

Sunday 3 Sunday April 18, 2021

WELCOME – Pastor Len Hoffmann

WORSHIP LEADER – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Be glad and rejoice in what God is creating – a new heaven and a new earth.

People: The promise of joy and gladness for all people.

Pastor: The promise of Eden restored, where every living creature lives in harmony.

People: Promises fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who died to defeat evil,

and rose to give us life.

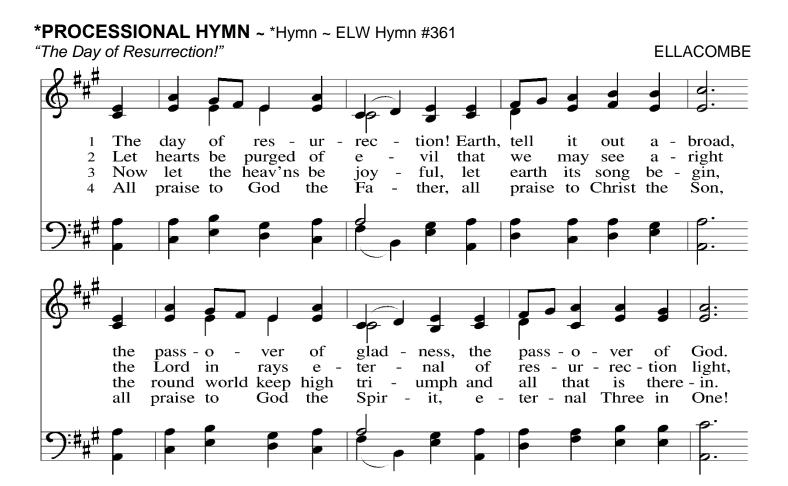
Pastor: So let us be glad and rejoice in what God has created in us –

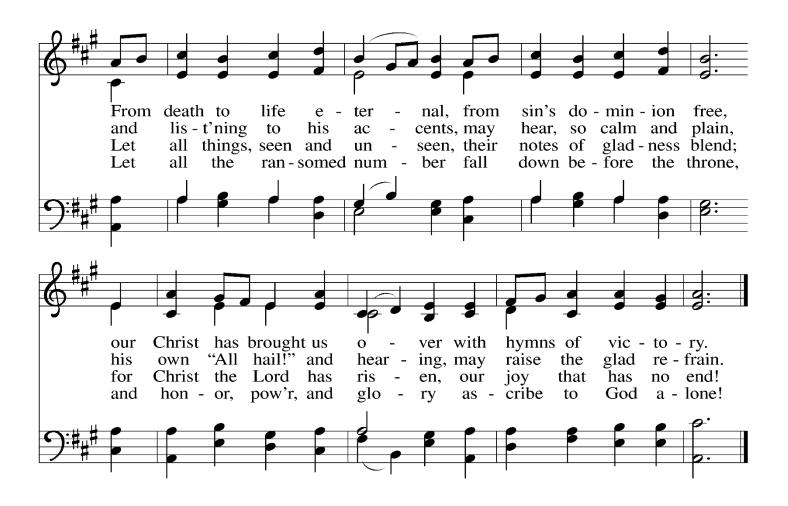
new life - the life of the risen Christ.

People: Alleluia! Amen!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!



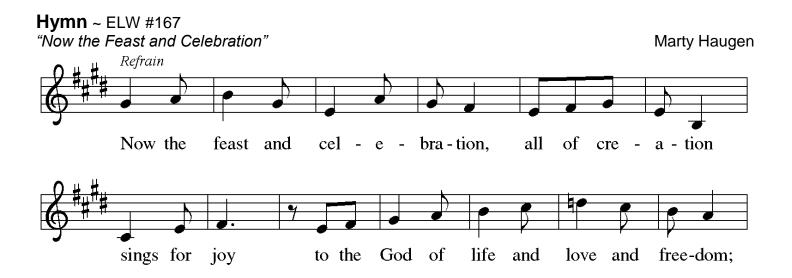


GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: And also with you.





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PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading A reading from 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."

Lector: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: 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 dishon- | or 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.

⁴Tremble, then, and | do not sin;

speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R

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

⁶Many 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.

⁸In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;

for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R

Second Reading A reading from 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.

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Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. Our hearts | burn within us* while you open to | us the scriptures.

Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

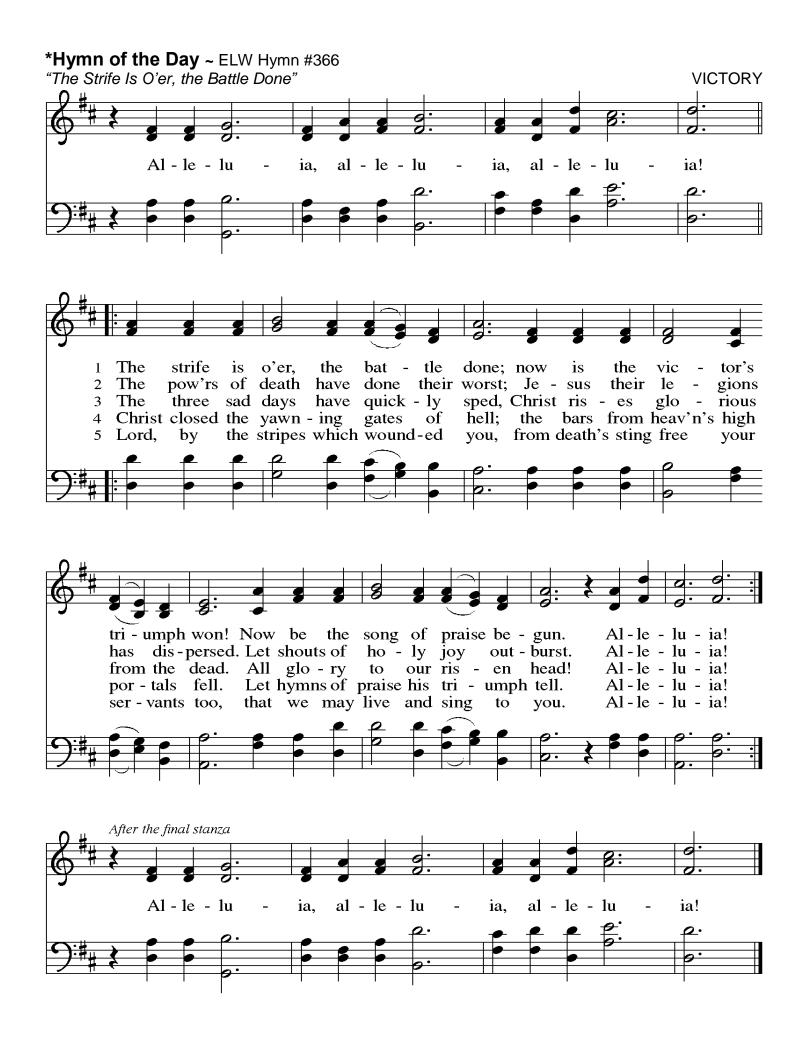
The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36b-48

^{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?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and 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." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

Lector: The Gospel of our Lord, People: Glory to you, O Christ.



The Nicene Creed

Pastor: God has made us his people through our baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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.

*Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Hear us, O God.
People: Your mercy is great.

Lector: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your

never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

*Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of love,

you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.

Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.

Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;

for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor: 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! (arr. by Schubert)



Eucharistic Prayer

Pastor: You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy,

and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish

but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world

to fulfill for us your holy will

and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pastor: Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,

his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,

and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,

not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,

and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ

may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,

and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people

and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Now gathered into one by the Holy Spirit we pray as Jesus taught us.

*The 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

Pastor: The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

"Christ Our Lord is Risen Today"

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Wellspring of joy,

through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.

Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses,

that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen

*Blessing

Pastor: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom

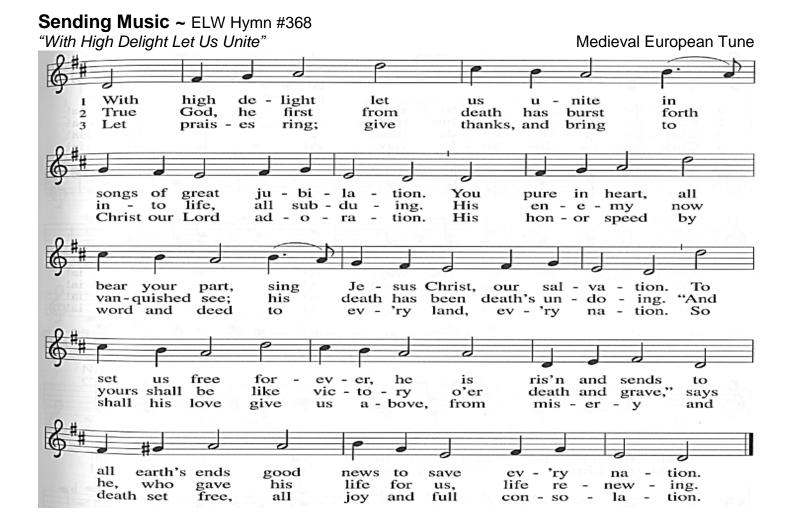
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father,

→ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



*Dismissal

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadIffLHnDxG

And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.



Please add to your prayer list:

Mert Ingvoldstad
Sonja Dunn
Gerry Meyer
Mary Neff
Joy Neverman
All those we hold dear in our hearts.

Sunday, April 25, 2021 Easter 4 Acts 4:5-12, Psalm 23, 1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11-18

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