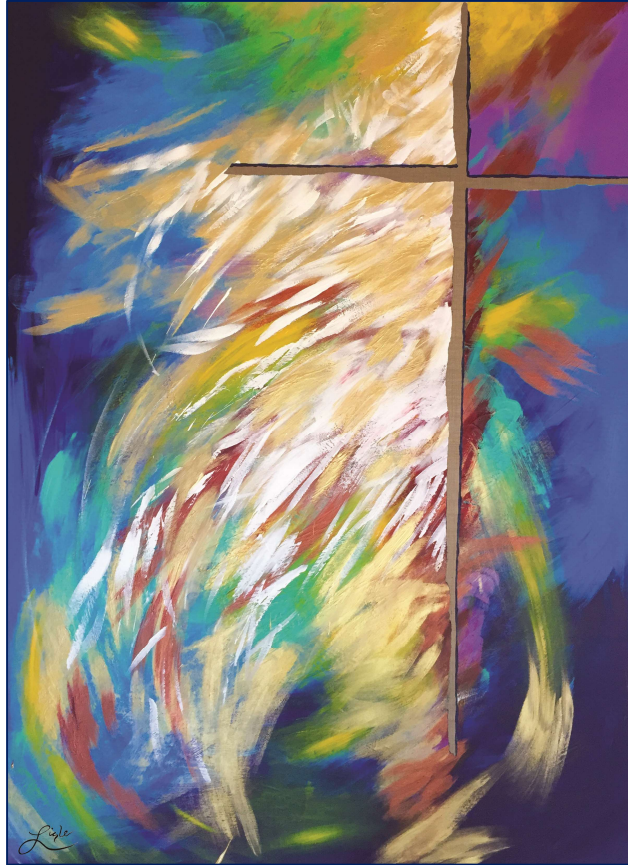


*Welcome to*  
**Luther Memorial Church**  
*of the Erie Lutheran Parish*



**APRIL 2023**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday**  
**10:30 am**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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## **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD / EASTER SUNDAY** **Holy Communion • ELW – Setting Three • 10:30**



### **LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT**

Luther Memorial is Christ's church that brings its ministry to northwest Pennsylvania within the context of its Lutheran heritage.

As a church that ministers to the community, it seeks to be an inclusive congregation providing a welcoming environment for all to worship, learn, and enhance both personal spiritual growth and fellowship.

***GATHERING – “The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.”***

**PRELUDE** – "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

H. Alexander Matthews, J. William Greene,  
John Vandertuin

**HANDBELL VOLUNTARY** – "Easter Processional"

*(Bob Banks, saxophone)*

Jeffrey Honoré

### **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.*

### **THE EASTER PROCLAMATION** *Psalm 118:14-24*

☐ 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.



- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⓞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⓞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**
- Ⓟ Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Ⓞ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Please turn and reverence the cross of Christ.  
As the cross passes you, turn and face the cross as it is carried to the chancel.*

*This text has its origins in northern Germany in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. An English translation was not published until 1708. The hymn tune was first published ca. 1742 and became very popular in both England and America. The melody was altered repeatedly until it reached the present form. It is attributed to various composers.*

**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!


Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## GREETING


- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☑ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- ☑ **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 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.*

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



**WORD – “God speaks to us in Scripture reading, preaching and song.”**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

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

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ 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 rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord| is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord. **R**

<sup>18</sup> The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup> Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”

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



<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup> By the Lord has this been done;  
 it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made;  
 let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GRADUAL**

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce 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 - joi - ce and say:  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

☑ Glory to you, O Lord.

