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Easter Sunday

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

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

PRELUDE **Variations on *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* – arr. D. Lasky**
***This Joyful Eastertide*—arr. D. Uhl**
Trumpet—Mary Beth Penjoke

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The assembly stands.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

GATHERING SONG

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!

GREETING

2 Cor 13:13

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you**

The assembly is seated.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain—arr. W. Otte

Mary Beth Penjuck—Trumpet

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray with one another. **C: O God, you gave your only Son 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. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHOIR ANTHEM –10:45 am

Alleluia, Chris is Risen—M. Patterson

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, so that God’s forgiveness in Jesus’ name would reach out to all people.

A reading from Acts.

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

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

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Refrain: (organist/cantor/then congregation)

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us re - joice and be glad in it.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy en- dures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy en- dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD. REFRAIN/ALL

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation. REFRAIN/ALL

²²The stone that the build-^lers rejected
has become the chief^l cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has^l this been done;
it is marvelous^l in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the^l LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be^l glad in it. **REFRAIN/ALL**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Be Not Afraid

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The first system of music consists of two staves. The upper staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes, with a final note on 'ia!' marked with a fermata. The lower staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment of chords and eighth notes.

Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le - lu - ia!

The second system of music is identical to the first, consisting of two staves with the same melody and accompaniment. It concludes with a double bar line at the end of the piece.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body . ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly is seated.

SERMON

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now All the Vaults of Heaven Resounds



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



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 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!

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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated or kneel for the prayers of intercession.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

1st Timothy 2:1

A: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead us, the people of St. Paul's to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Countries are divided and leaders often harbor grudges. Reconcile nations that experience conflict especially in Ukraine and the Middle East. Act quickly to bring an end to war. Anoint peacemakers trained in the art of diplomacy and foster a spirit of collaboration among political rivals. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving (*especially*). Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Your love comes to us when a table is set and a feast is prepared. Bless the feeding ministries of this congregation especially St. Paul's Blessing Box. Bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Let us see that the seed of faith that we sow in life, brings abundance and life. Stir in us a desire to give our financial gifts and our time to this ministry. Move us to see the ways we come to trust you in the ways that we give. Bring forth from buried seed an abundant harvest. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Guide St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in supporting and walking with the families of our children and youth. Lead us in providing them support to live out their baptismal promises; to bring them to the word of God and the holy supper, to place in their hands the holy scriptures so they may learn to trust in you, and to nurture them in faith and prayer. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: We gather this morning to say thank you for our many blessings. Thank you for the gift of life, the preciousness of our relationships, the food and shelter you give us each day, and for the resurrection of Jesus! Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, our dear friends and loved ones, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

P: God of patient love, you await the return of the wayward and wandering and eagerly embrace them in pardon. Through baptism you have clothed us with the glory of Christ and restored our inheritance: give us generous hearts to welcome all who seek a place at the table of your unconditional love. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

The assembly stands.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

*You are asked to remain in place and exchange a sign of peace with those around you.
You may give a wave or peace sign to others beyond a safe reach.*

The assembly is seated.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Surrexit Christus—G. Pergolesi

The assembly stands.

MEAL—“God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ”

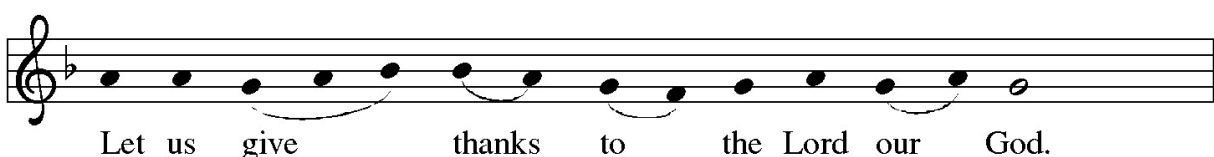
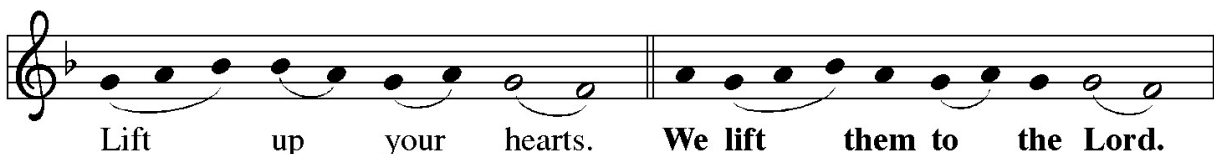
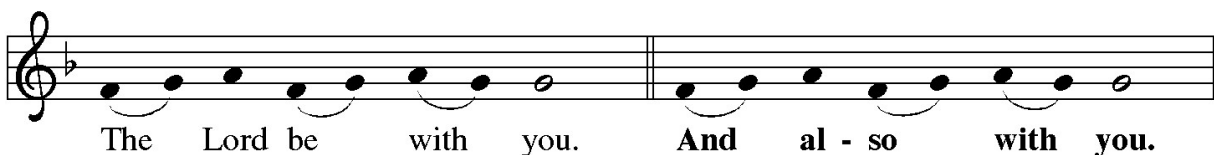
OFFERTORY *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* *1 Cor. 10:16; John 6:35*

