

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

***Third Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024***

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME, WORSHIP NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ GATHERING +

*GATHERING HYMN

ELW 377

(Please stand as you are able)

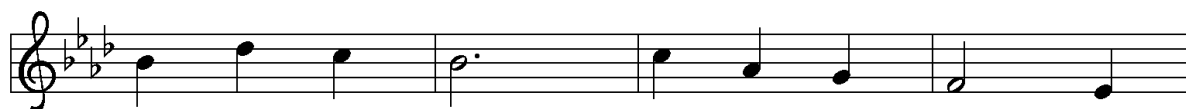
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
 tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
 life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
 death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
 gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
 break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
 heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
 Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
 riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

(Cont'd)

Refrain

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

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

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*CALL TO WORSHIP AND CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, +
 the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God,
 whose rising from the empty tomb
 brings to us the promise of life eternal.

In the presence of the living God,

C: we confess that we set our minds towards things of death,
 and not on the life that is revealed in the Christ.

In our fear and trembling
 we quickly turn from you towards ourselves.

Our fear leads us to doubt your promise, harm our neighbor, and
 neglect your creation.

Resurrect us O' God, and bring about the new life in ourselves, in our
 community, and our world.

Through the mercy of you beloved Son, heal us from our sin, and give
 us the new breath of your Spirit.

P: Our Lord and savior Jesus Christ + proclaims,
 “Do not be afraid!”

Know that you are washed anew in his rising, and your sins are forgiven.
 Be at peace, and live in the everlasting love of God.

Amen!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

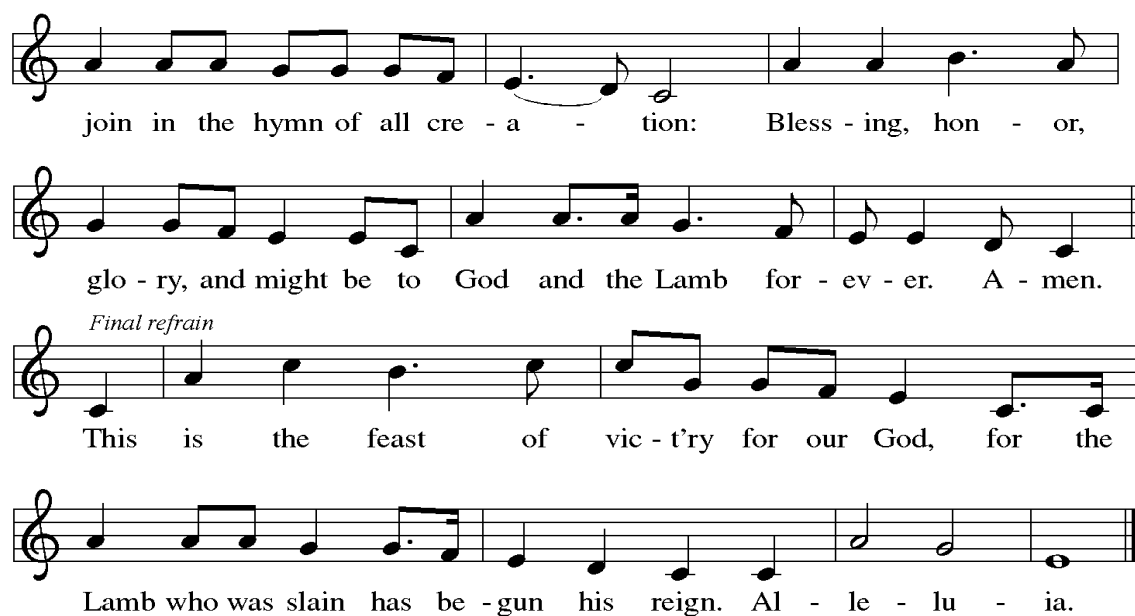
This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
 peo-ple of God. Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and

Refrain
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al-

le-lu-ia. 2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and

(Cont'd)



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
 glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
 Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

+ THE WORD +

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?”¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**“You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?”**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is

lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand, as you are able)

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still

wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish,⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S TIME

SERMON

Rev. Rachel Scheible

*HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 522

As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH –APOSTLES CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead.***

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

+ RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD +**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

(response after: God of Grace.)

C: hear our prayer.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Let us greet one another from our seats in the name of the Lord, saying, ‘Peace be with you’.

Please be seated as we finish singing

“LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH”

*Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father, siblings all are we
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.*

OFFERING:

A: We worship through our tithes and offering. Now let us joyfully respond to God’s goodness, through our personal giving.

It is only through your giving that the ministry and mission of Holy Spirit continues. Many people give electronically and we thank all growing disciples in advance for their generous giving. Offerings can also be dropped in the mailbox or mailed in.

*OFFERTORY

ELW 481

Come to the Table



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord’s in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray:

A: 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.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

P: It is indeed right.....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of pow'r and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, in the highest.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 in remembrance of me.*

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

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.

In Holy Communion, the church shares the forgiving and renewing presence of the Lord Jesus in bread and wine. We invite all to receive this sacrament. Communion will be offered either by intinction or the prepackaged communion cups. You can pick up your prepackaged communion cup before entering the church and receive that from your seat at the appropriate time or come forward to receive the elements from pastor at the rail. Please discard your cups on the way out. Thank you.

(Please be seated)

***P:** May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray:

A: 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** +

BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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*ELW 674**

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Mar's Income: \$22,260

Average Attendance: 50

Mar's Expense: \$17,760

Altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God in honor of Emma Christensen's birthday by her family.