*Sorrow gives way to "fear and great joy" when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>The appearance of the angel was like lightning, and its clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of the angel the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So the women left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my disciples to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

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.*

**SERMON**

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

*This hymn was originally written in French, by a pastor of the Free Church in Switzerland. The tune is from Handel's oratorio Judas Maccabeus, although it did not appear in the original performance. Shortly after its appearance it came into use as a hymn.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Thine Is the Glory**

**ELW 376**

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-  
 vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,  
 rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan  
*Refrain*  
 where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.  
 Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

## 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. We know that our old self was crucified with Christ so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.*

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

**P** Let us pray.

Merciful God, we thank you that you have made us your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us and all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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

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

**C** **I renounce them.**

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

**C** **I renounce them.**

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

**C** **I renounce them.**

*The presiding minister addresses the congregation.*

**P** Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**C** **I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**





**P** Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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

**P** You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**C** I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

**P** People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**C** We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

**P** Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*The author of this hymn text, an English minister and educator, noted that this hymn was intended to illustrate the Christian doctrine of Baptism, but has become popular as an Easter hymn. The hymn tune composer, a 20<sup>th</sup> century British university professor, organist, and much-decorated musician, is among the most distinguished of modern composers. His compositions number nearly two hundred, the present one having been published in 1904.*

## 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:

Hal - le - lu - jah!

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

## THE PRAYERS *1 Timothy 2:1*

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

*A brief silence.*

**A** You call your church to witness to your salvation. We give thanks for all theologians, preachers, and teachers who proclaim your gospel. Equip all the baptized to share the joy of the resurrection in all we say and do. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You bring abundant life throughout creation. The green blade rises, and all creation greets the resurrection dawn. Preserve vineyards and orchards and those who tend to them. Feed us with the fruits of creation. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

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

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You anointed your Son with the Holy Spirit and with power. Encourage us by his example in our ministries of healing, care, and outreach. We pray for all who are sick or hospitalized and for all health care workers who care for them. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** You have put gladness in our hearts. Inspire musicians and dancers to rejoice with songs of victory. Bless the music ministries of this congregation and all who foster our assembly's song. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** As you have raised Jesus from the dead, you show us your resurrection promise. With your holy ones who have sung your praise, especially Christopher A. Fobes and Bill Schaal, free us from fear and empower us to go and tell the good news. Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**A** Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The peace of the Lord is 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*

**ANTHEM – "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Messiah***

George Frideric Handel

*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!*

*Please stand as you are able.*

**OFFERTORY**

**ELW 462**

**Now We Join in Celebration**

1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,  
dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;  
for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,  
stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.

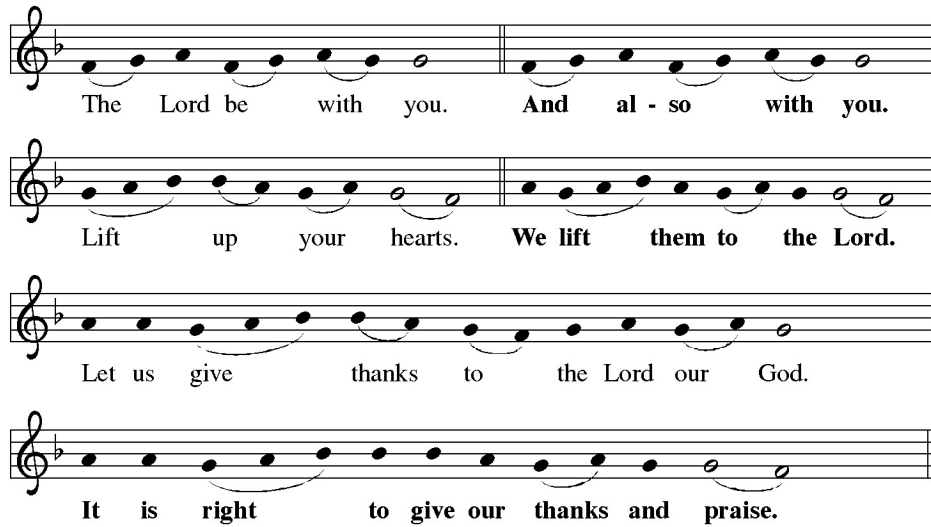
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Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662  
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**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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

