

Resurrection of Our Lord



April 20, 2025

Welcome to Grace

We give thanks that you have come to worship with us at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, and pray that you will receive God's awesome GRACE, mercy and love as we receive Word and Sacrament, the means of grace!

We invite our guests and visitors to worship with us often! If you will, we invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form in the bulletin or at the Welcome Desk to let us know you were worshipping with us today. Visitor/Member Information sheets may be returned to the pastor, an usher, or placed in the offering.

The complete worship service is contained in this worship folder. Large print worship folders and Busy Bags for our very young worshipers are available from the ushers! We love having children in worship! Should parents have need of nursery during worship, our professionally staffed nursery for childcare is available. Please see an usher for directions.

Our worship space is equipped with a hearing assistance system to accommodate those with hearing difficulties. Please ask the sound technician (at the rear left of the worship space) for a receiver, if desired. Printed copies of the sermon are available at the ushers table in the entry-way, if desired.

Please remember to turn off or silence personal communication devices. We ask that you not bring food or drink into the worship space.

In accordance with the Biblical mandate and our Lutheran tradition, we seek to worship God "in Spirit and in truth...for these the Father seeks to worship him!" (John 4:23-24). If you are not familiar with liturgical worship, it is "the work of the people," as God speaks, the ministers speak and the congregation responds in a spoken, chanted and sung dialogue! Everything in our worship is focused on God and His incarnate, embodied presence in our midst! We pray that you will experience the Word made flesh as we worship today!

To establish and maintain a spirit of reverence, we remind worshipers to please greet one another and fellowship in the gathering space before entering the sanctuary, where others will be preparing their hearts and minds for worship. We appreciate your understanding!

Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available at either worship service, after the Gospel reading for children ages 3 through third grade During Little Lambs Children's Ministry children and their leader go to the Nursery to enjoy age appropriate Biblically-oriented activities during the Sermon, creed and prayers. They return during the offering to join us for Holy communion! This gives little ones a Bible break during the service, while allowing parents to focus on the sermon!

We invite you to learn more about our congregation at www.grace43081.org and the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) at www.thenalc.org!

PRELUDE

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" - *arr. Christopher Hoch*

Brass Quintet and Piano

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" - *arr. Dan Boone*

Brass Quintet and Organ

Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8-9)

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

P Merciful Father,

C we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may

delight in your will and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,

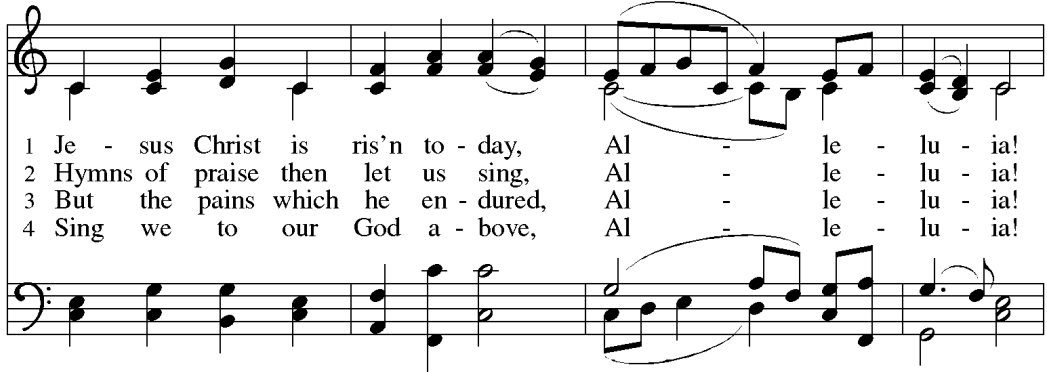
in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

(John 20: 23)

