (*Sung once by the choir, then repeated by the congregation and sung where indicated by R.*)



¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. **R**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. **R**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to Cornelius and his household : “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. ³⁶“You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that Jesus did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²“Jesus commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise in body or spirit to greet the Gospel. You are invited to turn to face the Gospel as the Word is brought into our midst.

SEQUENCE



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:

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

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

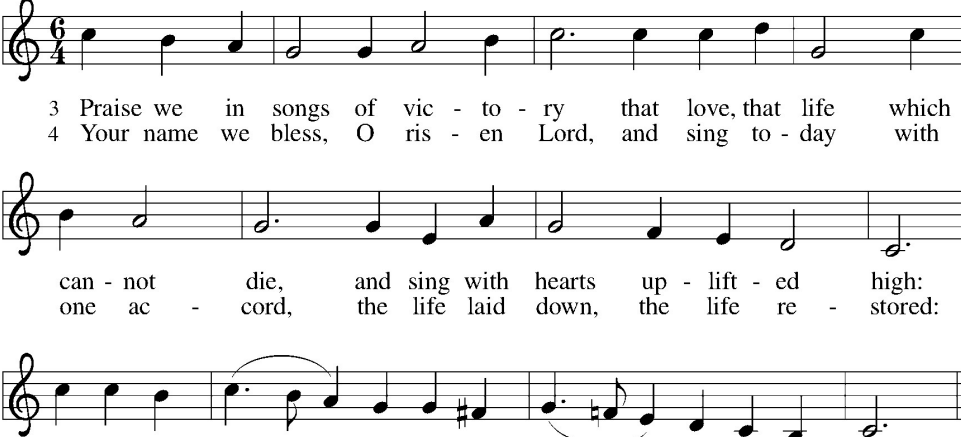
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son-of-Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again.” ⁸Then the women remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the

rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to the apostles an idle tale, and they did not believe the women. ¹²But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

GRADUAL



3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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

Please be seated at the invitation of the Preacher.

HOMILY

Pastor Jay

After a brief silence for reflection, as the music sounds, please stand to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 364

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia
Mfurahini, haleluya



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.
 e - ven in from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 and in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

Refrain

Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won." *Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

St Paul writes, “Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we were buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Christ in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we give thanks for the Great Exchange, the mercy and forgiveness that wrap our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation, which spoke water and life into being.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature’s power and God’s commitment to life after death.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely, building a bridge between mothers and nations.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert, spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water into wine and met a woman at the well with living water.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For Living Water poured out on all people, washing the eunuch and Philip and us alike.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism, which declares there are no more godforsaken places, and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus. For Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Let us pray: God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Beloved of God.

Amen.

SPRINKLING SONG

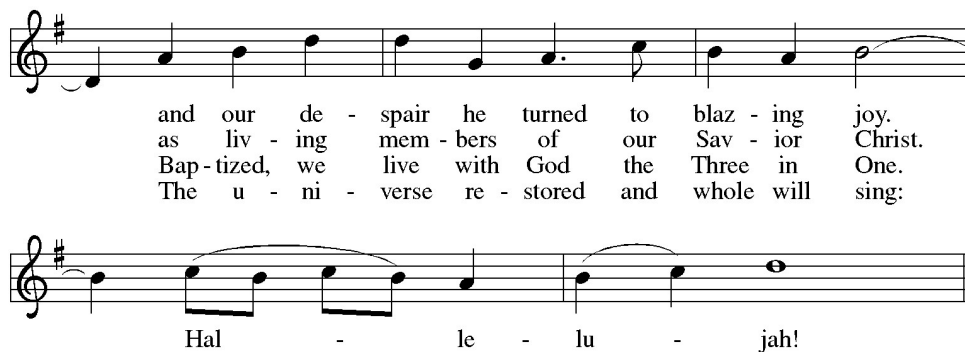
ELW 449

As this hymn is sung, all are sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of baptism. It is customary to make the sign of the cross when the water reaches you to remember you are “marked with the cross of Christ forever.”