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.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: In response to God’s good news of resurrection, we respond with gratitude with these our offerings. Let us pray with one another. **C: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

DIALOGUE



PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Matt. 26:26-29, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:14-23

P: Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

C: We praise you, O God.

P: Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **C: We bless you, O God.**

P: We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **C: We thank you, O God.**

P: 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 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 remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and at the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith. **C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: We pray for the gift of your spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your spirit, in your church, without end. **C: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4

**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.**

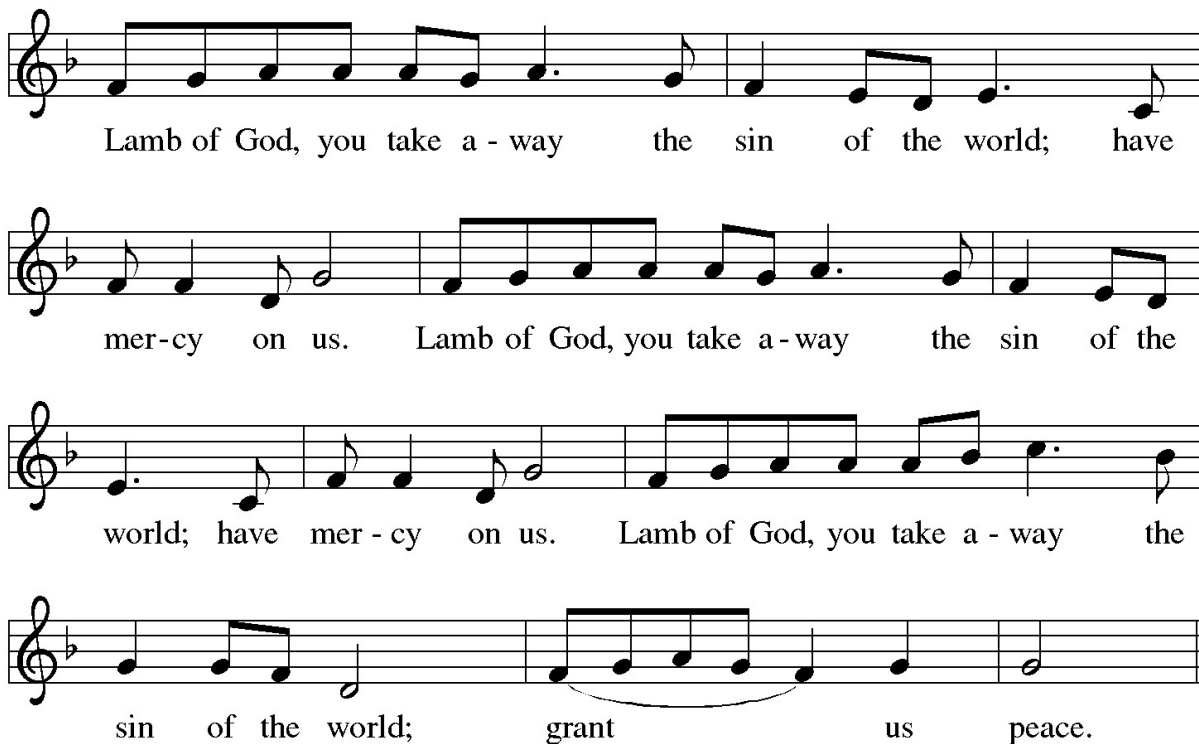
**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

COMMUNION

P: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. **C: Amen.**

At the direction of the Pastor you will be invited to receive Holy Communion at the altar or in your seats. For those receiving Holy Communion in your seats you will be invited first to receive communion by peeling back the tab and receive the wafer with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Body of Christ given for you." Then turn the packet upside down so the wine/juice side is on top. Peel back the tab and receive the wine/juice with the rest of the congregation as the Pastor says, "The Blood of Christ shed for you." Please discard the empty packet and tabs after worship in the small bowls provided.

