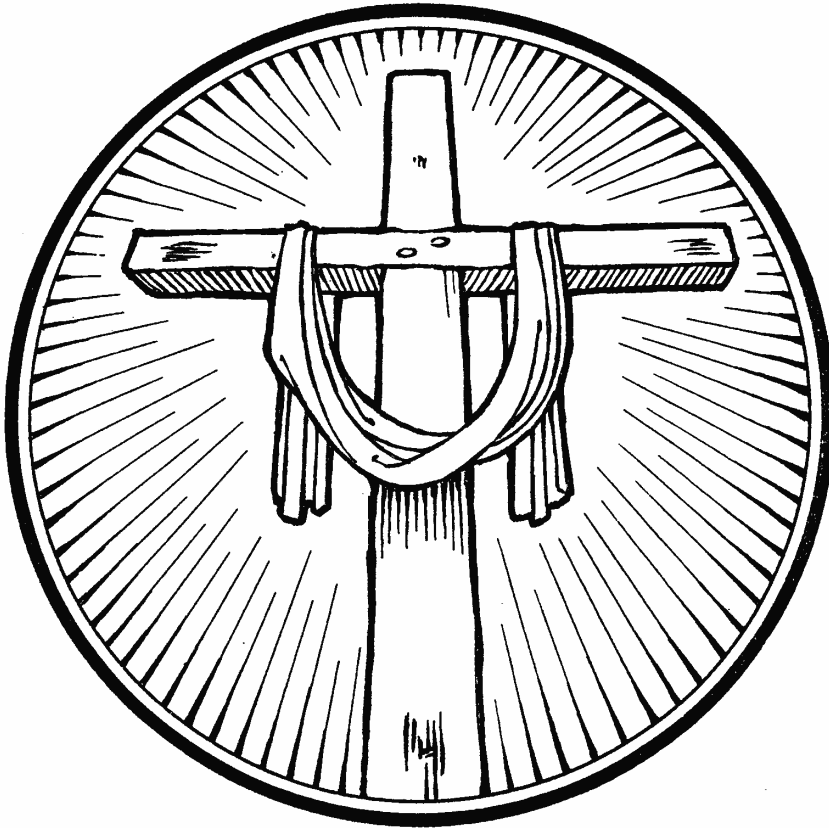


*April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025*  
*The Resurrection of Our Lord*



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**Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church!** We give thanks that our gracious Lord Jesus Christ has gathered us together here for his Divine Service. Today again our Lord comes to serve us and lavish us with his gifts of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Rejoicing in those wonderful gifts, we sing with David in Psalm 84: “How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! A day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.”

**In our readings today:** The Lord has promised to “*create new heavens and a new earth*” (Is. 65:17), in which His people shall abide in peace and joy. That new creation has begun in the bodily resurrection of Christ Jesus. All the baptized belong to that new creation. Reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, they are “*the offspring of the blessed of the LORD*” (Is. 65:23). The Lord rejoices and is glad in them; He hears and answers their prayers. For “*if in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied*” (1 Cor. 15:19). But Christ Jesus has been raised, “*the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep*” (1 Cor. 15:20). We may be “*perplexed about this*” (Luke 24:4), perhaps even frightened and brought to our knees, because it seems like an “*idle tale*” (Luke 24:11). But faith clings to the Word of Christ and finds His resurrected body — not in the tomb, but in His Holy Supper.

**Holy Communion** is a sacred gift from Christ to His Church. In this meal, He gives His true body and blood under bread and wine into our mouths in order to forgive our sins and strengthen our union with Him and with one another (Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). Christians receive this Sacrament trusting Jesus’ own words, repenting of all their sin, and confessing the faith taught in Holy Scripture together in unity (Matthew 5:23-24; Acts 2:42; 1 Corinthians 11:17-26). For this reason, and because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Corinthians 11:27-34), we ask that those who have not yet been instructed and those who are not members of a congregation in fellowship with the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod to speak with the pastor before receiving Holy Communion.