We Know That Christ Is Raised

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God,
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
 Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852–1924
 Text © John B. Geyer.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

With all who dance in the Resurrection Dawn, we raise our voices in praise of God's work.

For the Church; for all who follow the example of Mary Magdalene and the faithful women in raising their voices to tell the good news of life everlasting, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For creation; for the lengthening of days and the beauty of spring that remind us that God's life is abundant and eternal, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For the nations; for those who work for international peace and harmony, for those who serve the common good, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For your healing and wholeness for the sick and suffering; for God's gifts of science and medicine, and for those who share these gifts with others, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For Luther Memorial, for our council and leaders, for our teachers and administration, and for our children—those preparing for graduation and those preparing to receive their First Communion, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

For all who have claimed baptismal promises: for Mary and Peter, Anselm, Toyohiko, Mark; for our beloved dead: Roy, Don, Dennis, Bill, Richard, Dorothy and C. Richard, and all we remember with our flowers this morning; and the promise of new life—the promise of baptism—which holds us until we join with them around the Feast of the Lamb, we raise our voices in glad strains of:

Alleluia! Amen!

Into your wounded hands of love, O God, we place all our prayers trusting in the mercy and grace of the crucified-risen one, Jesus.

Alleluia! Amen!

THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please share greetings and gestures of peace with those around you. Please be seated.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED



An offering is received for the ministry of the church. Our offering at Luther Memorial supports our ministry locally, as well as that of the Northwestern Pennsylvania Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You may make your checks payable to Luther Memorial Church. Additionally, you may visit <https://bit.ly/LMCDonate> or scan the QR Code and scroll to the bottom of the page to give electronically.

MUSICAL OFFERING – "Hallelujah, Amen"

G. F. Handel

The assembly rises in body or spirit as the gifts are presented.

OFFERING HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

1 Day of de - light and beau-ty un - bound-ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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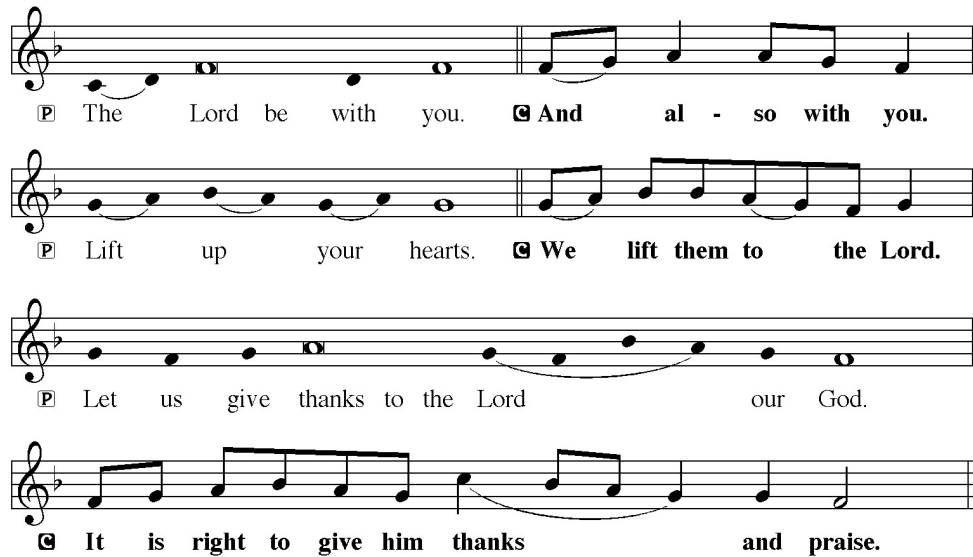
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

