

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024



Throughout the book of Exodus God reveals who he is through his absence and his presence, through his silence and his speech, through his wrath and his mercy, and through his judgment and his amazing grace.

In doing so, the book paints a beautiful portrait of *Jesus*.

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS-LCMS

*Welcoming all to walk together
toward abundant life in Christ.*

THE PREPARATION

*We prepare our hearts and minds by confessing our sins and humbly turning to our God who alone is able to forgive our sins. "If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation."
(II Corinthians 5:17)*

A REMINDER: Please turn your cell phone to mute or to vibrate during the worship service. Thank you.

A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS ABOUT COMMUNION:

As members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we believe that the body and blood of Christ are truly present "in, with, and under" the bread and wine when we receive the Sacrament. We do *not* believe that the bread and wine somehow mystically "change" into something other than bread and wine, *nor* do we believe that the bread and wine merely "represents" Christ's body and blood; rather, we are bound by the words of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, when He said "Take eat, this is my body" and "Take drink, this is my blood." We believe and teach that when we receive the bread and wine, we are also truly receiving the body and blood of Christ (because of His divine Word.) We therefore, also believe that the Sacrament of Holy Communion is more than just a memorial, we believe it is Christ truly coming to us and offering His body and His blood in an outward sign of His love for us and as an outward assurance of the forgiveness He won for us by His death on the cross. This is our belief and confession regarding the Sacrament of Holy Communion. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and if you have any questions or concerns about our Communion practices and desire to partake of Holy Communion, will you please consult with the pastor beforehand. Having read this Communion Statement and prayerfully considered what you believe and confess, please complete the Pew Card found in the pew rack. May God truly bless our Communion Service this day.

Theme of the Day: Today's goal is to both *profess* Easter and *possess* Easter. Easter happened. That's *profess*. Easter is happening in me. That's *possess*!

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" from Handel's Messiah

He is Risen

EASTER GREETING

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

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

(During our sermon series on Exodus we are using psalms that celebrate Israel's deliverance from Egypt. On this Easter Sunday we employ selected verses from Psalm 118.)

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

C **Amen.**

P The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation!

C **The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!**

P The LORD's right arm is raised in triumph.

C **The LORD's right arm has done marvelous things!**

P We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.

C **The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

P This is the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C **This is the day the LORD has made.**

P Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

C **Christ is risen!**

P He is risen, indeed!

GATHERING PROCESSIONAL (10:30 AM) "The Gathering" *Joyful Ringers*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *LSB 457 sts.1-3*

1. Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!



3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P Forgive me, merciful and mighty Father, when my sins entangle me and completely surround me.

C **Who will rescue?**

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive Your gifts but so unwilling to bear the cross.

C **Who will rescue?**

P Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to You; when I doubt that You really see my sin; when I disobey Your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

C **Who will rescue me?**

P Forgive me, Lord, when I am quick to find fault but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so quick to play but so late to pray.

C **Who will rescue me?**

P Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

C **Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though
our sin is great, Christ's love is greater.)*

P Who will rescue you and me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, He delivers us through Jesus Christ! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. This is the day the LORD has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

⌣ Service of the Word ⌣

HYMN OF THANKS

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457 st 4

4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

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 **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1–18

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

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

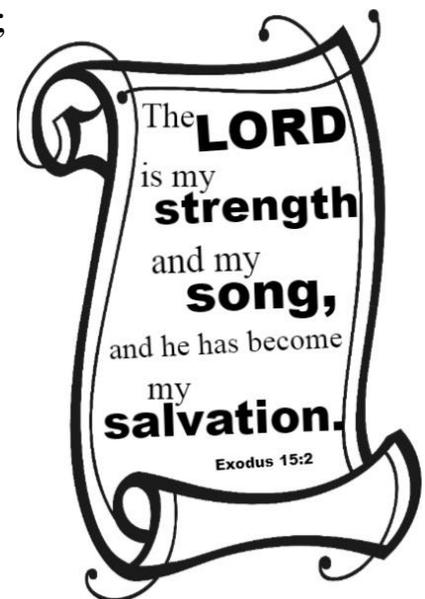
²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.