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia!

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

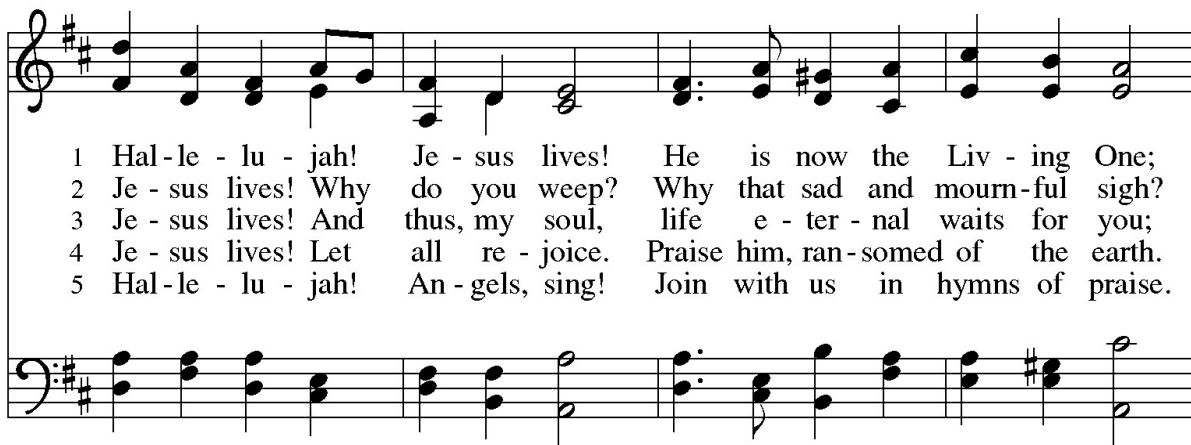
Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

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

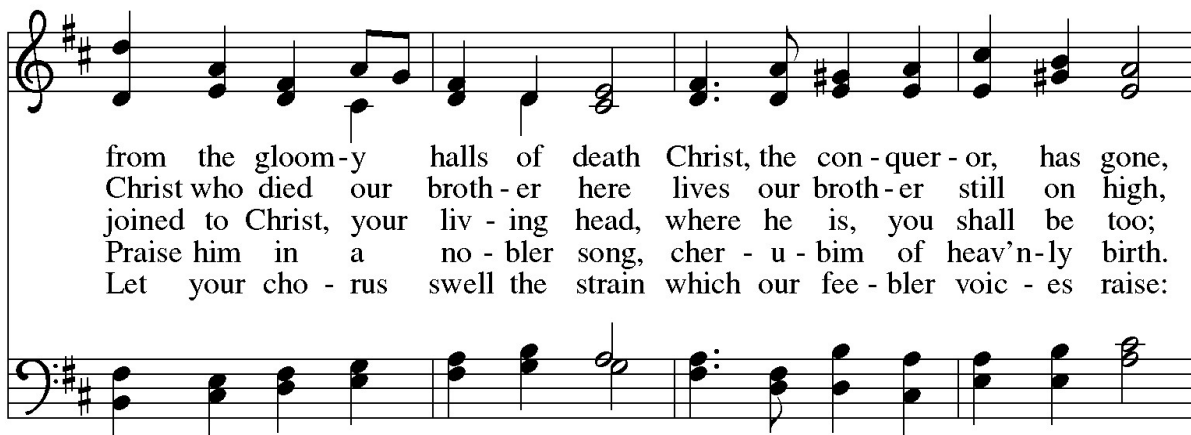
at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