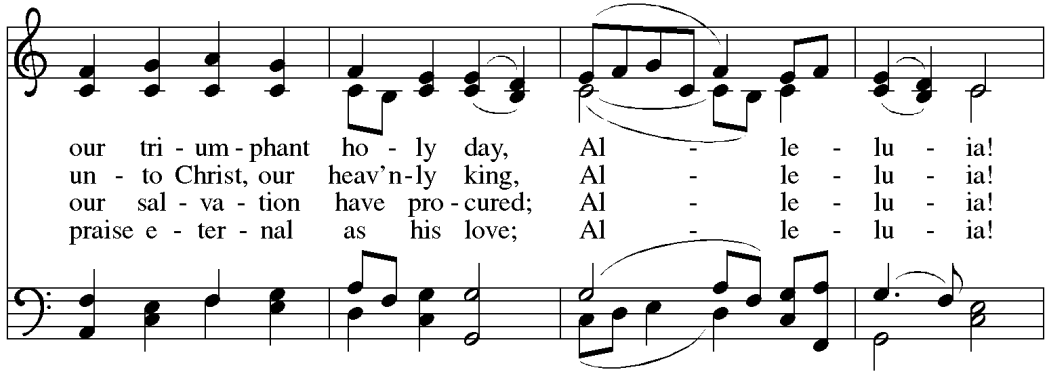
C Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN

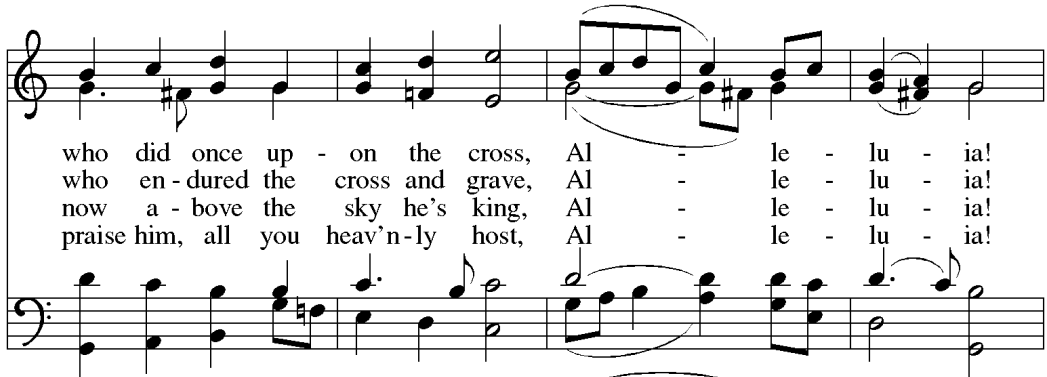
"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



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!

The Liturgy of The Word

THE INVITATORY AND APOSTOLIC GREETING


P Christ is risen!

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

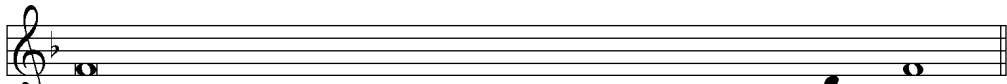
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

C **And also with you.**


KYRIE (*Mark 10: 47, Luke 17:13*)



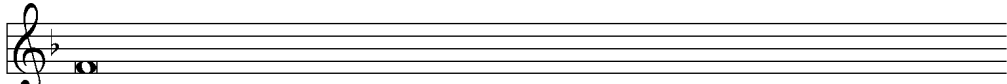
Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



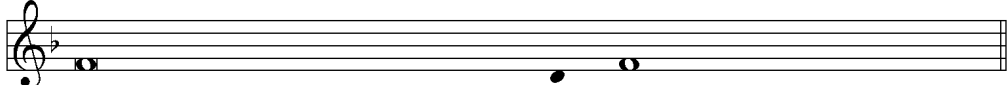
Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



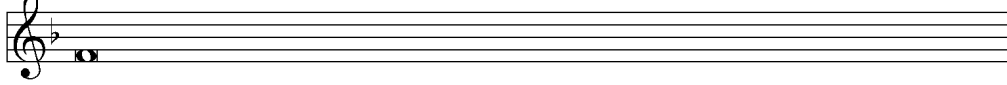
Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,




and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



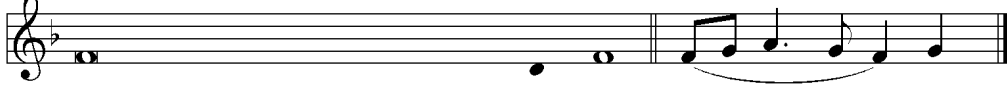
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.




Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra- cious Lord. ☩ A - men

HYMN OF PRAISE

Worthy is Christ" (Revelation 5:9-12)
Men sing part I, Women sing part II, and All sing "C"



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ♪ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was



slain, whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ♪ Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ♪ Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre-a - tion: Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A - men.



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



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. ☩ For the Lamb who was



slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu - ia.



☩ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



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

P Let us pray.
 O Almighty God, you gave your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by His glorious resurrection, you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with Him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

L The Word of the Lord.
 C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118: 1-2, 15-24

Refrain

On this day the LORD has act-ed; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalms Tone

L ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for ¹ he is good;
his mercy en-¹dures forever.

C ²**Let Israel ¹ now proclaim,
“His mercy en-¹dures forever.”**

L ¹⁵There is a sound of exulta-¹tion and victory
in the tents¹ of the righteous:

C ¹⁶**“The right hand of the ¹ LORD has triumphed!
The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the ¹ LORD has
triumphed!” Refrain**

L ¹⁷I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works¹ of the LORD.

C ¹⁸**The LORD has pun-¹ished me sorely,
but he did not hand me o-¹ver to death.**

L ¹⁹Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks¹ to the LORD.

C ²⁰**“This is the gate ¹ of the LORD;
he who is right-¹eous may enter.” Refrain**

L ²¹I will give thanks to you, for you ¹ answered me
and have become ¹ my salvation.

C ²²**The same stone which the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.**

L ²³This is ¹ the LORD’s doing,
and it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.

C ²⁴**On this day the ¹ LORD has acted;
we will rejoice and be ¹ glad in it. Refrain**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L The word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

ALLELUIA VERSE *(John 6:68)*



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.

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

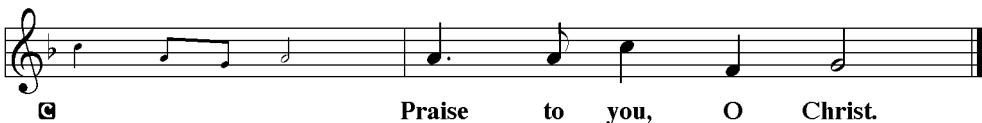
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, {the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee} went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P The Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

LITTLE LAMBS: *At this time, Little Lambs Children's Ministry is available for children ages 3 through third grade at both services after the Gospel reading. The children leave the sanctuary with the teacher and enjoy an age appropriate Biblically oriented lesson and activity. They return during the offering to join us for Holy Communion.*

SERMON: "Be Glad and Rejoice Forever!"

The Rev. Dr. David M. Wendel

After the sermon, a time of silence for reflection.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"The Strife is O'er"



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, but Christ their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, he ris - es glo - rious
4 He broke the age - bound chains 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!



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



THE NICENE CREED

A We confess our Christian faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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 in Christ's victory over death and his glorious resurrection, let us pray for the Church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition:

A Lord, in your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, with heaven and earth and all creation, we offer our prayers in the name of the one who gave us eternal life and joy, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

You may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE MEAL

MUSICAL OFFERING

Grace Singers Chancel Choir and Brass Quintet

"Alleluia, Christ Is Alive!" - arr. Joel Raney

Please stand as the offering is brought forward.

LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, LORD (*Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; 1 Corinthians 5:7*)



☐ Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our



cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the



seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the



prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



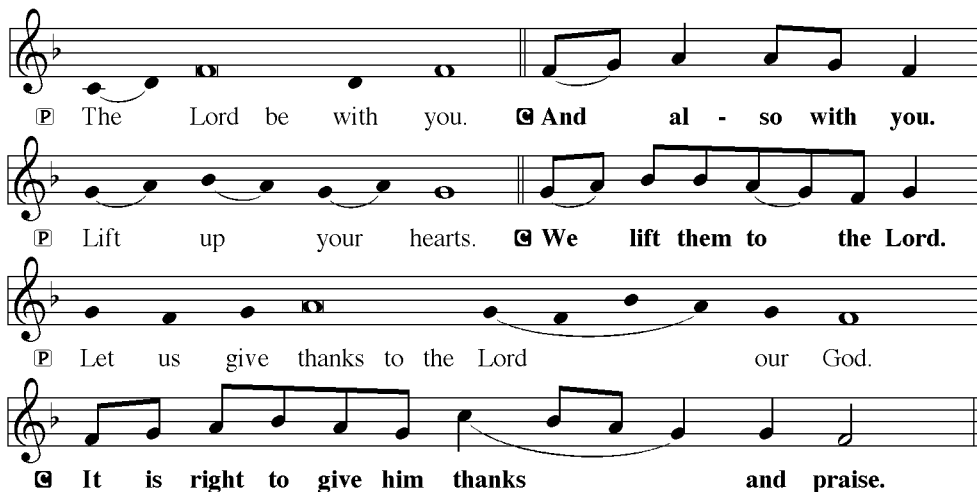
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