[continued]

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

¹²You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.

¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

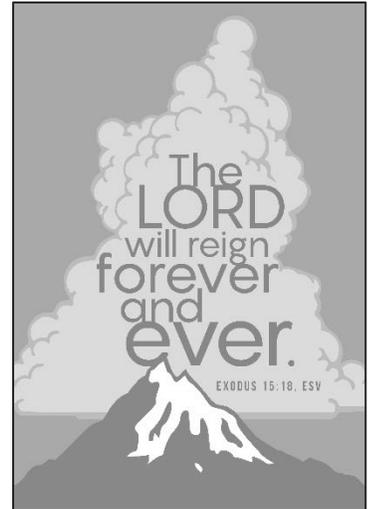
¹⁴The peoples have heard; they tremble;
pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.

¹⁵Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed;
trembling seizes the leaders of Moab;
all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.

¹⁶Terror and dread fall upon them;
because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone,
till your people, O LORD, pass by,
till the people pass by whom you have purchased.

¹⁷You 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.

¹⁸The LORD will reign forever and ever.”



A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:55–58

⁵⁵“O death, where is your victory?
O death, where is your sting?”

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM (10:30 AM)

“Morning Has Broken”

Joyful Ringers

(Please stand)

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1–11

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

¹¹While they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city and told the chief priests all that had taken place.

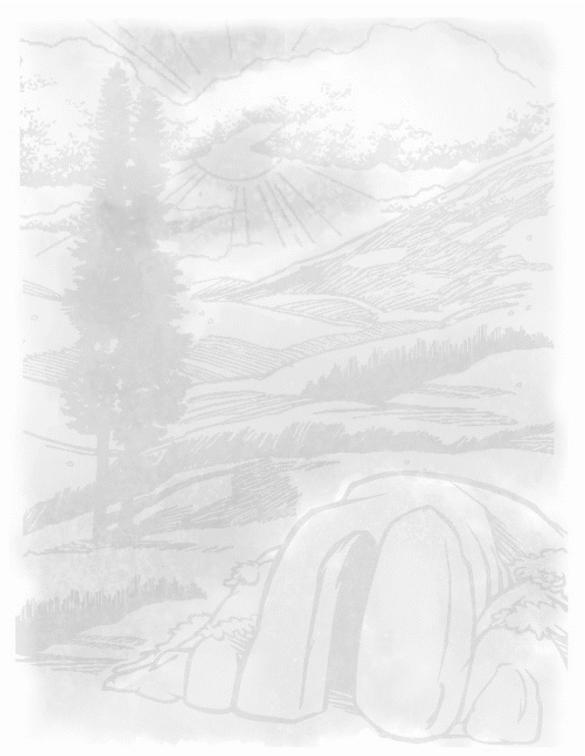
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

(Be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY I Know That My Redeemer Lives *LSB 461* sts. 1,2,5,7,8

1. I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.
5. He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!



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SERMON Against All Odds (*Exodus 15:1–18*) Rev. Dr. R. Brian Stolarczyk

(Please stand)

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P As we focus on the resurrection of Christ, we boldly confess not only who He is, but all He came to do...for us!

I believe...

C ...in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

(Be seated)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P Almighty God, You kept Your promise and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by His rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Bless our president and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [*especially...The Families & the Community affected by the Maryland Bridge Collapse, Jason Boegel (Son of John Vogel), Carol Burgess, Dale Sawicki, Ken Werring*].

Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that You will not abandon us to Sheol but that, when we awake in the resurrection of all flesh, Your presence will give us joy. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OFFERING

For those worshiping online, please visit www.lccross.org to find links to our Give+ secured online giving portal and our online Pew Card which is called a Connect Card. Or to fill out the card directly go to <https://forms.gle/X46ym1HuZ9DCsq9s6> You may also drop off your offering at the church office Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 AM–noon.



