



# GATHERING

## Gathering Song:

## “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

## Stanzas 1-3



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!



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



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

## **Confession and Forgiveness** *(Congregational responses printed in bold.)*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the life beyond all death,  
the joy beyond all sorrow, our everlasting home.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in Christ's victory over sin and death,  
let us come before God who calls us to repentance.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of life,

**by the resurrection of your Son  
you make everything new.**

**Newness scares us,**

**and we confess to shutting our doors in fear.**

**We have not listened to voices that challenge us.**

**We have resisted the Holy Spirit  
moving us in new directions.**

**Our hearts are slow to believe your promises.**

**Forgive us, O God,**

**and renew us to embrace without fear**

**the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

People of God:

Christ is alive, and death has lost its power.

Through the waters of baptism

you have been born anew by the living word of God.

Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name

and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you

both now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **Greeting**

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

**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise: "Now the Feast and Celebration"

## Refrain

*Congregation:*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion,  
all of cre - a - tion sings for joy  
to the God of life and love and  
free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -  
er - more!

## Verse 1

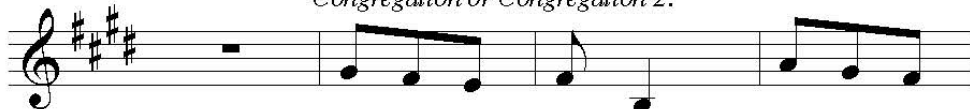
*Congregation or Congregation 1:*

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once  
slain, whose blood has freed and u -  
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of  
God.

*to Refrain*

### Verse 2

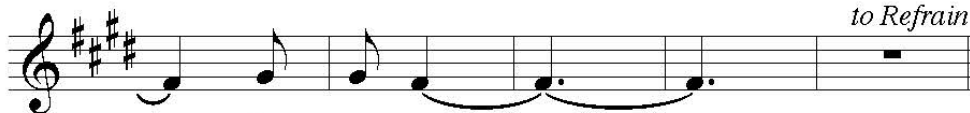
*Congregation or Congregation 2:*



2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and



might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ



*to Refrain*

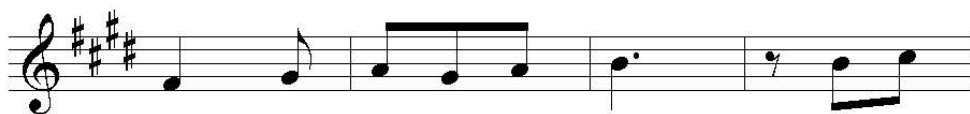
for ev - er.

### Verse 3

*Congregation:*



3. For God has come to dwell with us, to



make us peo - ple of God; to make



*to Refrain*

all things new.

### Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread.

**Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.” <sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person’s work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God. <sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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## Children’s Message

## Alleluia Verse

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris 'n in - deed.

## Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup> He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place.

<sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Song:

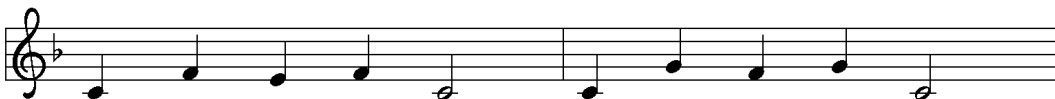
“Day of Arising”



1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,  
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,  
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.  
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.  
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,  
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:  
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,  
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing  
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,  
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.  
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.  
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.  
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

## **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

## **Prayers of the People**

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

***MEAL***



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## **Offering/Ministry Opportunities**

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

**You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will  
hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of  
Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you  
love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## Celebration of Holy Communion

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

*Presider:* *Congregation:*




Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



right to give God thanks and praise.

It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Congregation:*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!

Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Mighty God, you made the earth, and it trembles in your presence;  
 you rescued your people from slavery,  
 leading them through deepest waters - from death to life.  
 You sent your Son, Jesus, to us, a prophet mighty in word and deed who taught us  
 to celebrate your salvation in sincerity and truth.  
 Though he was condemned to death and crucified by the religious,  
 you raised him from the dead and wiped the tears from our faces.  
 Risen indeed, he is with us always, breathing peace over our fears and  
 spreading a rich banquet before us - so that in the breaking of bread and  
 your Word proclaimed, our eyes might be open and our hearts set on fire with  
 love.

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.

