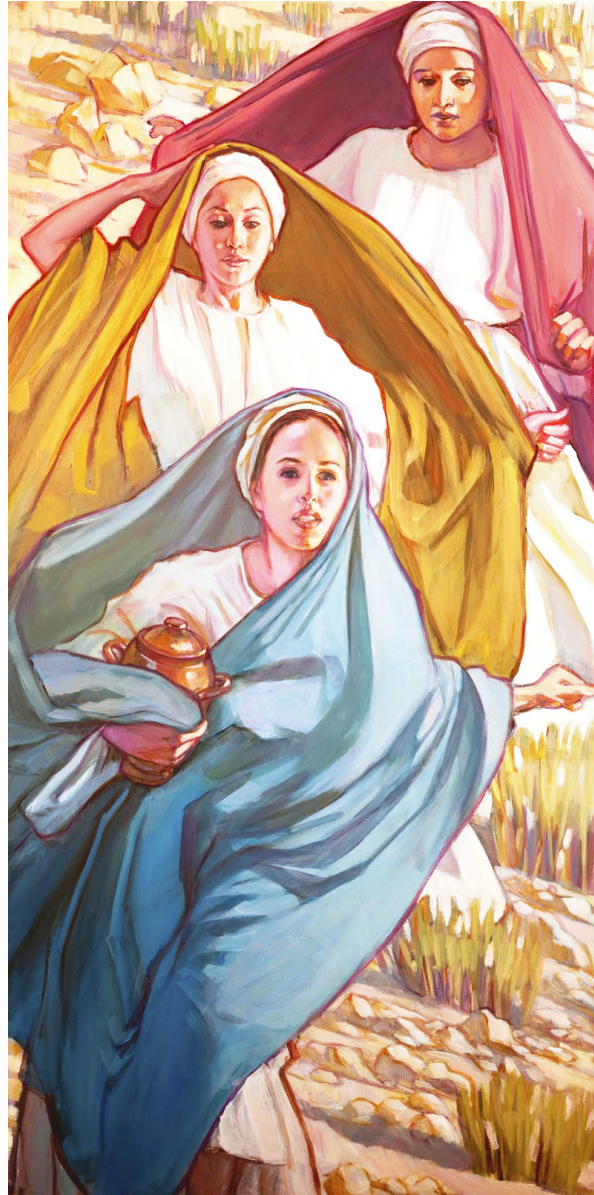


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Luther Memorial Church
of the Erie Lutheran Parish



31 MARCH 2024
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.

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion • LBW – Setting One • 10:30

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE – "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

H. Alexander Matthews, J. William Greene

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

God of grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may celebrate your glory and worship you in spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Please stand as you are able and face the procession.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, now, all heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ is risen!
Celebrate the divine mysteries with exultation;
and for so great a victory, sound the trumpet of salvation.
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of your king!
Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever.
Rejoice, O holy church! Exult in glory! The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

Three times:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

ΕΙΣΡΑΓΜΑ ΎΜΝΟΥ

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

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

HYMN 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 vic-to-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

- P** 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.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated.

MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

WORD

God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷ And the Lord will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; ⁸the Lord will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the Lord."

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

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

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

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 stand as you are able to greet the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Easter Bell Carol"

Lloyd Pfautsch

*Christ, the Lord lives again! Share the news with all men!
Hear all the angels sing: Halleluiah!*

*All men on earth rejoice. Join with them and add your voice.
Hail him! Your tribute bring. Halleluiah!*

*Greet your triumphant Lord! May he be forever adored!
Praise, always praise the King! Come and sing: Halleluiah!*

*God in Christ is glorious. He has been victorious!
Lift now your voice to sing: Halleluiah!*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. ⁶But the young man said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated at the invitation of the pastor.

HOMILY

Pastor Jay

Please stand as you are able to proclaim the Word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 672

Signs and Wonders



1 Signs and won - ders lead the danc - ing from the heart God frees from fear:
2 Hope and free - dom join the cir - cle: Mar - y to the gar - den came,
3 Cast a - side all fear and hid - ing; hand in hand we dance the round.



wings of an - gels greet the mai - den, and God finds a dwell - ing here;
saw the ra - diance of the mar - vel, heard the Ris - en call her name;
God is with us, Christ, a - bid - ing, and the Spir - it's gifts a - bound.



bold - ly may we lift our hands, bow the head, and voice A - men;
bold - ly may we heed Christ's call, step be - yond the gar - den wall:
Called by God to ho - li - ness, let us bold - ly serve and bless;



thus does glo - ry shine at mid - night: o - pen hearts in - vite the star - light.
beau - ti - ful the feet pro - ceed - ing with good news of death's de - feat - ing.
and to hearts that sigh and hun - ger may our lives dance signs and won - ders.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551
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AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

A *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."*

P Dear friends, rejoicing that we have been united with Christ's death and resurrection in baptism, let us give thanks for its gifts:

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C Amen.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P Immersed in the promises of baptism,
 let us give thanks for what God has done for us.
 We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
 your voice thundered over the deep
 and water became the essence of life.
 Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.
 The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
 Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
 into freedom's land.
 In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
 entered your boundless baptismal life.
 Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
 and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
 By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
 you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
 freeing us to live as Easter people.
 We rejoice with glad hearts,
 giving all honor and praise to you,
 through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

P Look, here is water!

C Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

SPRINKLING SONG

ELW 449

As this hymn is sung, all are sprinkled with water from the font as a reminder of baptism. You may 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



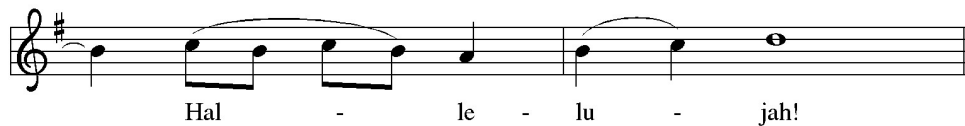
1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



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.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



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

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

- A** With all who dance in the Resurrection Dawn, let us raise our voices in praise of God’s work.
 - A** 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:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** 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:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** For the nations; for those who serve God’s people in public office and those who work for international peace and harmony, we raise our voices in glad strains of:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** 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:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** 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:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** For our beloved dead and the promise of new life; for the promises of baptism which hold us until we join with them around the Feast of the Lamb, we raise our voices in glad strains of:
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
 - A** 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.
 - C Alleluia! Amen!**
- P** The peace of the Risen Christ be with you. **C** And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

An Individual Silent Prayer as We Prepare to Make our Offering:

God of abundance, you have poured out a large measure of earthly blessings. Teach us to set our hearts on you and not these material blessings. Keep us from becoming captivated by prosperity, and grant us in wisdom to use your blessings to your glory and to the service of humankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

(Bob Banks, soprano saxophone)

*This joyful Eastertide, away with care and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow.*

*Refrain: Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen.*

*Death's flood hath lost its chill, since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber,
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.*

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

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!

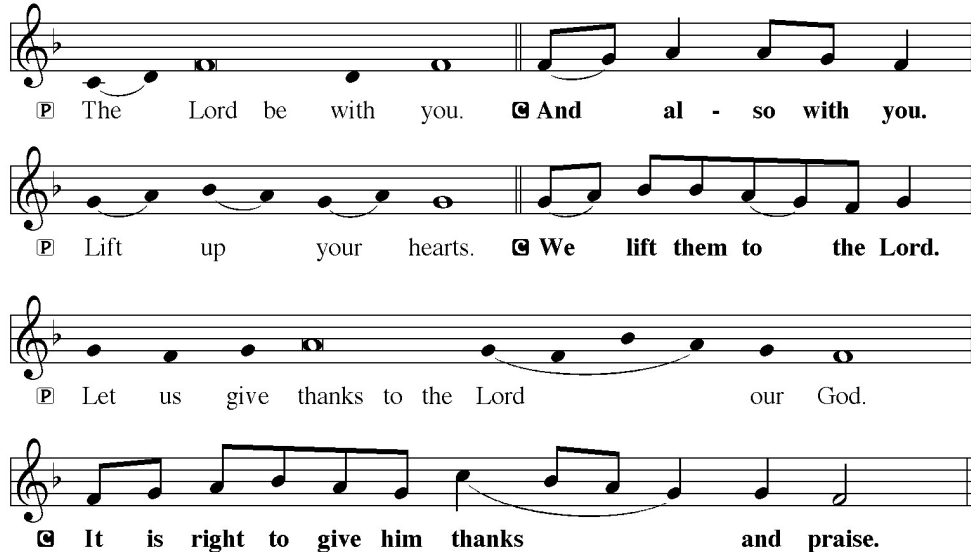
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Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556-1622
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OFFERTORY PRAYER

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

C Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you. **C** And al - so with you.