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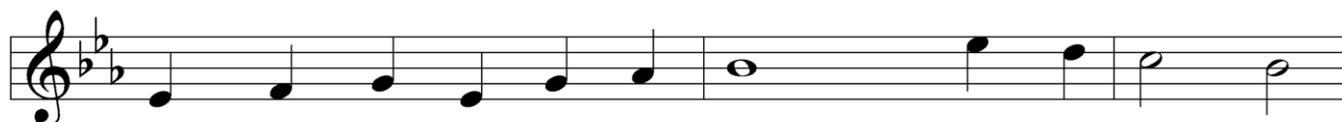
OFFERING HYMN (7:15 AM & 9:00 AM)

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

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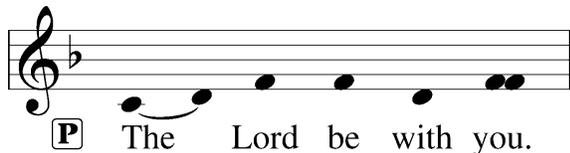
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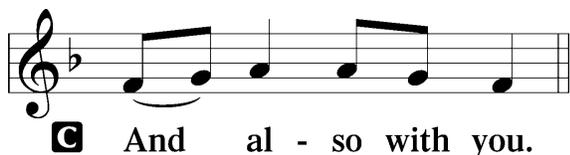
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PREFACE

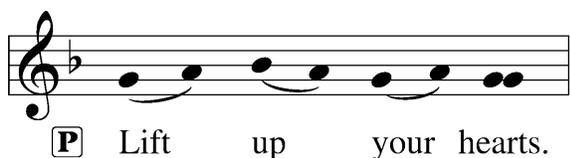
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P The Lord be with you.



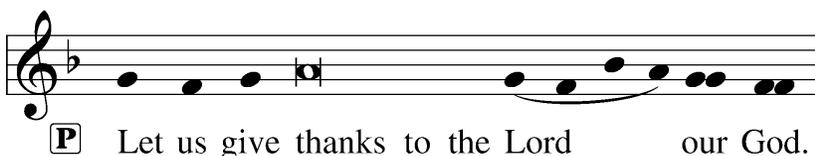
C And al - so with you.



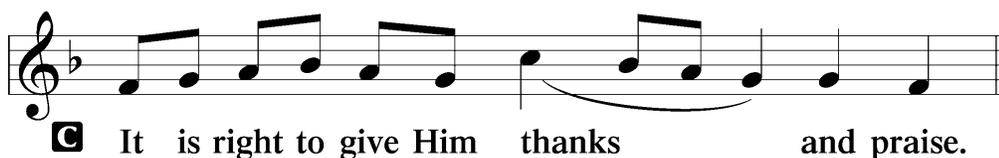
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