SURSUM CORDA



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

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

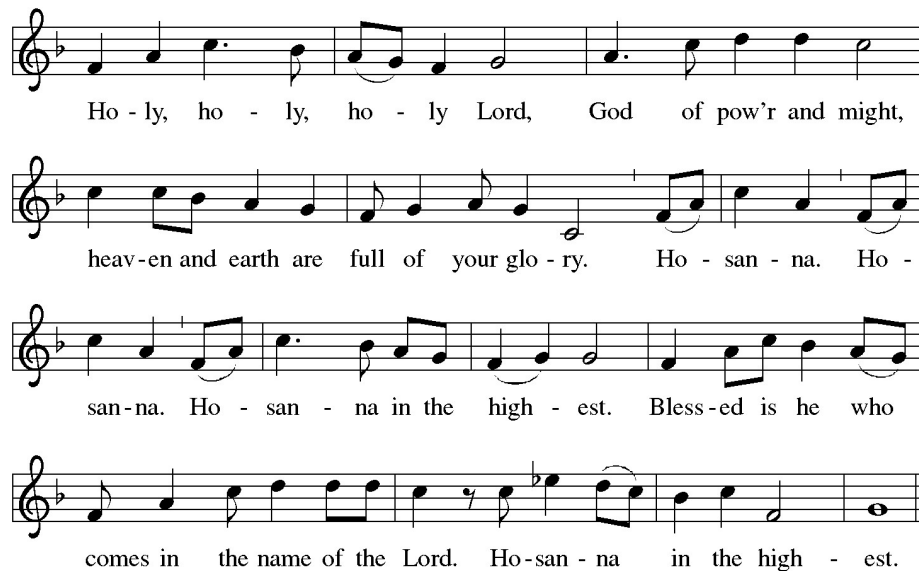
♩ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

THE PROPER PREFACE

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 ever-living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for Christ is the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sins, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

This is the day that in joy and delight we join with all the angels of heaven and all the creatures on earth to sing our praise and thanksgiving to you, all holy and mighty and glorious God. For Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

This is the day that you gave light to the earth. This is the day that you saved the Israelites through the sea and with your pillar of fire led them to freedom. Now every night is as bright as day, and that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

This is the day that you broke the chains of death. This is the day that, marrying heaven to earth, you washed away sin, rescued us from evil, and brought us your peace. The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed.

*On the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ 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.*

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

On this day send us the power of your Holy Spirit. Revive us with the body and blood of our risen Savior. Illumine our lives with your presence, and shine your Morning Star over the whole human race, for that light is Christ:

Thanks be to God.

All holy and mighty and glorious God, radiant Father, victorious Son, and shining Spirit, we bless your salvation, we sing of your mercy, and we praise your victory through all time and space, for Christ is risen:

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb has been sacrificed for us!

Therefore, let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

Those communing at home: take and eat, the body and blood of Christ for you.

The assembly may be seated.

THE COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and the Risen Christ is, himself, present whenever we feast together. **You** are welcome to the feast! Please come forward from both sides by the center aisle. Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle. White grape juice is in pre-filled cups for those who cannot have alcoholized wine. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who need them; please let the pastor know. Receive the bread in your open palm, then hold your cup steady for the assisting minister to fill. As you return by the side aisles, please place your empty cup in the tray. All are invited to the meal. If you would like to participate but not to receive the bread and wine, please cross your arms in front of you for a blessing from the pastor.*

HYMNS DURING THE COMMUNION

ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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| 1 | At | the | Lamb's | high | feast | we | sing | praise | to |
| 2 | Praise | we | Christ, | whose | love | di - vine | gives | his | |
| 3 | Where | the | pas - | chal | blood | is | poured | death's | dread |
| 4 | Praise | we | Christ, | whose | blood | was | shed, | pas - | chal |



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|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|--------|
| our | vic - | to - | rious | king, | who | has | washed | us | in | the | tide |
| sa - | cred | blood | for | wine, | gives | his | bod - | y | for | the | feast— |
| an - | gel | sheathes | the | sword; | Is - | rael's | hosts | tri - | um - | phant | go |
| vic - | tim, | pas - | chal | bread; | with | sin - | cer - | i - | ty | and | love |



