

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



7 APRIL 2024  
The Second Sunday of Easter  
10:30 am

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

# LUTHER MEMORIAL CHURCH

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**7 APRIL 2024**

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Holy Communion • LBW – Setting One • 10:30**

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

**PRELUDE** – "That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"

Dale Wood, Raymond H. Haan

### **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.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**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.

**C** Amen.

**P** Look, here is water!

**C** Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!


at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

## GREETING


- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**C** **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
**P** The grace of our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, the love of the ever-living God,  
and the fellowship of the life-breathing 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 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

- P** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us,  
enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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.*

## A MESSAGE FOR THE YOUNG AND YOUNG-AT-HEART

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

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

**FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35**

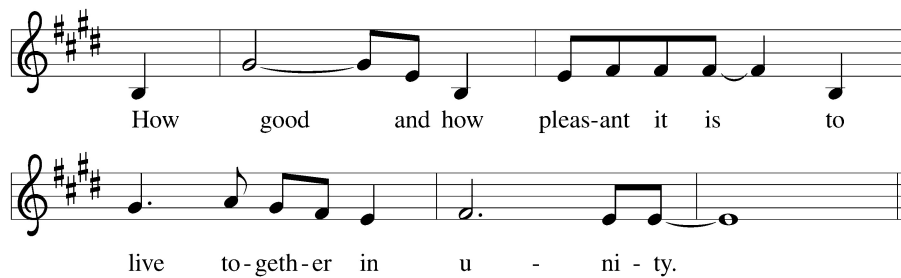
<sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

**PSALM: Psalm 133**

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



<sup>1</sup>How good and how pleasant it is,  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup>It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe. **R**

<sup>3</sup>It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore. **R**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ’s death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God’s light.*

**SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1-2:2**

<sup>1</sup>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>3</sup>what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have communion with us, and truly our communion is with the Father and with Jesus Christ, the Son. <sup>4</sup>We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. <sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say that we have communion with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup>but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have communion with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God’s Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God’s word is not in us. <sup>2:1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, <sup>2</sup>who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples.  
His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

## GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

☐ The Holy Gospel according to John.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Judeans, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered Jesus, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.” <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## SERMON

Pastor Jay

*Please stand as you are able.*

## The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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 Music: WOODLANDS, Walter Greatorex, 1877–1949  
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## NICENE CREED

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**C** We believe in one God,  
 the Father, the Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth,  
 of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
 the only Son of God,  
 eternally begotten of the Father,  
 God from God, Light from Light,  
 true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
 of one Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation  
 he came down from heaven,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## THE PRAYERS

**A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

**A** Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

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

**A** Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

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

**A** Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

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

**A** Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain. God of grace,

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

**A** Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

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

**A** Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Charlotte Chafee, Bill Kent, Bob Halttunen, Cheryl Lucht and Florence Holden. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

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

**A** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

**P** The peace of 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*

**ANTHEM – "How Very Good and Pleasant" (Psalm 133)**

Arlen Clarke

*How very good and pleasant, how very good to see,  
When kindred live together, together in unity.  
It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls upon the hills,  
For there the Lord gives blessing, and there our spirit fills.*

*For peace shall come upon you, anointing every race,  
The precious oil of Aaron, the precious gift of grace.  
The poor shall be uplifted, the scornful be made low,  
The Lord ordains his blessing, and life, forever more.*

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**OFFERTORY**

**Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded**

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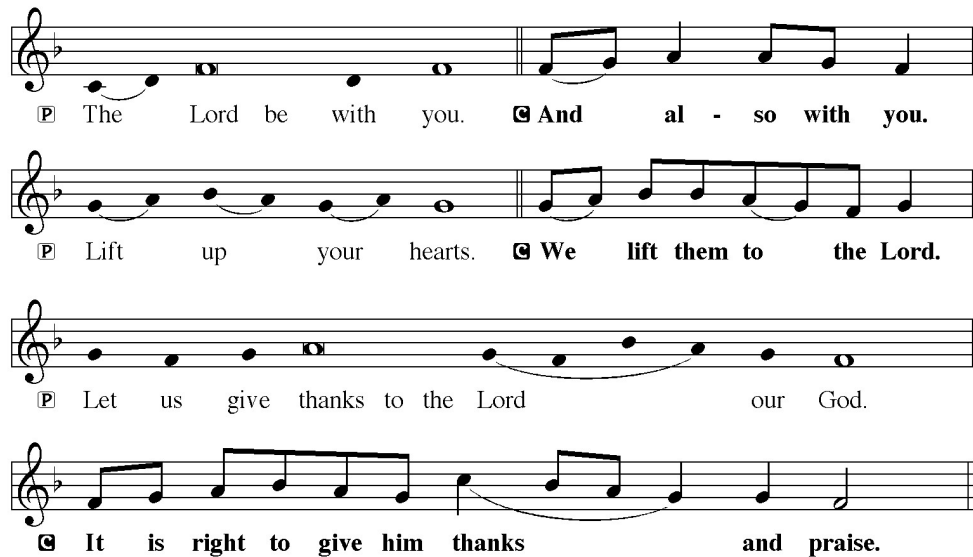
1 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel  
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ  
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -  
pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;  
sing of cre - a - tion, 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!