- A Blessed are you,
C O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(2 Timothy 4: 22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136)



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

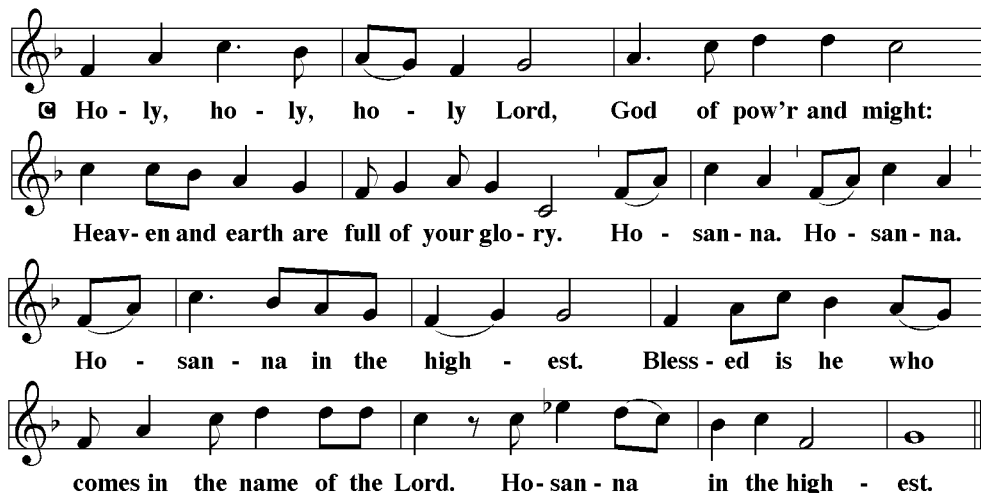
Ⓟ Lift up your hearts. ☩ We lift them to the Lord.

Ⓟ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☩ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

- P It is indeed right and salutary . . . *The Presider continues with the preface, concluding:...*we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS (Isaiah 6: 3; Matthew 21: 9)



☩ 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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. Through Abraham you promised to bless all nations. You rescued Israel, your chosen people. Through the prophets you renewed your promise; and, at this end of all the ages, you sent your Son, who in words and deeds proclaimed your kingdom and was obedient to your will, even to giving his 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. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

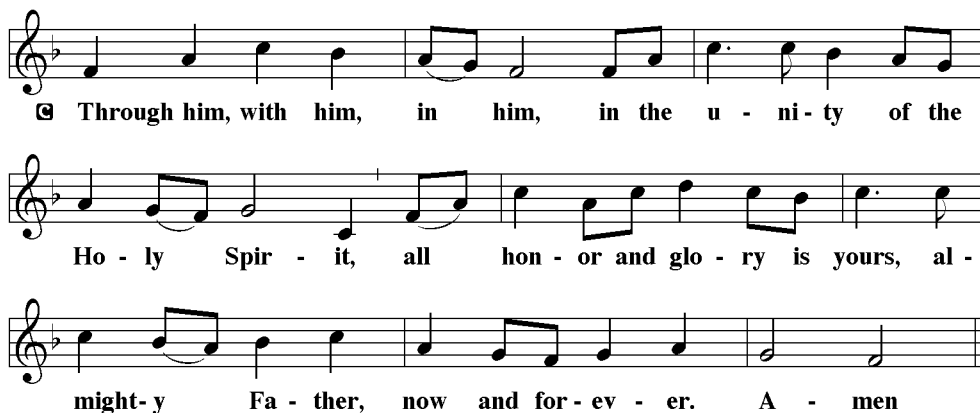
P Therefore, gracious Father, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

C **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, the spirit of our Lord and of his resurrection, that we who receive the Lord's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.