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|---------|-----|-------|------|---------|-----|---------|------|------|------|-----|
| flow - | ing | from | his | wound - | ed | side. | Al - | le - | lu - | ia! |
| Christ | the | vic - | tim, | Christ | the | priest. | Al - | le - | lu - | ia! |
| through | the | wave | that | drowns | the | foe. | Al - | le - | lu - | ia! |
| eat | we | man - | na | from | a - | bove. | Al - | le - | lu - | ia! |

- 5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

- 6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise.
Alleluia!

- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be.
Alleluia!

- 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, your name we praise.
Alleluia!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
 Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Earth, Earth, Awake!



1 Earth, earth, a - wake! Your prais - es sing! Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 All na - ture sings of hope re - born! Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Win - ter is past; the night is gone! Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Praise we the Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son! Al - le - lu - ia!



Greet with the dawn your ris - en King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ lives to com - fort those who mourn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ's light, tri - um - phant, brings the dawn! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the vic - t'ry God has won! Al - le - lu - ia!



Bright suns and stars, your hom - age pay! Al - le - lu - ia!
 First fruit of all the dead who sleep! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Cre - a - tion spreads its spring-time bloom! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the Lamb who reigns a - bove! Al - le - lu - ia!



Life reigns a - gain this Eas - ter day! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Prom - ise of joy for all who weep! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Life bursts like flame from death's cold tomb! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise we the King whose rule is love! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923–2007
 Music: STUEMPFLE, Sally Ann Morris, b. 1952
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We Have Seen the Lord

Leader

Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.
 We have seen the Lord.

Assembly

Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.
 We have seen the Lord.

Ni - me - mwo - na
 God is might - y,
 God is low - ly,
 God is gra - cious,

Ni-me-mwo-na Bwa - na.
God is pow - er - ful.
God is mer - ci - ful.
God is won - der - ful.

Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.
We have seen the Lord.

Ni - me - mwo - na Bwa - na.
We have seen the Lord.

na, a - na - pe - nde - za.
Lord, God with us, Je - sus Christ.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Jeff Sartain, b. 1962
Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1994

NIMEMWONA BWANA

TABLE BLESSING

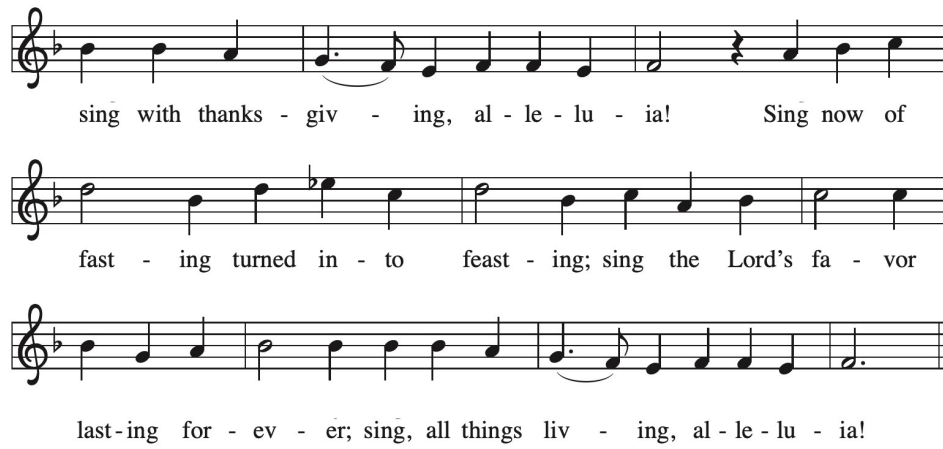
The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you;
keep you in all goodness and health, and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

POST COMMUNION HYMN

ACS 933

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded

2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to
danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622
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POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

SENDING OF HOLY COMMUNION *if needed*

We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that the Meal we have shared here may be extended for our siblings who are not here.