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

**A** Risen One,...through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOG



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

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

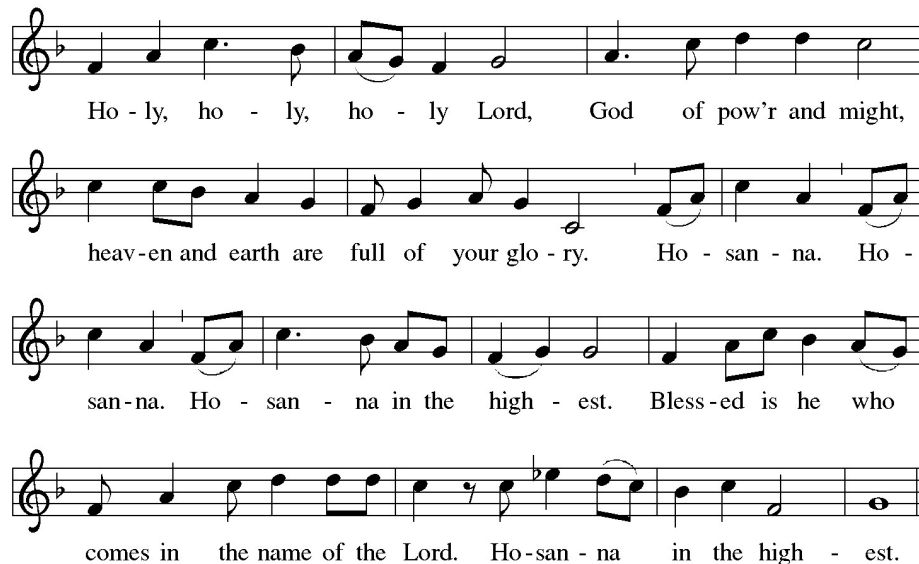
**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

**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** O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

**P** When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

- ☐ You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

- ☐ Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☐ Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

☑ **Amen!**

- ☐ Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

☑ **Amen.**

- ☐ O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

- ☐ O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## THE 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 COMMUNION

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ our Paschal Lamb is 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.

*Please be seated.*

## 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 384

### That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing



- 1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing  
 2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,  
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
*Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.*  
 9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:  
 the faith - ful wom - en went their way  
 who sits and speaks un - to the three,  
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,  
 be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!  
 to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,  
 that they had seen the risen Lord,  
 he doubted the disciples' word.  
 Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
 Alleluia!
- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,  
 and look upon my hands, my feet;  
 not faithless, but believing be."  
 Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen,  
 and yet whose faith has constant been,  
 for they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

- A Shepherd God, ... Jesus, our redeemer and friend.  
 Amen.

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand as you are able.*

## BLESSING

**P** ... **†** bless you now and always.

**C** Amen.

## SENDING HYMN

### 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  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

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

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

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

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

## DISMISSAL INTO THE WORLD FOR SERVICE

**A** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

**A** Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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— **SERVING TODAY** —

*ACOLYTE* – Jessica Copfer  
*ASSISTING MINISTER* – Pam Masiroff  
*COMMUNION ASSISTANT* – Tom Klomp  
*LECTOR* – Mason Snider  
*USHERS* – Cathy Beck, Sue Cappelletty, Dave Griswold, Brooke McCall  
*VIDEO STREAMING* – Gina Snider  
*ALTAR GUILD* – Sharon Burke



**Altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Charlotte Chaffee by her loving family.

**Front altar flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in lasting and loving memory of my husband, Bill, and my brother, Bob Halttunen, by Janet Kent.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Florence Holden who died Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Our prayers are with her husband, Don, and family.