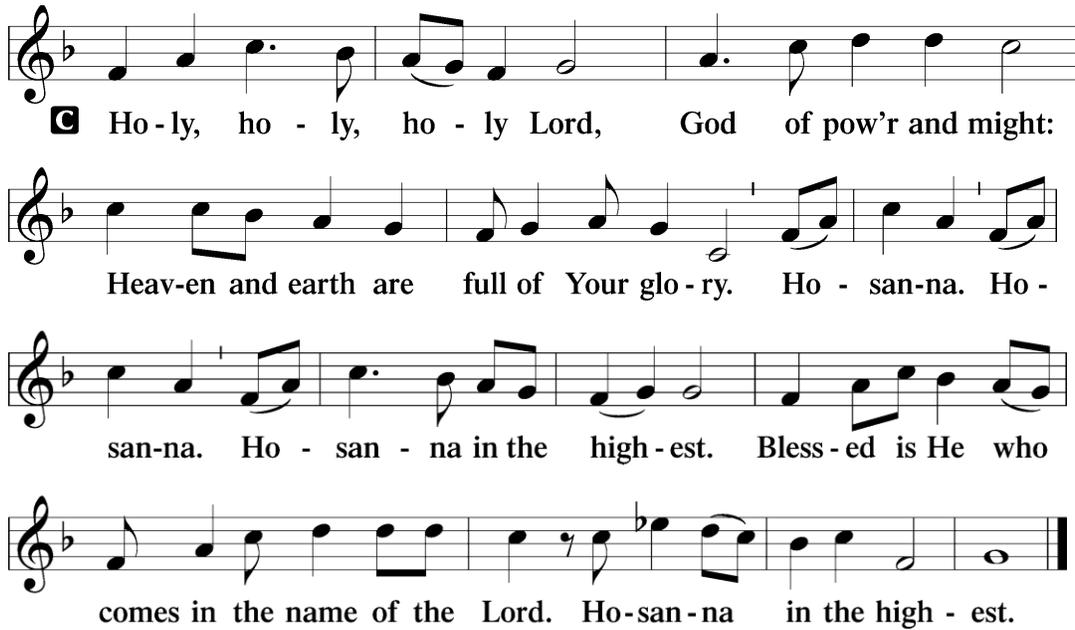


C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

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

LSB 161



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

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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 T 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 T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

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

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD’S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

PAX DOMINI

LSB 163

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

 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.

(Be seated)



DISTRIBUTION

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins. **Amen.**

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

The Lamb

LSB 547

(at 10:30 service, Choir sings verses 2 & 4)

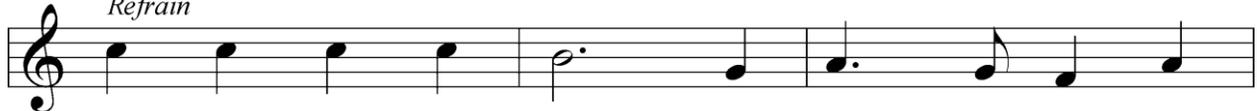


1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
 5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
 So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
 His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474

(at 10:30 service, Choir sings verse 4)



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!	Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter	Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine,	We are the branch - es;	Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	Sor - row, be si - lent:	Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,	Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!	Splen - dor, the Lamb,	Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;	Break - ing our bread,	Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree;	Heav - en to earth,	Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.	Cher - u - bim sing:	“O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,	Riv - er of life,	Saints and arch -



ev - er!	Oh, what a mir - a - cle	God has in sight!
glo - ry:	Je - sus our bless - ing,	our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple,	Gift of the fu - ture now	flow - ing to me.
o - pen!”	Clothe us in won - der,	a - dorn us in light.
an - gels,	Sing with cre - a - tion to	God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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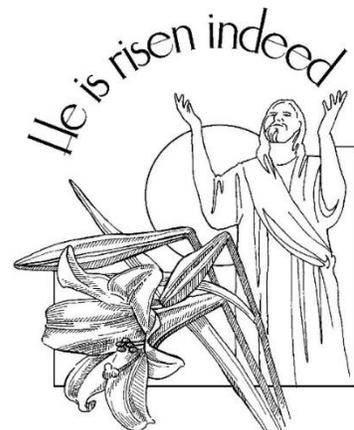
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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



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 - um-phant 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!

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!
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!
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!
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!

Text: Latin, c. 5th–10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–68, alt.

Tune: Kirchengeseng, 1566, Ivancice

Text and tune: Public domain

(Please stand)

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



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



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice 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

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you with unexpected joy and gladness and keep you in His grace.

The Lord look on you, showering you with His great love

The Lord look on you with favor to promise you resurrection T and eternity with Him.

C Amen.