### **A Prayer Before Worship**

*O Lord, our creator, redeemer, and comforter, as we come together to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for His sake. Amen*

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP BELL**

### **LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

*After the bell has rung, the congregation stands and turns to face the processional cross.*

**P** Christ Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

**C** **He is the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega.**

**P** His are time and eternity, His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.

**C** **By his wounds we have healing both now and forever.**

**P** May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Opening Hymn:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

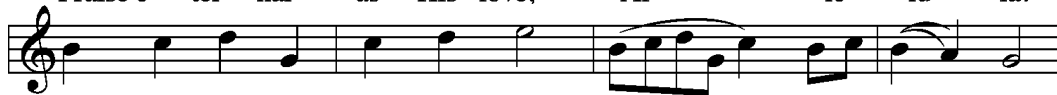
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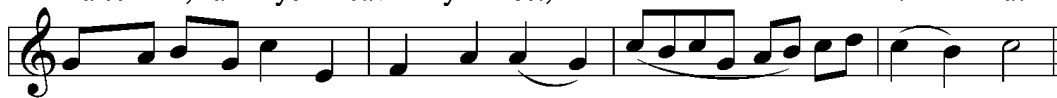
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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 ye 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!

**Invocation:** *(God has given us our beginning in Baptism, so the Divine Service begins in His Name.)*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**Confession:** *(We cannot come into the presence of our holy God on our own. We recognize our sinfulness and plead for mercy on account of Christ.)*

**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.

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

**Absolution:** (*God speaks His words of forgiveness to us through His servant, the pastor.*)

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

**Introit:** (*Forgiven by God, He invites us into his presence as we speak words from the Psalms.*)

*Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b*

*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

The LORD is my strength and my song,

**and he has become my salvation;**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

**your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.**

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;

**you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,

**the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,**

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

**The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

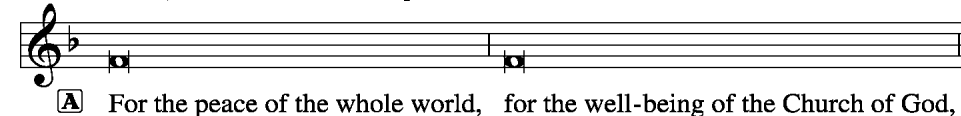
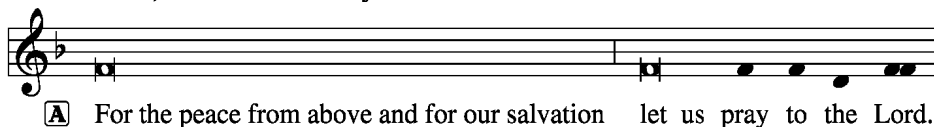
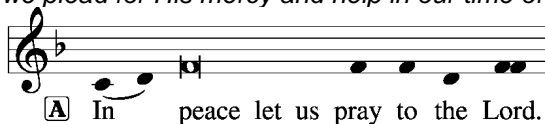
**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;*

*the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.*

**Kyrie:** (*Shortened form of the Greek "Kyrie eleison," meaning "Lord, have mercy." In the presence of Jesus, we plead for His mercy and help in our time of need.*)

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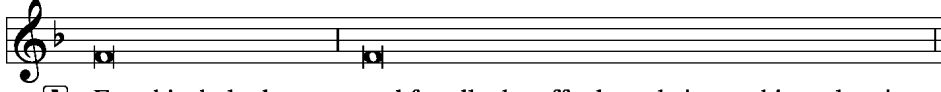




and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



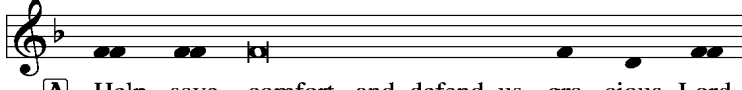
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



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



**C** A - men.

**Hymn of Praise:** *(Trusting God's promise of mercy, we join the church in heaven and on earth in a song of praise to our Creator, Savior, and Comforter.)*

**This Is the Feast**

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**C** 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: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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



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

**Salutation:** *(The pastor and congregation greet each other in the Lord's presence.)*



**P** The Lord be with you.

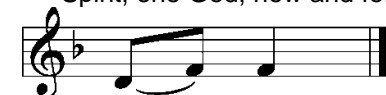


**C** And al - so with you.

**Collect:** *(Many of these prayers have been used in the church for over 1,500 years. They "collect" the Gospel theme for the day.)*

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Sit*

**Scripture Readings:** *(Jesus speaks to us in His Word as our crucified and risen Savior.)*

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

<sup>17</sup>Behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>But 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.