MINISTERS – ALL BAPTIZED PEOPLE OF GOD

Scheduled to serve this week 4/14 Scheduled to serve next week 4/21

Lydia Y. – Assisting Minister

Kathy D. – Assisting Minister

Lydia Y. – Psalm Reader

Alan S./Alan D. – Ushers

The Colahans - Ushers

Christensen/Yoshi – Counters

The Colahans - Counters

Kathy D. – Altar

Kathy D. - Altar

*******WEEKLY CALENDAR*******

Mon, Apr 15

6:30pm – Girl Scouts (Mtg Rm)

Wed, Apr 17

7:30pm – AA (Hall)

Thu, Apr 18

7:00pm – AA (Hall)

Sat, Apr 20

10:00am – AA (Hall)

11:00am – DA (Mtg Rm)

2:00pm – Hall Rental

Sun, Apr 21

10:15am–Worship

Coffee Hour

12:30pm – Song of Praise (Sanctuary)

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Plan to stay after church on the **2nd and 4th Sunday of each month**, for a God's take moment. We will meet at **11:30** for Bible discovery, and singing. All ages are welcome.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
4/14	Gina Helt
4/28	Debbie Gruhler

*******PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS*******

Healing:

Mike Longo

Rob Hahn

Lisa McDonough

Hugh Mullarkey

Jean Brown

Betty Lake

Anne Rainsford

Judy McGrane

Christine Abate

Scott Smith

Bonnie Wood

Lois Saunders

Cliff Kellett

Trudy McDougall

Lynn McGrane

Michael Long

Jackie Bernduer White

Jackie Dewitt

Maureen Colahan

Ann Ferguson

Bill McVean

Ed Shoup

Dennis Dobson

Phyllis Horton

Lou Vallies

Geralyn Gerakaris

Kathy Shoup

Jamal MacDonald

Harry Collins

Eileen Maloney

Rachel Yost

Jean Cilurso

(If you would like to add someone to the prayer list for Mar., please call the office).

Also please remember in your prayers homebound members: Betty Oddi, Ruth Dell'Orefice, Jane Croghan, Diane Kuhn, Ruth Dukes, Janet Kline and Debra Ulmer.

Men & women in our armed forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency services personnel.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

COFFEE HOUR– April 21st after service sponsored by the Finance and Stewardship Committees.



Tea Time Saturday, May 11th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board outside office. Space is limited so make sure you sign-up.

MUSIC SUNDAY - "Let Pastor know your favorite hymn on the Music Sunday Sign-up Sheet. On May 12th we will celebrate the gift of music and sing your favorites. Invite a friend to attend. "Next to the Word of God, the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world (Martin Luther)"

CHALLENGE! Can you meet the challenge? – At our recent annual meeting we introduced our latest challenge to encourage giving. We challenged everyone to give at least an extra \$1 to the church every week for the rest of 2024. Our goal is to collect at least an extra \$3000.

CAN YOU MEET THE CHALLENGE?

ALTAR FLOWERS - THANK YOU everyone who signed up to sponsor altar flowers throughout the year. Please take a dedication form when you sign up and return to office.

Hello Holy Spirit!

Planning for the Strawberry Festival has started!

This year I am again organizing the Raffle Baskets. This is your invitation to sign up, email me (stahlre06@comcast.net), or just let me know which items you can donate to the baskets by **Sunday May 12th**.

Below is a list of the baskets that were organized in the past. Please let me know if you want to do one of those raffle baskets. If you do, I can give you a list of some content from past baskets.

1. Gardening Basket
2. Dog Basket
3. Beach Basket
4. Kids Basket
5. Spa Basket
6. BBQ Basket
7. Italian Basket
8. Ice Cream Basket
9. Movie Basket

If you want to create a basket with new theme, just let me know the details of it. There are also the church wide baskets shown below. There will be a sheet at church for people to sign-up for the items in each basket.

10. Shopper's Delight Basket	11. Food Galore Basket
Kohl's	Giant
Kohl's	Giant
Target	Acme
Target	Acme
Home Depot	Wawa
Home Depot	Wawa
	Starbucks
	Dunkin
	Outback
	Olive Garden

We are asking that the baskets are valued no less than \$50. Please have gift cards for at least \$25 in each basket. All basket content must be new. You can always look for me on Sunday if you have any questions. Thanks for your support!

God Bless,

Raymond Stahl (267-446-9937)



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GOSPEL MESSAGE

Faith-Sustaining Patterns in a World of Stockpiles

Faith cannot be stockpiled. It needs a pattern of replenishment. Today, the disciples are hungry. While their stomachs may not be rumbling, their hunger is shown in their lack of certainty about who Jesus is. Even though they were just talking about how Jesus walked with two of them on the road to Emmaus, his real presence now frightens them. Doubt, disbelief, and fear are like hunger to the disciples.

Jesus relieves the hunger with his risen presence. When the disciples are unsure what to make of the mess that life has become, Jesus shows up. When their hunger for truth and certainty is most apparent, Jesus walks into the room. The answer to someone's hunger is not to ask why they are hungry. Nor is the answer to doubt a question about why they cannot believe. The answer is food. The answer is the real Jesus showing up and easing fears. Everyone's faith needs sustenance. Those who listen to the preacher and gather at the table today are looking for the God of truth and love to settle their doubts.

Even though Jesus' disciples had been speaking about his appearance to two of them on the road to Emmaus just verses earlier, Jesus does not become agitated at the fact that the disciples are afraid of him. Jesus expects the fears and the doubts about his presence in the room. He knows that one post-resurrection appearance to them will never be enough. There will need to be more appearances to sustain the faith of generations of disciples!

The appearances become a pattern, with Jesus entering into the lives of his disciples, eating with them and teaching them. Finally, Jesus sends the disciples out as witnesses. Today the witnesses come back into the pattern of Jesus' appearance to remember what was witnessed—so that their own testimony of a Savior who sets their fears at ease will also ease the doubts and fears of other hearers.