We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.


ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

,...and the blessing of God almighty: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you this Easter and always.

Amen!






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



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



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




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

Refrain



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



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

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell the Good News! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude – Symphonie pour Orgue No. 5 "I. Toccata"

C. M. Widor

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— LEADING IN WORSHIP —

AT THE ALTAR

PRESIDING MINISTER & PREACHER

The Rev. Jay C. Mitchell

ASSISTING MINISTER

Liz Stroup

LECTOR

Jonathan Ulrich

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS

Elaine Kern, Martha & Tom Klomp,

Stan Rose

ALTAR GUILD

Jessica Copfer, Mary Daniels

USHERS

Sue Cappelletty, Jessica Copfer,

Mary Daniels, Carl Moore

AT THE PROCESSIONS

CRUCIFER

Katherine Ulrich

ACOLYTES AND TORCHBEARERS

Tessa & Jack Bartlett

BANNER BEARER

Madeline Ulrich

BOOK BEARER

Cecilia Ulrich

IN THE BALCONY

CANTOR

Bryan M. Timm, F.A.I.O.

TRUMPET

Keith Lenz

EUPHONIUM

Kara Partusch

TIMPANI

Cathie Dugan

VIDEO STREAMING

Christy Adams

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Paschal candle burns to the Glory of the Risen Christ and in loving memory of Pastor Roy P. Washill, Don Mitchell and Dennis Martin by their family.

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones by Carol Schaal.

Front altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Sharon Rositer by her family.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Bill by Carol Schaal.

Columbarium flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Ron Henry and Brandon Jones by the Braendel family.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! The cross spray is given to the Glory of God and in honor and memory of all God's family by the McAfee and Shaner families.

Bulletins are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Dorothy and C. Richard Overberg by their family.

Worship Matters!

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! With our worship this morning we enter into the central feast of the Church. As the liturgy of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil is one liturgy over three days, so the feast of the Resurrection is a feast that lasts 50 days! It is the Feast of Feasts but it is also the Week of Weeks! Seven Sundays span this festival that draws forth our most robust rejoicing, praise, thanksgiving, honor, might, blessing, glory, and everything we have to praise the Lamb who was slain.

The feasting and celebration of Easter Day, the Day of Resurrection, is why we still gather for our primary worship on Sunday mornings. From the earliest days of the Church, the community gathered early in the morning on the first day of the week. Sundays do not take the place of the day of Sabbath. Rather, we meet on the Lord's Day, the Day of Resurrection. Justin Martyr will recognize this as "the day named after the Sun." We recognize that the Day of Resurrection is the morning after the Sabbath when the women first encountered the empty tomb. Therefore, every time we gather around the Table to share in the Lord's Supper it is the feast of Resurrection, it is the meal on the road to Emmaus, it is breakfast on the beach with Jesus. Every Sunday—not just the 7 Sundays of Eastertide—is a little Easter, then. Come, let our rejoicing have no end! The Lamb who was slain has begun to reign and welcomes us to the Feast! Christ is Risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christian Education

First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, May 4, 2025. In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions will be held on April 26 and May 3 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, including snack time. These 2 All-Family Workshops will be our preparation for the big celebration! Any family interested in First Communion should plan to attend both sessions. First Communion is open to all the baptized so any child and family are welcome if you're ready. However, families with children in grades 3-5 are strongly encouraged to participate if your child has not received First Communion yet. Please contact Pastor Jay or the church office if your family will be attending these sessions. Thank you.

Youth

LIA, Lutherans in Action, will meet Tuesday, May 13 from 5:30-7:00pm as they continue completing service projects. All youth in grades 5-12 are encouraged to join in.

Faith Formation

Book Group, Paging Through with Pastor Jay, meets the second Monday of odd months at 6:00pm in the parlor. Our next gathering will be Monday, May 12 as we will begin the book *Hidden Inheritance: Family Secrets, Memory and Faith* by Heidi Neumark. Pastor Neumark will be joining us via Zoom for our gathering. The book may be purchased at local bookstores and on Amazon.