COMMUNION HYMN

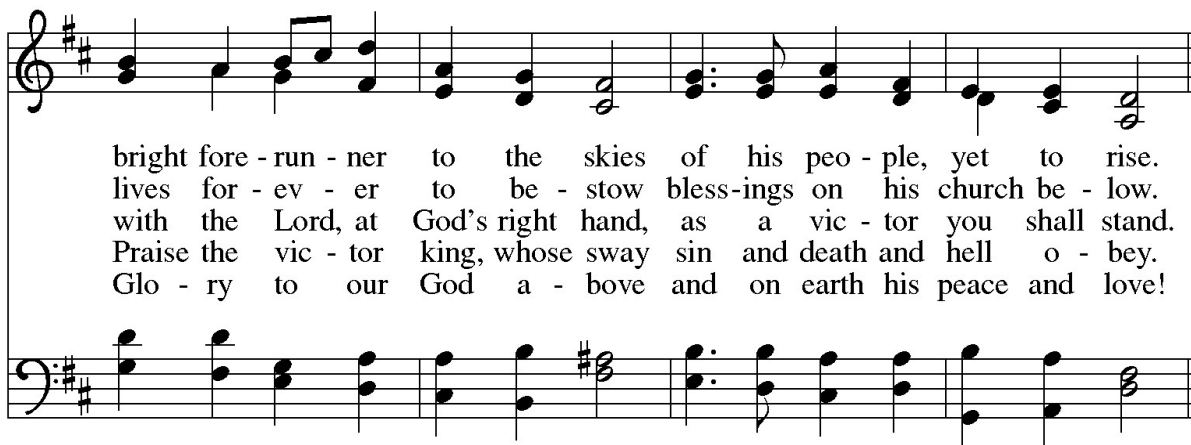
Hallelujah! Jesus Lives



1 Hal-le - lu - jah! Je - sus lives! He is now the Liv - ing One;
2 Je - sus lives! Why do you weep? Why that sad and mourn - ful sigh?
3 Je - sus lives! And thus, my soul, life e - ter - nal waits for you;
4 Je - sus lives! Let all re - joice. Praise him, ran - somed of the earth.
5 Hal-le - lu - jah! An - gels, sing! Join with us in hymns of praise.



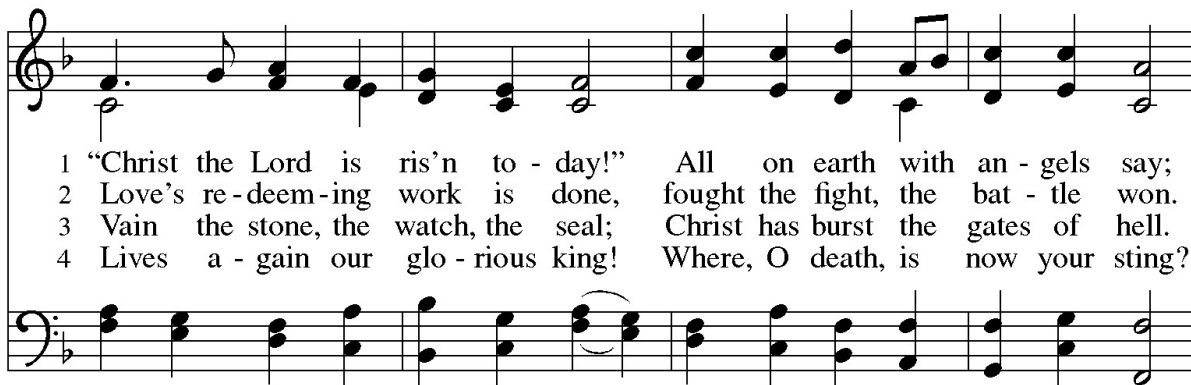
from the gloom - y halls of death Christ, the con - quer - or, has gone,
Christ who died our broth - er here lives our broth - er still on high,
joined to Christ, your liv - ing head, where he is, you shall be too;
Praise him in a no - bler song, cher - u - bim of heav'n - ly birth.
Let your cho - rus swell the strain which our fee - bler voic - es raise:



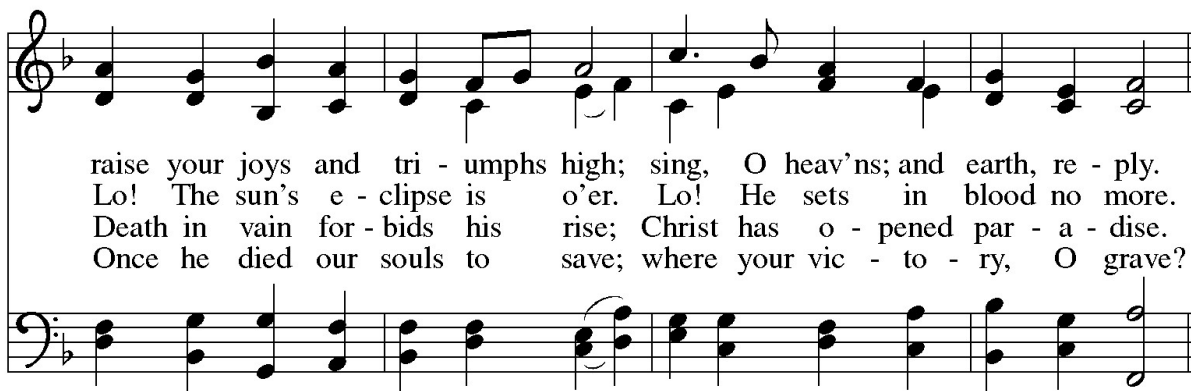
bright fore - run - ner to the skies of his peo - ple, yet to rise.
lives for - ev - er to be - stow bless - ings on his church be - low.
with the Lord, at God's right hand, as a vic - tor you shall stand.
Praise the vic - tor king, whose sway sin and death and hell o - bey.
Glo - ry to our God a - bove and on earth his peace and love!

COMMUNION HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?



raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.
Thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,
everlasting life is this:
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,
thus to sing, and thus to love!

TABLE BLESSING

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. **C: Amen.**

SENDING—“God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world”

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope + bless you now and always. **C: Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

DISMISSAL

Luke 7:50

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen. C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

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Today's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild: Judy Kraus, Beth Seifert, Joan Votta, Peggy Deily

Assisting Minister: 8:15 am: Ashley Bromley 10:45 am: Wayne Young

Communion Assistants: 8:15 am: Jim McMichael and Ron Schneck
10:45 am: Jim McMichael and Cathy Hurley

Greeters: 8:15 am: Peg Moyer 10:45 am: Travis and Vanessa Kraus

Lectors: 8:15 am: Peg Moyer 10:45 am: Amy Coleman

Ushers: 8:15 am: Greg Fosbenner and Brian Garges 10:45 am: Ron Schneck and Joan O'Connor

Calendar of Events - Week of March 31, 2024

Monday 4/1: Church Office Closed

Tuesday 4/2: Easter Wondering and Wandering Walk 9:30 am

Wednesday 4/3:

Thursday 4/4: Bible Study and Lunch 12-1:30 pm

Friday 4/5:

Saturday 4/6:

Sunday 4/7: Sunday Worship and Children's Ministry 9:30 am, New Member Class 10:45 am

Readings for Next Sunday: Acts 4:32-35, Psalm 133, 1 John 1:1—2:2, John 20:19-31

Bulletin and Flower Sponsors

Altar Flowers for today are sponsored by Jim and Susan Barnett to the glory of God.

Bulletins for today are sponsored by Terry and Laura Winder in honor of their granddaughters' Alyssa and Erica's birthdays.

Flower Sponsors are still needed for May 5. Thank you!



Thank you to everyone who donated the beautiful Easter flowers that grace our sanctuary! Please remember that if you would like to take your flowers home, you may pick them up after the 10:45 am worship service. Please pick up your flowers no later than **Friday, April 5!** Thank you! Please note the office will NOT be open on Monday, April 1 for flower pick up. If you have any questions, please call the church office.



Congratulations First Communion Students!

Congratulations to the following 3rd graders who received their 1st communion during this past week's Maundy Thursday worship: Grace Clayton, Shealynne Gray, Will Haines and Ty Kraus.



Sunday Morning Children's Ministry Schedule

Today, March 31—No Children's Ministry

April 7—help in worship

April 14—class time

April 21 – Earth Day walk

Easter Wondering and Wandering Walks

Tuesday mornings during the Easter season starting April 2 at 9:30am in the Library



An uplifting morning that starts with wondering about the chapters in 1 Timothy, followed by wandering the streets and alleys of Telford.

Please join us for this time of spiritual and physical activity as we see new growth in ourselves and in the local neighborhood.

St. Paul's Bible Study

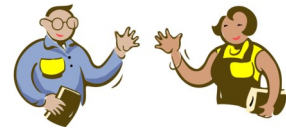
April 4 and 18 at 12 pm



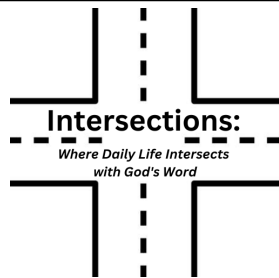
Join us in Christian Fellowship for this informal time to reflect, discuss and learn. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Save the Date for New Member Classes!