HYMN TO DEPART

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525 sts. 1, 4–5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800–94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903

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SILENT PRAYER, PARTING ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

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March 31, 2024

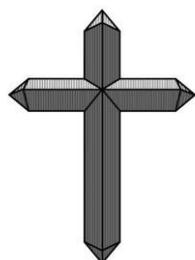
Welcoming all to walk together toward abundant life in Christ

The **ETERNAL LIGHT** is provided to the Glory of God by Dave & Geri Diener in memory of loved ones.

The **FLOWERS** on the altar for are provided to the Glory of God by Rick & Suzanne Fadely on the occasion of Armani, Rick & Domingo's birthdays.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Bell Tollers	Barb Powell, Sue Richard
Elders on Duty	Tim Boisseau, Mark Keck, Wayn Nelson
Communion Assistants	David Aiken, Jim McCabe, Richard Fasnacht
Greeters/Ushers	Bill & Cheryl Heffernan, Steve & Lori Nelson
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Safety Team	David Aiken, Mark Keck
Streaming Team	Gloria Cvelbar, Alex Scherer



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UPCOMING OFFICE CLOSURES

Friday, March 29: Observance of Good Friday

Monday, April 1: Observance of Easter

IN OUR PRAYERS

Homebound Care:

John & Lois Arens, Ann Curley-LaFave, Marvin & Lillian Fitzwater, Bruce & Connie Frilstad, Cris & Linda Kelly

Strength, Healing, Guidance: *

The Families & the Community affected by the Maryland Bridge Collapse

Beth	Friend of LCC; spiritual guidance & healing
Diane	Friend of LCC; pain relief & healing
Chuck Anderson	Recovery & healing
Rick Baush	Son of Barabra Durst; recovery & healing
Fran Boatwright	Recovery
Jason Boegel	Son of John Vogel; recovery
Carol Burgess	Healing & testing
Charlie & Mary Burns	Friends of LCC; strength, guidance & healing
Millie Cox	Recovery & healing
Ann Curley-LaFave	Recovery & healing, peace & understanding
Kathy Donahue	Friend of LCC; peace & comfort, healing
Val Korman	Hospice Care
Phil Miller	Recovery & healing
Rev. Michael Mueller	Healing & testing
Dale Sawicki	Healing & comfort
Nancy Thorne	Mother of Ginger Thorne; recovery & healing
Cheryl Usowicz	Healing
Ken Werring	Recovery & healing
Phil Woodruff	Healing & recovery
Lisa Zimmerman	Sister of Laura Cox; healing

**Prayers will run for four consecutive weeks unless otherwise notified.*

Battling Cancer:

Karen	Daughter Ann LaFave; battling cancer
Mike	Friend of LCC; diagnosed cancer
Rhonda	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Holly Beyer	Cousin Ron McCormick; battling cancer
Cate Bocassi	Friend of LCC; battling cancer
Lynn Clawson	Friend of LCC; battling cancer, testing
Terri Day	Friend of LCC; diagnosed with cancer
Dave DeBraccio	Battling with Leukemia, healing & strength
Lisa Anne Denofrio	Daughter Tom & Krystyna Johnson; palliative care
Matt Doctor	Brother-in-law of Diane Barton; battling cancer
Diana Fiordimondo	Sis-in-Law of Nat & Melinda Fiordimondo; cancer
Don Henthorn	Brother-in-Law Carolyn Strelau; battling cancer
Steve Kirkland	Brother of Bruce Kirkland; battling cancer

Todd Klietz
 Patricia Ruiz
 Kathy Sanders
 Lori Truelove

Battling cancer
 Family of Fadely/Maestas family; battling cancer
 Friend of LCC; battling cancer
 Niece Joyce Schankin; cancer battle; strength, peace

Military:

US Army SSG. Paul Behling
 USAF TSGT David Cope Jr.
 US Army CSM Matt Hopkins
 USAF Sr. Airman
 Shawn Golembieski

Son of Ron & Cohleen Nottingham; stationed FL
 Son of David and Shelly Cope stationed in NM
 Grandson of Dave & Gayle DeBraccio; in Kuwait
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in FL