**P**This is the Word of the Lord.

**G**Thanks be to God.

**Gradual:** *(The Gradual is a portion of a psalm or other Scripture passage that responds to the Old Testament reading and transitions us toward the words of Jesus in the Gospel.)*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10*

*10For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,  
 or let your holy one see corruption.*

*1*Preserve me, O God,  
**for in you I take refuge.**

*2*I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;  
**I have no good apart from you."**

*3*As for the saints in the land,  
**they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

*4*The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
**their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

*5*The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
**you hold my lot.**

*6*The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
**indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**



<sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;

**in the night also my heart instructs me.**

<sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me;

**because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;

**my flesh also dwells secure.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

**or let your holy one see corruption.**

<sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life;

**in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.**

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,

*or let your holy one see corruption.*

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

<sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

## Common Alleluia and Verse

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**G** 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 twenty-fourth chapter.

**G** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And 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? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the

eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now 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, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But 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** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**Creed:** *(God works faith in us by His Word that we hear in Scripture. We confess that faith using one of three creeds that the church has used throughout the years and across the world.)*

### **Nicene Creed**

**C**I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\text{✝}$  of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn of the Day: (This hymn especially relates to the Gospel theme for the day. Each hymn provides a way for us to hear God's Word set to music.)

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

(stanzas 5-7 on next page)

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

**Sermon “He is not here, but has risen”**

*(Based on one of the Scripture readings, the pastor proclaims God’s Word of Law and Gospel for our lives today.)*

**Votum**

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- G** Amen.

*Stand*

**Offertory** *(The congregation responds to God’s forgiveness with a sacrifice of praise.)*

**G** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord’s house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Sit

**Offering:** *(The congregation responds to God's forgiveness by bringing Him the first fruits of what He has given.)*

**Choral Offering**

**"Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing**

*Melchior Vulpus*

Stand

**Prayer of the Church:** *(The congregation joins together to pray for ourselves, for the Church, and for people throughout the world.)*

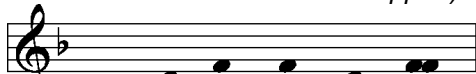
**P** Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface:** *(The Service of the Sacrament begins with praise and thanksgiving for what God has done and is about to do for us in the Lord's Supper.)*

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**P** The Lord be with you.



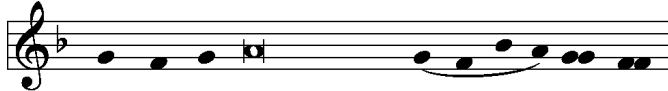
**C** And al - so with you.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them to the Lord.



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



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

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus:** (Latin for "holy." The division between heaven and earth is gone, and we cry out to God with the heavenly host, "Holy, Holy, Holy!" to welcome our Savior Jesus (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9).) LSB 161

**C** 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.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving:** (We thank God for His gift of His incarnate Son Jesus and ask Him to give what He has promised in the Sacrament.) LSB 161

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.  
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Lord's Prayer:** (We pray the words that Jesus gave us to pray, trusting that our Father will hear and answer us.) LSB 162

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.

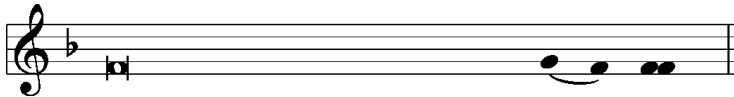
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Words of Our Lord:** (*We hear Jesus' words that in the Sacrament He gives us His very body and blood in, with, and under the bread and the wine.*) LSB 162

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**Pax Domini:** (*Latin for "The peace of the Lord." The pastor holds the body and blood of Jesus before the congregation and speaks the Lord's peace as the very Gospel.*) LSB 163



**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei:** (*Latin for "Lamb of God." As John the Baptist cried (John 1:29), so we sing to Christ, our Lamb who was sacrificed for our sins.*) LSB 163



**C** 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.

Sit

Distribution  
Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!  
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463



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 Hail, 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!