With this bread and cup  
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

- Christ has died.**
- Christ is risen.**
- Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With all your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### 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.**

### Distribution of Holy Communion



1. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us, mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn: “Here Is Bread”**

Here is bread, here is wine,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Break the bread, taste the wine,  
Christ is with us here.

***Refrain***

*In this bread there is healing,  
In this cup is life forever.  
In this moment, by the Spirit,  
Christ is with us here.*

Here is grace, here is peace,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
Know his grace, find his peace,  
Feast on Jesus here.

***Refrain***

Here we are, joined in one,  
Christ is with us, He is with us.  
We'll proclaim till He comes  
Jesus crucified.

***Refrain***

***SENDING***

**Post-Communion Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: “All Because Of Jesus”**

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe, author of all eternity  
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing, to You be the glory  
Maker of heaven and of earth  
No one can comprehend Your worth  
King over all the universe, to You be the glory

And I'm alive because I'm alive in You

***Chorus***

***(And) it's all because of Jesus I'm alive  
It's all because the blood of Jesus Christ  
That covers me and raised this dead man's life  
It's all because of Jesus  
(I'm alive I'm alive I'm alive)***

Giver of ev'ry breath I breathe  
Author of all eternity  
Giver of ev'ry perfect thing  
To You be the glory  
Maker of heaven and of earth  
No one can comprehend Your worth  
King over all the universe  
To You be the glory

And I'm alive because I'm alive in You ***Chorus***

Ev'ry sunrise sings Your praise, the universe cries out Your praise  
I'm singing freedom all my days, now that I'm alive ***Chorus 2X***

**Prayer after Communion**

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

**Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

## **Blessing**

## **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God.**

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## **April Mission of the Month**

ELCA World Hunger - Lutheran organization that promotes water sanitation, education and training, agriculture, nutrition, income and savings, peace, justice and human rights, advocacy and community organizing to help decrease hunger.

**Black N' Blue Thumb Crew** meets every Tuesday morning from 9-12. This faithful group of men and women care for our building and grounds. Fellowship is a high priority every week. Contact Lane for more info: [lanepelletier47@gmail.com](mailto:lanepelletier47@gmail.com)

## **Blessing Box Needs**

Pasta/sauce, cereal/oatmeal packets, granola bars, baby supplies, dry infant cereal, tea/coffee, pancake supplies, microwave meals, shampoo.

The **CROP Walk** 2026 is coming on May 3rd. Walkers are needed! Last year our local walkers raised almost \$32,000 to aid people around the world and right here in our area.

**Help needed** for Coffee Hour. Sign up on the Fellowship Hall or contact Judy Croshaw for more info (518-309-4295)

The **Fellowship Breakfast** scheduled for today has been cancelled.

Sign up to donate altar flowers in the foyer.



## GOOD SHEPHERD HIKING

On Sunday, April 19, we'll meet at the parking lot for the Town of Clifton Park's 41 Acre Park on Riverview Road at 1PM.

We'll walk about 1.5 miles on wooded trails that are mostly flat to take in views of the Mohawk River.

If you'd like to join us,  
text or call Karen Wang at 518-380-3303.

## NEW MEMBER *Orientation*

Are you curious about church membership?  
Knowing more about Good Shepherd?  
Plan to join us April 19, 26 and May 3rd  
following Sunday worship at 10:45am  
Contact Pastor Deron with questions or  
to register: [gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com](mailto:gsglenvillepastor@gmail.com)



### Women's Whimsical Wednesday Luncheon

April 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 12pm  
The Ripe Tomato  
2721 Rt 9, Ballston Spa  
Please RSVP by April 19th  
to Linda VanSchaick  
at 518-858-2063



## Spring Cleanup

APRIL 26TH

FOLLOWING THE SERVICE  
HELP US GET OUR OUTDOOR CHAPEL READY  
BRING RAKES, TARPS, LEAF BLOWERS, ETC



### Good Shepherd Book Club

We are attending author Liz Moore's talk  
on "The God of the Woods"  
on Tues, April 28th from 7-9pm  
at Shenendehowa High School - East  
You can sign up at <https://events.cphlibrary.org/event/14610642>

May Discussion: "Life Together" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer  
Proposed Date: May 12, 2026 at 7 pm  
The book can be found online as a pdf at WordPress.com  
Pastor Deron has printed copies.



### BROS BIBLES & BEER

Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7 - 8 pm

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Guys are invited to this casual bible event  
discussion over your favorite beer or soft drink.







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