US Navy ENS Joe Golembieski
 US Navy Seaman Nick Golembieski
 USCG SCPO Robert Kecken
 USAF A1C Riley Latarski
 Marines LCPL Jonathan Metz
 Marines LCPL Kyle Spilker
 USAF TSGT Kalin Verardi
 US Army PFC Parker Woodruff

Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; in VA
 Grandson of Stan & Betty Golembieski; Seabound
 Son Jerry & Meredith Kecken; stationed in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman in ND
 Grandson of Jerry & Joyce Metz; in MD
 Grandson in law Chuck Anderson; in CA
 Granddaughter Bill & Dorothy Christman; in MA
 Grandson of Larry & Delila Woodruff; in Fort Bragg

Family Prayer: We remember all our **families** during times of personal and family **trial and tribulation.**

If you know of someone needing church prayers, please contact the church office at 941-627-6060. Be sure to have the name, relationship to the church family and what is the need for the prayer.

LCC ATTENDANCE REPORT:

On Site Attendance	Sunday: 03/24/2024 41 / 182
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LCC WEEKLY INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT 2024

Week:	03/24/2024
Weekly Income:	\$ 8,799
Weekly Expense:	\$ 13,846

LWML LADIES' PARISH GUILD ANNUAL DUTCH-TREAT

LUNCHEON IS BACK! *Both ladies and gentlemen* are invited to attend the LWML Ladies' Parish Guild Annual Dutch-Treat Luncheon on **Thursday, April 4, 1p.m. at The Grill at 1951**, 1951 Tamiami Trail, PC (next to the Days Inn across US41 from Lowes). **Please make your reservation on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex by Thursday, March 28th.** See you there!





EASTER SUNDAY

“HE
HAS
BEEN
RAISED.”

MARK 16:6, NRSV

Easter Lilies Given to the Glory of God

Jim & Margaret Andrews	In memory of their parents & grandparents
Nancy Bird	In memory of husband, Tom
Tim & Susan Boisseau	In memory of Marilyn Cannon
Clint Cannon	In memory of wife, Marilyn
Bill & Dorothy Christman	In memory of George & Dorothy Curley
Jim & Jane DeGroot	To the Glory of God
Dave & Geri Diener	To the Glory of God for all His blessings
Ian Durrant	In memory of Rock Cole
Rick & Suzanne Fadely	In memory of their parents
Nat & Melinda Fiordimondo (2)	In memory of fathers; Joe & Kurt and son Michael
Bill & Cheryl Heffernan	In memory of Everett & Mary Heffernan
Bob & Barb Hilgendorf	In memory of Kelly Kalp
Ron & RoseMarie McCormick (2)	In memory of Alice McCormick & Mary Rose Newcomb
Howard Meissner	To celebrate Anita's birthday (03/31)
Sandra Milner	In memory of husband, Len
Peter & Georgia Narsavage	In memory of loved ones of the Narsavage/Roberts families
Kathy Page	In memory of husband, Bob
Kevin & Loyda Pippin	In memory of Marilyn & Jeff
Chris & Rebecca Remberg (2)	In honor of son, Wyatt & daughter, Amelia
Rev. Richard & Deanna Rossow	In praise & thanksgiving for our Lord Jesus Christ
Donna Sherwood	In memory of Sharon & Jerry Cesarz
Gene & Pat Siegmann	In memory of their parents
Dan & Pam Specht	In memory of Dan's mother, Dixie Dee
Cliff Stratton & Nikki Chouinard (5)	In memory of Ray & Georgette Chouinard, Esther Davis, Becky Ecklund, Veronia & Cliff Stratton
Bert & Marcia Strefling (2)	In memory of their parents; Clarence & Viola and Charles & Betty
Susan Thompson (2)	In memory of Arnold & Ruth Brandt
Jack Wagner	In memory of Alice