☩ Through him, with him, in him, in the u - ni - ty of the
Ho - ly Spir - it, all hon - or and glo - ry is yours, al -
might - y Fa - ther, now and for - ev - er. A - men

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C **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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD/THE FRACTION *(Luke 24:30-31, 35; Acts 2:42)*

A time of silence...

P Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. *(1 Corinthians 5:6-8)*

C **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Please be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS



All who are baptized, have received the Lord's Supper and believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine that become our Lord's Body and Blood, are welcome to commune. Children who do not commune are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing!

The Lord's sacramental Blood is available in individual glasses and common cup. As the communion assistants approach, simply indicate which you prefer by a nod of the head or pointing to individual cups or chalice. Grape juice is available in the center ring of each tray. Please place empty individual glasses in the basket provided to either side of the altar area. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who require them. Indicate your preference to the minister administering the hosts.

Private prayer before receiving Holy Communion:

O merciful Lord, I do not presume to come to your Table, trusting in my own righteousness, but in your many and great mercies. I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your Table. But you are the same Lord whose will it is always to have mercy. Make me, I pray you, worthy now to receive this Holy Communion. Grant me, gracious Lord, so to consume the very Body and Blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ in this Holy Sacrament, that He may evermore dwell in me, and I in Him, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, and my soul washed through His most precious Blood. Amen.

Private prayer after receiving Holy Communion:

Almighty God, you provide the true Bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that as I have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood, He may abide in me, and I in Him, and that all who have received may be filled with the power of His endless life. By your grace, help me to walk worthy of my calling, and to learn to bring glory to your name in all things. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD (John 1: 29)

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.

COMMUNION HYMN**"Now the Green Blade Rises"**

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can

dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
 he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
 three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
 call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that

with the dead has been;
 grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
 liv - ing Lord is seen;
 dead and bare have been;

COMMUNION MUSIC**Linda Hoch***"Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" - arr. Nancy Raabe**"This Joyful Eastertide" - arr. Christina Shehi**After all have communed, please stand.*

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

P The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious Blood strengthen and preserve you in true faith unto everlasting life.

C **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A Almighty God, who gives the true Bread which comes down from heaven, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord: Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of His Body and Blood may abide in Him and He in us, that we may be filled with the power of His endless life; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

C **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION (*Numbers 6: 24-26*)

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.



RECESSIONAL HYMN "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!"

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

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joyce and say:
 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!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE RITE OF SENDING

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

Children Go in peace, serve the Lord!
 C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Brass Quintet and Organ

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done" - arr. Christina Harmon

Offering: An offering plate will be placed by the baptismal font for offerings to be presented during the offering procession. Offerings may be placed in the plate before or after the service.

Flowers are given by...

Lois Rumph in honor of parents Irvan and Ann Rumph.

Remember in our prayers... *Jon Walton's mom Cynthia, Barbara Muller, Katie Singleton, Tom Zawodny, Joe Drakulich, Ernestine Dietz, Joe Moleno, Janis Boughton, Andy Chatterton, Steve Miller, David Fuhrman, Chuck and Paula Washburn, Betty Milner, Karen Vann, Mary Cooney, John Hicks, Amy Lynn Unkefer, Rod Rice, Sue Ross, Mary Ross, Jim Ross*

FIRST COMMUNION



Three Grace youth received instruction for First Communion Saturday, April 12 and expressed their desire to join us as we gathered around the Lord's table during Holy Week. We celebrate with them and their families during this special time:
Stella Jeanne Blankenship
Liam Maddox Reynolds
Callan James Strete

WELCOME, GUESTS! We welcome you as our guest in our church home and invite you to continue to worship with us. We invite guests to take a welcome bag at the Welcome Desk to learn more about Grace and fill out a Welcome Form and place it in the offering or hand it to an usher to let us know you were worshipping with us today.