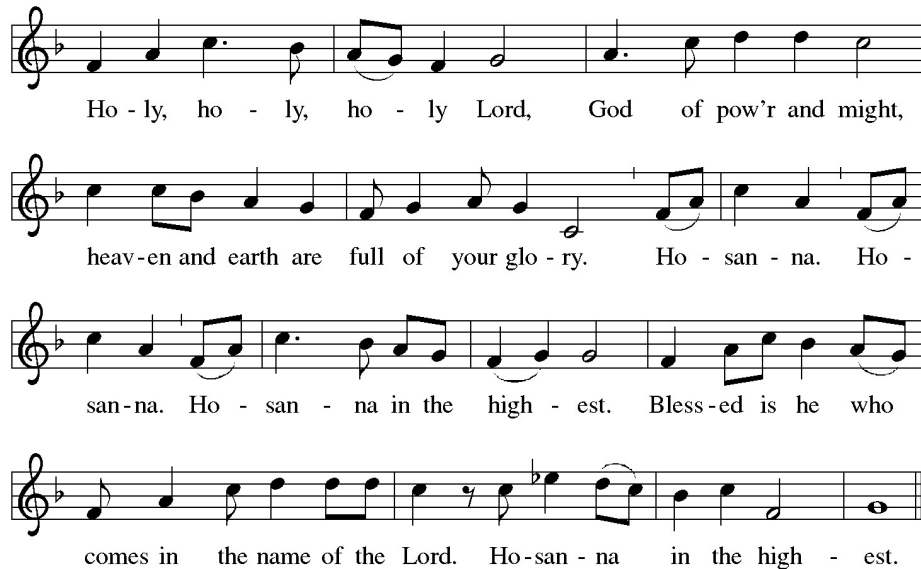
**C** Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Matthew 21:9*



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 our thanks and praise.

☐ 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:



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.**

**P** 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:

**C** **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.*

**P** Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

**P** 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:

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**P** 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:

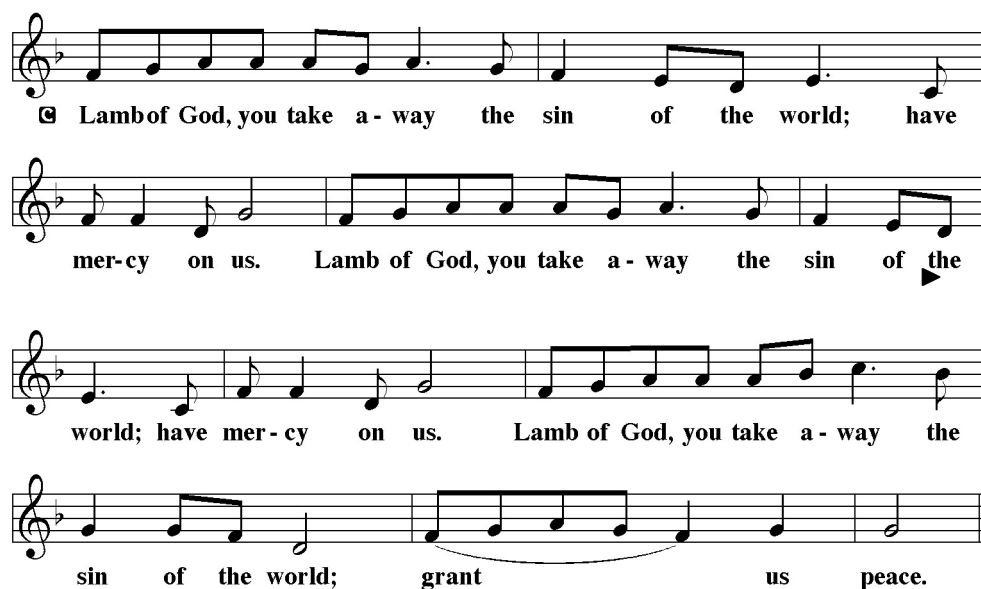
**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia! Amen.**



☐ 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. *Matthew 6:9***

### AGNUS DEI



☑ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

### 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

*Today's service is a celebration of Holy Communion. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the gifts of bread and wine, bringing forgiveness of sins and new life to all who receive this sacrament. All baptized Christians who come at our Lord's invitation are welcome at His table of grace.*

*Please come forward by the center aisle.*

*Take a small empty cup from the trays at the head of the center aisle.*

*Prefilled cups with white grape juice for those who prefer it are in the center of the tray.*