# At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

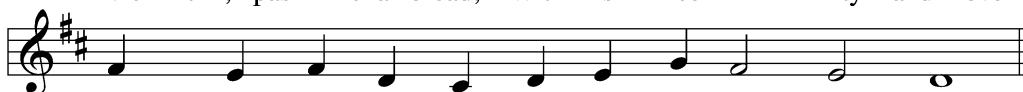
LSB 633



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, 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 - umphant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - 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!

(stanzas 5-8 on next page)

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!

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

**G** Amen.

Stand

**Post-Communion Canticle:** *(Having received Christ in our mouths and into our lives in the Sacrament, we give thanks and go forth in peace.)*

Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**G** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re - calls His prom - is - es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy

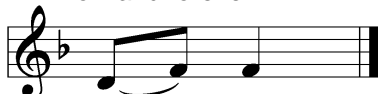


with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**Post-Communion Collect:** *(We thank God for all He has done in the Sacrament and ask that it would show forth in our lives.)*

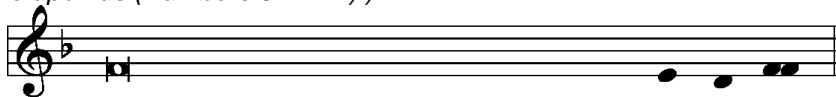
**P** Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**G** A - men.

**Benediction:** (*Just as the Divine Service began, so it ends. We go forth with our Lord's blessing and His name upon us (Numbers 6:22-27).*) LSB 166



**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make His face shine on you  
 and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

*Please remain standing*

Closing Hymn:

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives**

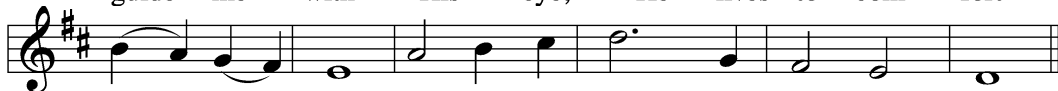
LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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| <p>5 He lives to silence all my fears;<br/>             He lives to wipe away my tears;<br/>             He lives to calm my troubled heart;<br/>             He lives all blessings to impart.</p>                      | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;<br/>             He lives, and I shall conquer death;<br/>             He lives my mansion to prepare;<br/>             He lives to bring me safely there.</p> |
| <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;<br/>             He lives and loves me to the end;<br/>             He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;<br/>             He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to His name!<br/>             He lives, my Jesus, still the same;<br/>             Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:<br/>             I know that my Redeemer lives!</p>   |

**Silent Prayer After Worship**

*Almighty and merciful God, we have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for our many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. We thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep us in faith until we inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS****DISMISSAL****POSTLUDE**

**April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Serving the Lord During Today's Worship Service**

<b>Altar</b> June Parker	<b>Organist:</b> June Parker, Kim Appel	<b>Trustees:</b> Connor Dumbeck
<b>Guild:</b> Libby Caldwell	Esther Wolff, Ruth Eaton	Ed Randle
<b>Elders:</b> John Moore	<b>Ushers:</b> Darrell Campion	<b>Acolyte:</b> Luke Oates
Marshall Munsell	Ryan Smith	Madeline Moore

**AT GRACE THIS WEEK**

<b><u>Sun. Apr. 20</u></b>	<b><u>Mon. Apr. 21</u></b>	<b><u>Tue. Apr. 22</u></b>	<b><u>Wed. Apr. 23</u></b>
8am-Easter Worship/Communion 9am-Easter Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt	6pm-GLLC Mtg 7pm-Evangelism		10am-GLLC Chapel 5pm-Youth Confirmation
<b><u>Thurs. Apr. 24</u></b>	<b><u>Fri. Apr. 25</u></b>	<b><u>Sat. Apr. 26</u></b>	<b><u>Sun. Apr. 27</u></b>
NEWSLETTER DEADLINE/NOON 6pm-Choir	10am-Parade decoration	8am-Board of Education 1:30pm-Jamboree Parade	8:45am-Sunday School & Bible Class 10am-Worship/Communion VOTERS MEETING AFTER SERVICE

**Visit with Pastor**

If you need to contact Pastor Woelmer, you can do so via e-mail ([rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com](mailto:rev.davidwoelmer@gmail.com)) or phone (214-218-8354). Pastor Woelmer is normally in the office Monday afternoon through Thursday. He is available in the afternoons, but often uses that time to make nursing home, hospital or home visits.