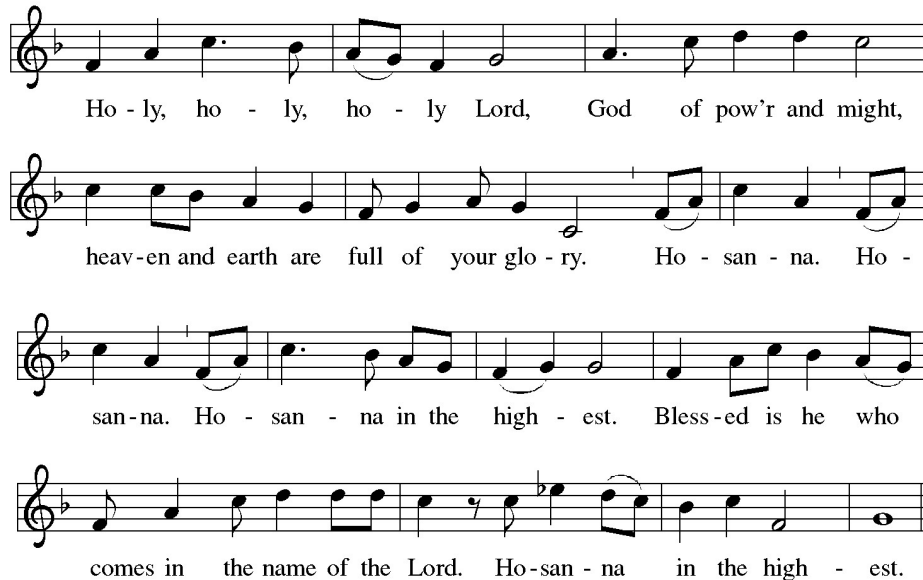
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... 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

P 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:

C Christ is risen indeed.

P 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:

C 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.**

☐ 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 COMMUNION

☐ 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 given and shed for you.

The congregation is seated.

SILENT PRAYER BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Merciful God, we do not presume to come to your table trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat and drink the body and blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, that we may live in him and he in us, now and forever. Amen. *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*

COMMUNION

*This is Christ's Table and all Christians are welcome to the feast!
We believe that this is the Body and Blood of Christ for you.*

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 FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

ELW 362

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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



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



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!

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!

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!

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!

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

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 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 to set us free. 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*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
 Music: Tanzanian traditional
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Please stand as you are able.

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 CAPTICLE

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;
sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of
fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor
last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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

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

SENDING

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

ΑΠΠΟΥΠCEMEΠΤΣ

BLESSING

- P** ...and the blessing of God almighty: Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you this Easter and always.
- C Amen!**

SENDING HYMN

ELW 382

Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

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!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811-1875, alt.
 Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844-1927

DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- A** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C** Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A** Go in peace. Tell the Good News! Alleluia! Alleluia!
- C** Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The congregation is invited to stand and sing.

Hallelujah!

For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth.

The kingdom of the world is become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

And He shall reign for ever and ever.

King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Hallelujah!

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— SERVING TODAY —

CRUCIFER – Cecilia Ulrich

ACOLYTES AND TORCHBEARERS – Christian & Penelope Wolf

BANNER BEARER – Madeline Ulrich

BOOK BEARER – Matthew Snider

COMMUNION ASSISTANT – Ann Flick

ASSISTING MINISTER – Vance Meucci

LECTORS – Veronica Wolf & Bill Lasher

ALTAR GUILD – Sharon Burke

SAXOPHONE – Bob Banks

TIMPANI – Cathie Dugan

DRUM – Ro Braine

BREAD BAKER – Cathie Dugan

VIDEO STREAMING – Christy Adams

USHERS – Sue Cappelletty, Cathy Beck, Brooke McCall, Carl Moore



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

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 Richard “Dick” Braendel by the Braendel family.

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

Today's Events

Greeting cards can be found in the information rack located near the parlor area. A large variety of cards that will fit every occasion are available. Youth are offering these cards for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Proceeds will benefit our youth.

Worship

Our prelude begins at 10:25 each week and flows into the 10:30am worship time. We hope that this will draw us together and into our time of worship. Please remember to be mindful of those around you and those worshipping at home by keeping conversations and visiting to the lobbies once the prelude has begun. Thank you.

A reminder that our livestream runs from the beginning of the prelude through the end of the postlude. To maintain a worshipful space for those joining from home, please remember to leave the chancel area (the area around the altar) clear until after the postlude.

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!

Music Ministry

The **Presque Isle ProMusica**, a community orchestra hosted by the Luther Memorial Concert Series will present a concert at Luther Memorial on **Sunday, April 7 at 4:00pm**. The following is their statement about this concert:

On the program will be two works for strings alone - Grieg's charming and pretend-Baroque Holberg Suite and Dvorak's Serenade for Strings -- and a second half with the whole orchestra giving us Beethoven's captivating Symphony # 7. It promises to be a wonderful afternoon of familiar and heart-warming music, followed by one of our legendary receptions, to gather, meet and greet the musicians, and celebrate the occasion, in the church parlor. Please feel free to circulate this invitation as widely as possible – invite your friends and family; tell them to invite others; we want this to be a gala occasion, celebrating the return of your own hometown orchestra. As always, admission is free, and we will hope for donations to make these concerts available to everyone!