*Gluten-free wafers are on the stand in front of the baptismal font.*

*Receive the bread and wine and return to your place by the side aisle.*

*If you are not going to receive Holy Communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.*

*The original text of this hymn is Latin, written between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> centuries. The text was revised in the 16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> century, then translated and published in English in 1849.*

*The melody, originally a 15<sup>th</sup> century folksong, is arranged here by one of the contributors to the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship and first published in a Lutheran hymnal in 1969.*

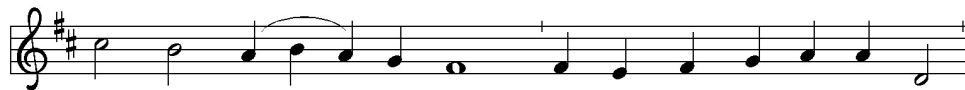
## HYMNS FOR THE DISTRIBUTION

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!

*A pastor of the ELCA, this author served as Executive Director of Holden Village, a Lutheran center for renewal in Washington State. This ministry began in August 1994. She has also been a program associate at Valparaiso University. Ordained in 1981, she has written numerous books, hymn, and worship songs.*

ELW 474

## Bread of Life from Heaven

*Refrain*



Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we



eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.



1	Break	now	the	bread	of	Christ's	sac - ri - fice;	giv - ing
2	Seek	not	the	food	that	will	pass	a - way;
3	Love	as	the	one	who,	in	love	for
4	Dwell	in	the	one	who	now	dwells	in
5	Drink	of	this	cup	and	de -	clare	his
								death;
								eat
								this



thanks,	hun - gry	ones,	gath - er	round.	Eat,	all	of	you,	and	be
hearts	on	the	food	that	en -	dures.	Come,	learn	the	true
self	for	the	life	of	the	world.	Come	to	the	one
home	in	the	life -	giv - ing	Word.	Know	on -	ly	Christ,	Ho -
bread	and	be -	lieve	Eas -	ter	morn;	trust	his	re -	turn
										and,
										with



sat -	is -	fied;	in	Christ's	pres -	ence	the	loaves	will	a -
liv -	ing	way,	that	the	full -	ness	of	life	may	be
food	for	you,	that	your	hun -	ger	and	thirst	be	no
One	of	God,	and	be -	lieve	in	the	truth	you	have
ev -	'ry	breath,	praise	the	one	in	whom	you	are	re -
										born.

*Refrain*

Text: Susan R. Briehl, b. 1952  
 Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, BREAK NOW THE BREAD: Argentine traditional, refrain; Marty Haugen, b. 1950, stanzas  
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# We Have Seen the Lord

*Leader*

We have seen the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

*Assembly*

We have seen \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord.

God is might - y, \_\_\_\_\_  
 God is low - ly, \_\_\_\_\_  
 God is gra - cious,

4

God is pow - er - ful.  
 God is mer - ci - ful.  
 God is won - der - ful.

We have seen \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord. We have seen \_\_\_\_\_ the

7

We have seen the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, God with us, Je - sus Christ.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Jeff Sartain, b. 1962  
 Music: Tanzanian tune; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954

NIMEMWONA BWANA

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A** Gracious God,  
 in you we live and move and have our being.  
 With your word and this meal of grace,  
 you have nourished our life together.  
 Strengthen us to show your love  
 and serve the world in Jesus' name.  
**C** Amen.

*SENDING – “God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.”*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING**

**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!

*This author attended Trinity College in Dublin and served as a chaplain and rector of several churches in Ireland. Many of his 300 hymns were issued in collections such as Hymns and Miscellaneous Poems, Spiritual Songs, Hymns of Love and Praise and The Parish Hymnal.*

**SENDING HYMN**

**ELW 382**

**Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!**



1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
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!  
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;  
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.  
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 INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- ☞ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- ☞ **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE – "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice & Sing"