**Choir Practice!**

Choir practice is held every Thursday at 6:00 pm. We welcome all singers—no experience needed. Come join us to lift your voice in special service music to help spread the message of God's love. If you have any questions, please contact me in person or phone 218-452-3854. Ruth Eaton

**Adult Bible Study**

Adult Bible study at 8:45 AM continues each week. Join us to spend time together in God's Word.

**Vacation Bible School**

VBS is coming up soon! Mark your calendars for June 29- July 3. We always have *great* helpers every year, and we'd love to have more! The sign-up sheet is on the table in the Narthex.

**Jamboree Parade**

Our church will participate in the Jamboree Parade on Saturday, April 26th. The theme of our trailer will be our VBS Theme, "Australian Adventure." Please mark your calendars and plan to participate with the church in the parade! *We will decorate the float on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am.*

**'Set Apart to Serve' 2025 Congregation Survey**

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve* (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts and others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. Will you please take a brief online survey at [lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey](https://lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey) and let us know how we can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation? We want to hear what you have to say.

**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Second Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 5:12-32

Epistle Reading: Revelation 1:4-18

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31





### **The Spring Thing!**

FLHS is proud to present The Spring Thing! This will be a showcase of our students' work in the fine art department, including vocal, instrumental, and handbell pieces. Please join us Wednesday, May 7th, at 7pm.

### **New Student Registration**

Registration for 2025-2026 is underway. New students have already enrolled and we are looking to add **more** students to our family. You can receive registration materials by calling (979) 242-2889 or visiting our website at [www.flhstx.org](http://www.flhstx.org).

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

Applications are now being accepted for an academic-based scholarship from the Amanda (Zoch) Knox Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund will pay for the full tuition for an incoming 9th grade student of Faith Lutheran beginning in the Fall of 2025. Applications are available from Mrs. Kueck or from Cyndy Zoch ([cyndy.zoch@gmail.com](mailto:cyndy.zoch@gmail.com)) and are due May 1, 2025.

### **Staff Positions Available**

Faith Lutheran High School will have part time openings on its faculty for the 2025-2026 academic year! Interested individuals may submit resumes to Faith Lutheran High School, PO Box 138, Warda, TX 78960, call (979) 242-2889, or email them to [kueckn@flhstx.org](mailto:kueckn@flhstx.org). If you have the time and talents, please consider applying and sharing your gifts with our students. Thank you!

### **Accreditation Visit**

The FLHS had a very successful accreditation visit on March 30 to April 1. FLHS has been recommended for accreditation in good standing, with no major deficiencies. Praise the Lord for the wonderful blessings He continues to bestow on FLHS.

The visiting team was able to identify some major strengths of FLHS as noted below:

- Multi-congregational support, including nine association congregations, two LCMS feeder-schools and a community with a rich history in Lutheran education is evident.
- The relationships between parents/guardians and teachers are one of the greatest strengths of FLHS. Parents are viewed as partners in all aspects of the educational process.
- The teachers at FLHS do an outstanding job building relationships with students, making sure all students feel loved and cared for every day.
- The resounding voice of FLHS parents suggests that the proactive and ongoing communication of the administrator far exceeds experiences they have had in any other school settings.
- FLHS has an amazing, competent, caring and Christian teaching staff that follow Jesus's example daily.
- FLHS caters to individualized learning needs and goals through a wide variety of course offerings and learning platforms.
- Opportunities abound for students to get involved beyond the classroom and develop their God-given abilities.

### **Handbell Choir Wins Top Rank at TAPPS**

The handbell choir competed in the Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools (TAPPS) music competition on Friday, March 28, 2025. The group earned the rating of "I" - Superior for their performance of "March of the Chimes" by Lynne Hollander. Also performed was "The Church's One Foundation" arranged by Sandra Tucker. The FLHS choir was critiqued on their technique, musicianship, stage presence, poise and overall visual uniformity.