Christian Education

First Holy Communion will be offered on Sunday, April 14, 2024 during the 10:30am service. In preparation for First Communion two Saturday morning sessions will be held on April 6 and April 13 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.

Opportunities for Fellowship

Magic Fingers Grace Group invites you to spend the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month with them for knitting, crocheting and any yarn project you may be creating. These are wonderful mornings of fellowship and laughter. Join us April 9 and April 23 from 10:00am– 12:00 noon. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

OWLS will make a visit to Honey Baked Ham, 7200 Peach Street, on Tuesday, April 16 for a delicious lunch. Mark it on your calendar to be there by 11:30am and RSVP to Jan MacInnes or the church office by Friday, April 12 if you plan to attend.

Support for our Youth

80's Bingo will be held Sunday, April 21. Doors open at 12:30pm; Bingo play begins at 1:00pm. Get back to the 80's and have some fun with a Chinese auction and tip boards, too. Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door. Tickets are available in the church office and from Beth Keller or Sarah Prylinski.

TGI Fridays Gives Back on Wednesday, April 3. Our youth will receive 20% of your purchase between 11:00am and 11:00pm; dine-in or curbside pick-up. Flyers are available at the welcome tables or mention Luther Memorial Youth to your server. Thank you for your support.

Youth Event

Movie Night is planned for Friday, April 19 from 5:30 – 9:30pm. Our theme for the evening is Teenage Turtles. We'll be making our own pizza and have a great time. Please let Beth Keller, Sarah Prylinski or the church office know if you plan to attend.

Community Event

World renowned German organist Paul Fey will perform a free concert on the magnificent Aeolian Skinner pipe organ at St. Luke Episcopal Church, 410 North Main Street, Jamestown, NY on Friday, April 26 at 7:00pm. All are invited to attend.

Items to Note

In case of an emergency and unable to reach Pastor Jay, please contact our church office at 454-0106, ext. 221 during weekday business hours of 8:00am – 4:00pm to speak with Norma. During the weekend and evening you are welcome to contact Norma Buerk at 450-7162. Thank you.

READINGS FOR THE OCTAVE OF THE RESURRECTION

April 1 – Easter Monday – Psalm 118:19-24; Acts 2:14, 22b-32; Matthew 28:9-15

April 2 – Easter Tuesday – Psalm 118:19-24; Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18

April 3 – Easter Wednesday – Psalm 118:19-24; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35

April 4 – Easter Thursday – Psalm 118:19-24; Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:36b-48

April 5 – Easter Friday – Psalm 118:19-24; Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14

April 6 – Easter Saturday – Psalm 118:19-28; Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15, 20

– PRAYER LIST –

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:			
Our Members:			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Phil McAfee
Cathy Beck & Jim	Betty Pletz		
Friends and Family:			
Kate Collins & family	Lorraine Melms	Jeannette Bowers	Doug Blum
Jeff Granger & family	Janice Carpenter	Heather Keaster	Russ Wiest
Nikki & Ayden Moyer & family	Paul Gustafson	Marky Stein	Jonah Allgeier
Pam (Battersby) Latronca	Tony B.	Betty M.	Kay Kaberline
Mary & Mike Collins	Stephanie Voland	Betty Peters	Marlo
Lily	Patty Meadowcroft		
Grief:			
Richard Braendel family	Jim Haskins family	Edna Smith family	Amanda Toms family
Our Military Service Men & Women:			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

CALENDAR

MONDAY, APRIL 1		Church offices & LMA closed
TUESDAY, APRIL 2	12:00pm 3:00pm	Deborah Circle W/ELCA LMA Closed
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3		
THURSDAY, APRIL 4	1:00pm 5:30pm 6:30pm 7:00pm	Grief Support Group Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Presque Isle ProMusica Rehearsal
FRIDAY, APRIL 5	7:00pm	Presque Isle ProMusica Rehearsal
SATURDAY, APRIL 6	9:00am 10:00am	First Holy Communion Workshop Quilt Meeting

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2023
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Pastor Jay Mitchell will preach at the 8:15am service in Faith Chapel and the 10:30am service in the main church.
Presque Isle ProMusica concert will be offered at 4:00pm in the main church.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024		
ASSISTING IN WORSHIP		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Rob Benacci
	10:30am	Julie Ditz
Communion Assistant (<i>1 needed</i>)	10:30am	Tom Klomp
Lector	10:30am	Mason Snider
Altar Guild	8:15am	Nancy Benacci
	10:30am	Sharon Burke
Greeter	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	
Video Streaming	10:30am	Gina Snider
Counters	10:30am	Nick Lang, Jeff Swanson
Ushers (<i>4 needed</i>)	10:30am	Sue Cappelletty, Cathy Beck, Dave Griswold, Brooke McCall