New Member Classes—Sunday, April 7 and April 28, 2024
at 10:45 am



New Member Reception—Sunday, May 5, 2024 during 9:30 am worship service with a time of fellowship in the Fellowship Hall after worship



Intersections: Sunday Morning Adult Faith Conversations

Led by Pastor Coleman or Marian Henry on the 2nd and 4th
Sunday of the month at 10:45 am in the Parlor.

The next gathering will be **April 14**.



Bear Creek Summer Camp Registration Information

St. Paul's loves Bear Creek Camp and we want more of our kids and youth to love it also! Summer camp registration is now open!

Registration information is located on the Youth bulletin board across from the Library. Several camperships are available to St. Paul's youth.

Speak with Janet Lincoln or Marian Henry for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

Our annual **Youth Work Camp** (for youth going into 4th grade through Senior High) will be held **June 24-27 from 8:30am-3pm**. Each day our youth will volunteer at a variety of local non-profits with other youth from Grace Lutheran in Hatfield and Emmanuel in Souderton.

Vacation Bible Camp will be held at Little Zion Lutheran **July 29-August 1 from 9am until noon**. This summer theme is "Camp Firelight" where kids will be reminded about several Bible heroes who trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name. Each morning will include lively music, a puppet skit, science, crafts, Bible stories, snacks and outdoor game activities!

Our annual **Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs Game** will be **Saturday, August 24** for a 6:35pm game against the Rochester Red Wings

Prayer List

In order to keep the prayer list as up to date as possible, names will be kept on the list for four weeks unless notified otherwise.



Please Pray For...

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|----------------|------------------|
| Rod Alderfer | Anne Macy |
| Glenn Derstine | Amber Voehringer |
| Jim Lombardo | |

Please Continue to Pray For...

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Lisa Bealer | Cheryl Hutchison | Gene Moyer |
| Dick Clark | Jim Hurley | Joanne Romano |
| Maxine Detweiler | Roger Jones | Carrie Scary |
| Carolyn Evans | Brent Johnson | Robert Scott Sr. |
| Susan Farrington | Gayle King | Dean Shollenberger |
| Roland Fernandez | Al Landis | David Somers |
| Suzanne Fernandez | Keith Landis | Jeff and Heather Spillane |
| Tim Greiser | Bruce Lawhon | Andrew Strauss |
| Harvey Groff | Tracey Leinen | Claudette Strauss |
| Lorraine Guarino | Bill Lincoln | Linda Tierrmo |
| Gloria Harpel | Anna Long | Carole Ann Vogel |
| Leslie Harpel | Stacey Lusk | Fred Wahl |

Comfort for the Bereaved

Family and Friends of Betty Dewey
Family and Friends of William Lewis (*Uncle of Marian Henry*)
Family and Friends of Diane Planutis (*Niece of Barbara Potucek*)

**For Large print copies of the worship service, please see an Usher.
Hearing devices are on the rack at the Visitor's Center.**

Welcome Kids!!

Children are ALWAYS welcome in worship! Our kid-friendly Pray-Ground is located in the front-left section of the Sanctuary. Activity bags are located on the rack in the Gathering Space.
Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them..." Matthew 19:14

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Most Recent Financial Information (Last Updated 2/29/2024)

| Checking Account - February 2024 | | Checking Account - YTD | |
|---|-------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Balance 2/1/2024 | \$15,666.99 | Beginning Balance 1/1/2024 | \$21,496.43 |
| Deposits (monthly)* | \$41,529.53 | Deposits to Date* | \$60,169.07 |
| Beginning Balance + Deposits | \$57,196.52 | Beginning Balance + Deposits | \$81,659.50 |
| Expenses (monthly) | \$47,015.05 | Expenses to Date | \$71,478.03 |
| Ending Balance 2/29/2024 | \$10,181.47 | Ending Balance 2/29/2024 | \$10,181.47 |
| Ending Fund Balances as of February 29, 2024 | | | |
| Memorial Fund | \$38,707.78 | Benevolence | \$4,682.23 |
| Capital Reserve | \$69,469.27 | Special | \$122,713.13 |
| Liabilities as of February 29, 2024 | | | |
| Mortgage Balance | \$1,673.81 | | |