Paul Manz, Healey Willan

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### — SERVING TODAY —

*PREACHING* – Pastor Jay Mitchell  
*GREETERS* – Emma Chaffee, Ann Flick  
*ACOLYTES* – Ellie & Maddie Wertz  
*CRUCIFER* – Jessica Copfer  
*BANNER BEARER* – Sutton Rowland  
*BREAD & WINE* – Marshall & Mitchell Boyd  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pat Bellingham  
*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Mary Daniels  
*LECTOR* – Jonathan Ulrich  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Pam Masiroff  
*SAXOPHONE* – Bob Banks  
*TIMPANIST* – Cathie Dugan  
*USHERS* – Janet, Blake, Isabella & Jacob O'Brien



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Christopher A. Fobes by Lois and Les Fobes and Amy, Jim and Garrett Carlowski.

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

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

### Today's Events

**Join us** for a time of fellowship and refreshments in the parlor following each service this morning.

**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.

### Pastor Jay's Drop-In Hours and Locations

**For the week of April 9**, Pastor Jay is available by appointment only. You may always meet with Pastor Jay by appointment: [JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:JMitchell@luthermemorialonline.org) or by using: [calendly.com/TheRevJCM](https://calendly.com/TheRevJCM).

### Worship

**The Prelude** brings us together for the beginning of our worship service each Sunday morning. Our worship time together concludes when the Postlude is complete. We ask that the chancel area remain unoccupied during these times of music as live video streaming continues through the entire worship service. Thank you.

## Christian Education

**Children's Church** classes for PreK – grade 6 will meet on the third Sunday of the month from 9:30 – 10:15am in April and May. We hope to see many smiling faces on Sunday, April 16 and Sunday, May 21.

## Supporting Luther Memorial

**Offerings** to Luther Memorial can be made in various ways; the use of offering envelopes, contributing online by going to our website or by setting up an automatic withdrawal by speaking with Miriam, our Parish Manager. Another option will soon be introduced; a QR code will be located in the bulletins and by scanning this with your smartphones an offering can be made. Your offerings enable Luther Memorial to continue the many ministries which bring us together; children and youth programming, music programs, fellowship gatherings, outreach ministries and more.

## Ascension of Our Lord

A **festival service** celebrating the **Ascension of Our Lord** will be held at Luther Memorial on the evening of Thursday, May 18. All of the Erie County ELCA churches will be invited to participate and Bishop Lozano will be preaching. If you would like to sing in the massed choir for this service (*hymns, liturgy, psalm*) please contact Walt Gaber ([WaltGaber@gmail.com](mailto:WaltGaber@gmail.com), 814.602.2755). Information will be provided about the music and a single rehearsal to be held just prior to the worship service.

We will also present one of **J.S. Bach's Ascension cantatas** during the service. As in our previous Bach Cantata Vespers, this cantata will be sung in its original German and accompanied by a small orchestra. Much of the cantata is sung by soloists, with the chorus singing the first and last movements. If you would like to receive more information about the music and rehearsals for the cantata, please contact Walt Gaber immediately and plan to attend the **rehearsal on Sunday, April 16 from noon to 1:15**.

## Opportunities for Fellowship

**Magic Fingers Grace Group** is ready to hop into spring! Bring those beautiful pastels and join us the second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 10:00-12:00pm. We look forward to our wonderful mornings together knitting and crocheting on April 11 and 25. Please contact Norma, in the church office, or Jan MacInnes and let us know if you are in need of more yarn or have any questions.

**The Flying Squirrel** Trampoline Park, 1338 East Grandview Blvd., is where you'll want to be on Sunday, April 16. Bring the family and have some fun from 12:00 noon – 2:00pm. Luther Memorial will cover the cost of 1 ½ hours of jump time. Families are asked to pay for jump socks (\$4) and any snacks purchased. Please RSVP to Sarah Prylinski at 814-882-1695.

## Supporting our Youth

**Silent Auction** bids will be accepted Sunday, April 23 – Sunday, May 7. A variety of items will be available in the parlor for your bidding. Bids may be placed throughout the week by

1. Completing a bid form and placing in the labeled box in the parlor or dropping off in the church office
2. Contacting Norma in our church office at [nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org](mailto:nbuerk@luthermemorialonline.org) or 814-454-0106, ext. 221
3. Giving your form to Beth Keller

Be sure to check the bulletin board outside the parlor to see the current high bid for each item.