**Our love and sympathy** is with the family and friends of Cheryl Lucht who died Sunday, March 31, 2024. Cheryl taught at Luther Memorial Learning Center (Luther Memorial Academy) from 1982 – 2008. Our prayers are with her husband, Gary, and family. Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 11 with the funeral service being held on Friday, April 12 at Burton Funeral Home, 3801 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street.

**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.

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

*Sunday's program begins with Gustav Holst's energetic St. Paul Suite, which he wrote for his pupils as a beloved teacher for 30 years at St. Paul's Girls' School in London. This will lead us into Grieg's charming and evocative Holberg Suite, actually "In Holberg's Time", each movement another echo of the dances of a real Baroque suite from the time of Norway's own Ludvig Holberg, philosopher and writer, almost an exact contemporary of Bach. The second half of the program will bring us Benjamin Britten's delightful dive into Baroque dances (with harmonies and rhythms never heard in the Baroque!), his Simple Symphony. The movements are 'Boisterous Bouree', 'Playful Pizzicato', 'Sentimental Saraband' and 'Frolicsome Finale'. The program concludes with Dvorak's luscious Serenade for Strings, which needs no introduction. The music brings us voices from 300 years of European music-making, all beautiful, with joyful celebration a constant theme. 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. 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'll hope for donations to make these concerts available to everyone.*

**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**

*Look! Here is water!* During the Easter Season we begin our worship with a Thanksgiving for Baptism. Remembering Paul's teaching that in baptism we are joined to Christ's death and resurrection, we give thanks throughout this season of resurrection for the gifts of baptism. In the waters that washed over us, the Old Adam is drowned and the New Adam is brought to life with Christ's resurrection. This does not mean that there is not still a place for remembering our need for God's mercy and love as we are reminded in the Rite of Corporate Confession and Forgiveness. However, that forgiveness is rooted in these waters and in this season we give thanks for the waters themselves. We are reminded that in the waters washed over us, in the cross signed on us, and especially in the Meal where Jesus comes to us and bids us feast "for the forgiveness of sins," we are given the same forgiveness we seek in the Confession and Forgiveness. In this season, let us rejoice that we have been claimed by God, loved into life, and joined to Christ's death and resurrection!

### **Christian Education**

**First Holy Communion** will be offered on Sunday, April 14, 2024 during the 10:30am service. In preparation for First Communion two All-Family Workshops are being held; Saturday, April 6 and April 13 from 9:00am – 12:00 noon, including snack time. These workshops will be our preparation for the big celebration!

### **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.

### **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.



– PRAYER LIST –

<b>PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:</b>			
<b>Our Members:</b>			
Lois Fobes	Dave Parsh	Rose-Marie Rose	Phil McAfee
Cathy Beck & Jim	Betty Pletz		
<b>Friends and Family:</b>			
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
Jessica Bulos Grubb	Lily	Jean Peterson	
<b>Grief:</b>			
Florence Holden family	Amanda Toms family	Cheryl Lucht family	Edna Smith family
<b>Our Military Service Men &amp; Women:</b>			
Lt. Col. Matt Anderson	Michael Stickner	Andrew Watson	Alli Brown
Ben Dixon			

**Readings and Commemorations This Week**

**April 8** – Psalm 135; Daniel 3:1-30; I John 2:3-11

**April 9 – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, theologian, 1945** – Proverbs 3:1-7; Psalm 119:89-96; Revelation 6:9-11; Matthew 13:47-52 -- *Bonhoeffer was a German theologian who wrote profoundly, yet in an accessible manner. In the Second World War, he became a leader of the Confessing Church in Germany that resisted the Nazi movement. Linked to a plot to kill Hitler, he was hanged shortly before the end of the war.*

**April 10 – Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, 1557** – Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 46; I Corinthians 3:11-23; Mark 10:35-45 -- *Consecrated bishop of Turku, Finland, without the approval of the pope, Agricola began a reform along Lutheran lines. In only three years, he translated the New Testament and worship texts into Finnish, in the process establishing the rules of Finnish writing that are still used today.*

**April 11** – Psalm 4; Daniel 9:1-19; I John 2:18-25

**April 12** – Psalm 4; Daniel 10:2-19; I John 2:26-28

**April 13** – Psalm 4; Acts 3:1-10; Luke 22:24-30