WELCOME

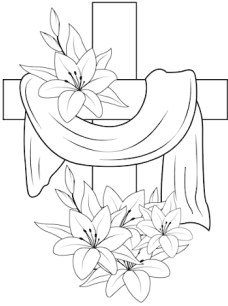


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Mid-Week Lenten Service, April 9 12:15pm: 28; 7:00pm 57: Total: 85
Palm/Passion Sunday, April 13- 8:15am: 96; 11:00am: 164; Total: 260



Thank you!

Thank you to all who served, planned, organized, set-up, prepared meals, preformed, purchased flowers, attended, and provided support during Lent and Holy Week!

Happy Easter! Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

MUSIC NOTES

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” – arr. Christopher Hoch

Paul Z. Strodach (1876-1947) wrote the text to go with this tune for *Service Book and Hymnal* (1958). As in other Easter hymns, the church's Alleluia here punctuates the song that resounds throughout the vault of heaven and on the plain of earth.

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna” – arr. Dan Boone

The author of this hymn, Jeannette Threlfall (1821-1880), was the daughter of a Blackburn, England wine merchant. She was lamed and disfigured early in life by an accident. With much time on her hands, she turned to writing hymns, which she sent anonymously to various periodicals. This hymn text is based on Mark 11:1-10.

“Alleluia, Christ is Alive!” – arr. Joel Raney

From the first notes and the sound of the organ chime, the tone is set in the garden, as Mary is searching for Jesus. Learning that “He is risen and the tomb is empty,” the music swells forward with dynamic energy and rhythm.

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain” – arr. Nancy Raabe

This Greek Easter hymn by one of the most important of the early Greek hymnists, John of Damascus (c. 675-c. 749), includes references to the Song of Moses (Exodus 15) where deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. The hymn also uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection.

“This Joyful Eastertide” – arr. Christina Shehi

The author, Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934), a gifted translator of Latin, Greek and German hymns, edited a number of collections of carols including folk tunes from many world sources. The Dutch tune VRUECHTEN was a popular 17th century Dutch song, and for it, Woodward provided his original words. The hymn was first published in *Carols for Easter and Ascension* (1894).

“The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done” – arr. Christina Harmon

The Latin antecedent of this hymn has been traced to the *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum* (Cologne, 1695), where it appears anonymously. In the original version, two “Alleluias” begin each stanza. Francis Pott (1832-1909) translated it about 1859 and published it in his *Hymns Fitted to the Order of Common Prayer* (1861). The music is an adaptation of the opening phrases of “Gloria Patri et Filio” from Palestrina’s *Magnificat Tertii Toni* (1591). William H. Monk arranged it for the original musical edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern* (1861).

Serving Today

OFFICIATING/PREACHER	The Rev. Dr. David Wendel
DEACON	Molly King, Commissioned Lay Minister
ASSISTING MINISTER	Fred Pfanz
ORGANIST	Linda Hoch
SACRISTAN	Fred Pfanz
CHOIR DIRECTOR	Dr. Helen Kang
CANTOR	Larry Schaller
LECTOR	8:15 Lisa Kuhar 11:00 Gregg Rearick
BRASS QUINTET	Trumpet 1 - Julia Moxley Trumpet 2 - Joel Kellar Trombone 1 - Christopher Hoch Trombone 2 - Lucia Cherok Tuba - Lucas Snouffer Timpani - Benny Hoch
ACOLYTE	8:15 Maggie Hoch 11:00 Gabriel Young
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	8:15 Regina Place, Chris Banks 11:00 Nelson Grover, Tami Stone, Tom Seamon, Eric Bush
ALTAR GUILD <i>Team 3</i>	Vanessa Stewart, Lois Bernhardt, Jodie Arreguin Dorotha Fuhrman, Vern Kreachbaum, Amy Quinn, Linda Reasoner, Ellen Paulus, Joanne Figge
USHERS	8:15 Paul Whitacre, Bob Ayers, Ted Ray, Jim Caldwell 11:00 Jim Claffin, Paul Hotchkiss, Jeremy Clark, Tom Moser
GREETERS	8:15 Vanessa Stewart 11:00 Amy Quinn
SOUND TECHNICIANS	Chris Banks, Eric Bush, Dan George, Paul Grant, Brice Graves
NURSERY ATTENDANTS	Kaitlyn F., Donna P.
LITTLE LAMBS	8:15 Julie Young 11:00 Amy Quinn

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