All proceeds from our Silent Auction will be used for our youth who will be traveling to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2024 and to help the church defer costs for our youth attending confirmation camp.

## Outreach

**Volunteers** are needed to serve dinner to those in our sister congregation, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, on Thursday, April 27. Prior to Covid, congregations in our Erie Conference provided dinner once a month to approximately 40-50 people. Our volunteers will prepare and serve the meal and clean up following. Sloppy Joes are the suggested main course along with fruit and/or vegetable, bottled water and/or juice and dessert. The meal can be prepared at Luther Memorial and taken to Holy Trinity. Access to Holy Trinity will be at 4:00pm; dinner begins at 5:00pm. For more information, please contact Norma in the church office.

## Luther Memorial Academy

**LMA's Lego League** team has been invited to a **FIRST** Lego League tournament at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts June 9-11, 2023. This is a huge opportunity for the LMA team and they are proud to represent LMA & Erie County. To make this happen for our team, it is necessary to raise \$845 per student, which means a total of \$5,915 for the team. If you are aware of an area business that would like to sponsor our Lego League, please share the information with the school office. Every little bit helps & all donation and sponsorship can be mailed or dropped off in the school office. Be sure to make checks payable to LMA & earmark them for Lego League. Thank you.

### Items to Note

**Parking** in the lot across from 11<sup>th</sup> Street is not permitted. Please do not park in this area as your car will be towed. Thank you.

**In case of an emergency** 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 or Linda Graffius at 440-5458. Thank you.

### – PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Cathy & Don MacGregor	C. Noelle Partusch	Chickie Braine	Mike Daniels
Paul Meucci	Dave Birkner	Torsten Carlson	Julie Sturm
Lynnette Gustafson	Richard Jeffords		
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
Dennis & Lori Sander	Elayne Morphy	June Madurski	Edie Jackman
Elizabeth, Craig & Winnie	Mary Correll	Judy Skoog	Branden Jones
Mark Smith	Nichole Jones	Bob Guenther	Christine Norris
Jessica & Damian Ream	Elise VanDamia	Gary Flick	Meghan Kessler
Austin Coverdale	Kevin	Tom Wilson	Dawn Weborg
Baby Archer Bardwell	Curtis Krick	Tom Braendel	Susan Brooks
Abbie (Treiber) Dixon	Debbie	Caitlyn Kessler	Michele Seifert
Megan Bruno	Barbara Dennison	Diane Henry	Kate Collins
<b>Grief:</b>			
Bill Youngman family	J. David Mumford family		
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

## CALENDAR

<b>MONDAY, APRIL 10</b>		Church offices & LMA closed
<b>TUESDAY, APRIL 11</b>	10:00am 6:00pm	Magic Fingers Grace Group Church Council LMA Closed
<b>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12</b>	6:30pm	Worship & Music
<b>THURSDAY, APRIL 13</b>	5:30pm 6:30pm	Handbell Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal
<b>FRIDAY, APRIL 14</b>	6:30pm	Club 50
<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 15</b>	11:00am	Mark Lechner Memorial Service & Luncheon

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023** **THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Worship** with us at 8:15 and 10:30am.

**Children's Church**, PreK – Grade 6 will gather at 9:30am.

**LYO** will meet at 9:30am.

**Coffee Hour** following the 10:30am worship service.

**Family outing** at the Flying Squirrel Trampoline Park from 12:00 – 2:00pm.

**Choir rehearsal** at 12:00 noon in preparation for the Ascension Service.

**VASA** will meet at 1:00pm.

<b>SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023</b>		
<b>ASSISTING IN WORSHIP</b>		
Assisting Minister	8:15am	Mark Howell
	10:30am	Liz Stroup
Altar Guild	8:15am	Donna Sedelmyer
	10:30am	Martha & Tom Klomp
Greeters	8:15am	Vicky Blasco
	10:30am	Pat Young
Counters	10:30am	Jean McMillin, Gina Snider