B.A.D. (*Bible After Dark*) will gather again on May 7 at Calamari's at 6:30pm and continue to meet the first Wednesday of each month. Join together with Lutherans from around Erie as we discuss the book **Context** by Josh Scott. Copies of the book may be purchased from the church office for \$12. Feel free to purchase an adult beverage as we chat.

Opportunities for Fellowship

A bowling party will be held honoring our **First Holy Communion students** on Sunday, April 27 at Westway Bowling Lanes, Girard, PA from 1:00 – 3:00pm. Please join us for this celebration. There will be no charge for our Holy Communion class. The cost of bowling is \$4.25/game for adults; shoes are free. Pizza and beverages are available at the alley.

CampBlast will be held at Camp Lutherlyn, Butler, Pa, on Saturday, May 10 from 11:00am – 4:30pm. Rain or shine, this is a day of fun for the entire family; archery, gaga ball, zipline, crafts, hiking, hay rides, kayaking, and so much more. The entire day is free. What a wonderful way to spend your day!

Come and join us for an escape from reality. Your cares will be left behind after a morning of laughter and conversation with the Magic Fingers Grace Group. Join us for knitting and crocheting the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 10:00am– 12:00 noon; April 22. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

Items to Note

In case of a pastoral emergency, please contact Pastor Jay either at the church (814-454-0106 x. 227) or, if not, on his personal phone (267-549-9858). If you are unable to reach him and need a response quickly, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. Thank you.

— PRAYER LIST —

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Marilyn Bohn & family	Ed Hokaj	Rose-Marie Rose	Ron King
Ann Flick	Pat Gilbert	Lois Fobes	Bea Leemhuis
Friends and Family:			
Grant, Alina, Charlie Jane McGrail	Jenn	Mary Lou	Bev
Steve Sensor	Phil F.	Andrew Wachter	Dale Dannhaus
Carol Steffey & Marissa	Janine Frank	Casey Smith	Cheryl Atkinson
Michael & Paula Lombardozzi	Teddy & Rebecca	Jessica Reams	Sullivan
Henderson family	Joey & family	Irene McCullough	Sandy M.
Laura L.	Beth Sedelmyer	Mary Beth	
Grief:			
Roger Sturtevant family	Family of Sharon Rositer (McGhee)		
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon	Lt. Col. Mark Collins	Christopher Rose	

Readings for the Octave of the Resurrection

April 21 – Easter Monday – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Joshua 10:16-27; I Corinthians 5:6b-8

April 22 – Easter Tuesday – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Judges 4:17-23, 5:24-31a; Revelation 12:1-12

April 23 – Easter Wednesday – Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; II Samuel 6:1-15; Luke 24:1-12

April 24 – Easter Thursday – Psalm 150; I Samuel 17:1-23; Acts 5:12-16

April 25 – Easter Friday – Psalm 150; I Samuel 17:19-32; Acts 5:17-26

April 26 – Easter Saturday – Psalm 150; I Samuel 17:32-51; Luke 24:36-40

C A L E N D A R

MONDAY, APRIL 21 Church Offices and LMA Closed

TUESDAY, APRIL 22 10:00am Magic Fingers Grace Group
3:15pm School Board

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 1:30pm Tea with Thom
2:30pm Lego League

THURSDAY, APRIL 24 5:30pm Handbell Rehearsal
8:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY, APRIL 25

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 9:00am First Holy Communion Workshop

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025 THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Worship with us at 8:15am in Faith Chapel or 10:30am in the main church.

Bowling party honoring our First Holy Communion students will be held at Westway Lanes in Girard from 1:00-3:00pm.

SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Cathie Dugan
	10:30am	Chloe Meucci
Communion Assistants (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	
Lector	10:30am	
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	John Bartlett
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jonathan Ulrich
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Carl Moore