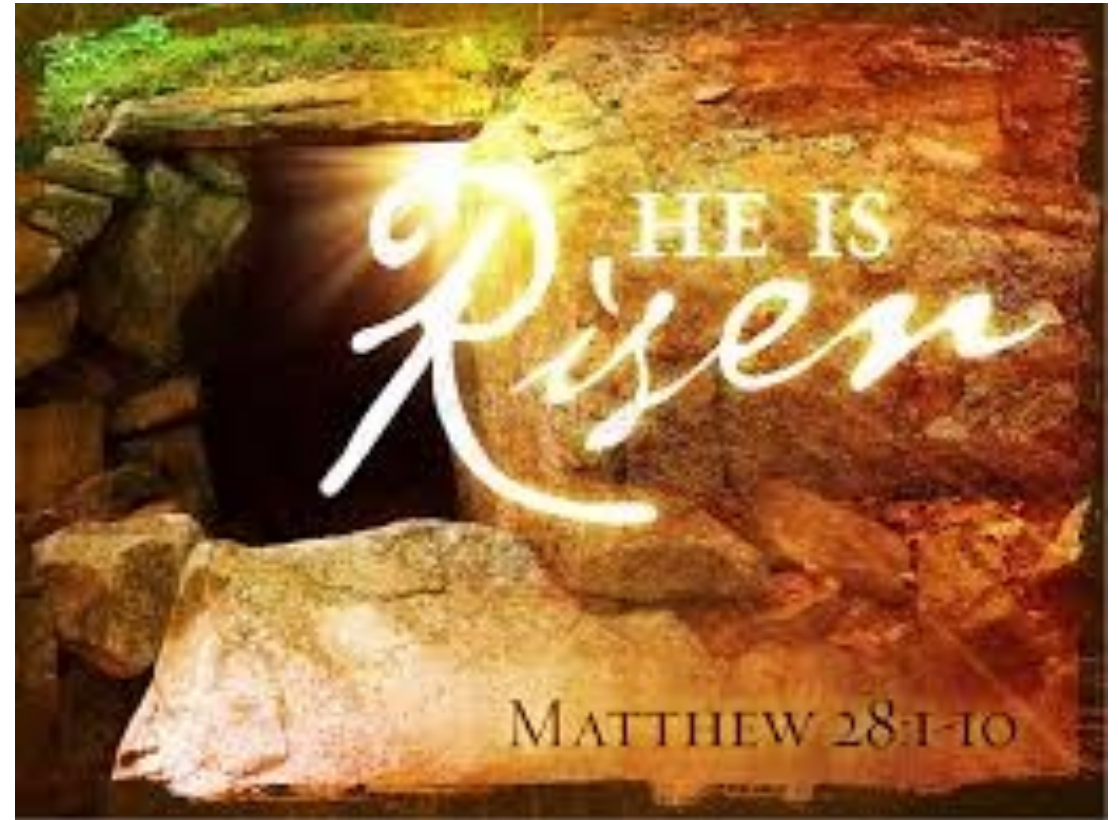


- \* Ann Droste in memory of John Klecan
- \* Barb Gaglione in memory of loved ones
- \* Joan and Mike Garvin in memory of Lois and Paul Gerstenberger, Mildred and Clyde Garvin
- \* Paula Hohenstein in memory of Alex, and parents: Bill and Emma Hohenstein and Carl and Martha Slanicka
- \* Elaine & Keary Knerem in memory of our loved ones
- \* Nancy Langtry in memory of Jim Flick, Ed Flick & Bob Myers
- \* Ted Lockmiller in memory of Christine Lockmiller and Theodore E. Lockmiller, Sr.
- \* Phyllis Nemeth in memory of Rich Nemeth
- \* Marie Prendergast in memory of Louise, Susan & Pat Prendergast, Mike Prendergast, Rosemary, Matt & Chuck Merchant, Clare, Patsy & Dick Hanusz, Stella Markham and Christine Russell.
- \* Claudia and Steve Senderak in memory of Mom and Dad Kearns, Mom and Dad Senderak, Bob and Pat Skidmore, and Steve Sandor
- \* Al Treichel in memory of Phyllis & Don Treichel
- \* Sheila and Harry Werner in Praise of God for all he provides
- \* Karen & Ray Zack and family in memory of our mom and dad



## **Easter Sunday**

**Sunday, April 5, 2026**

**9:00 am**

Here are a few notes to make you feel more at home as we praise the God of new life!

Bulletins are available to be picked up at the back of the sanctuary. We encourage you to participate throughout worship by speaking the **bold** print and singing along with the hymns. An asterisk \* indicates when you are invited to stand, as you are comfortable.

All are welcome to come forward for communion. The ushers will guide you. Juice and gluten-free wafers are available; please let your server know if you need either of these.

A basket for offerings is at the rear of the sanctuary.

A children's table is located at the back of the sanctuary, where you'll find some books and activities to help children feel more at home in worship.

### **Serving in Worship Today**

Presiding Minister	Rev., Andrea McDonough
Organist	Gerry Mass
Assisting Minister	Ted Lockmiller
Lector	Ethan Lockmiller
Crucifer	Adrian Bernardo
Offering Bearer	Maggie Hernandez
Parish Administrator	Jennifer Lasher-Dobush
Custodian	Vanessa Petrakos

## **Postlude**

### **Praying Together**

**... for those who are homebound, ill, hospitalized or recuperating:**

Gayle Agg, Nora Beach, Vince Besesdnjak, Joan Clarke, Chuck Dickey, Bill Flick, Dan Fleming, Eddie Flick, Barbara Fossa, Alan Fugo and family, Donna Franz, Risa Gabor, Barb Gaglione, Michelle Garnett, Rosa Garnett, Jane Gradert, Dorrie Kearns, Dylan King, Karen Kipfsthul, Elaine Knerem, Nel Lanese, Jennifer Lewane, Barbara Mingee, Phyllis Nemeth, Dick Ptak, Madeline Ptak, Ginny Robinson, Steve Senderak, Arlene Stoltz, Barb Toth, Verl Williamson, Maud Wright, Charlotte Zaranka, Wilma Dancy, Bill Helmick, Nancy Helmick, Robert Lambrecht, Laura Mele, Judy Morgan, Kris Sandor, Lois Williams, Eugene Winfrey, the Copeland/Lane Family.

### **Last Week**

**General Fund receipts for week ending 3/29/2026:\$ 2012.00**

### ***Easter Lilies***

\*The Bernardos in memory of Patrick, Olga and Nolan Bernardo, Jo Shelton, and Dante Fossa

\*Annie Copeland in memory of Tyron Lane

**\*Sending Hymn: Thine is the Glory ELW# 376**

**Easter Sunday – April 5, 2026**



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

**\*Dismissal**

Receive the good news: Christ is risen from the dead.  
Tell the good news: the power of death shall no more oppress us.  
Live the good news: we are free to love as he has loved us.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

All through these weeks we have been tending something we could not see, trusting that darkness is not the same as death.

**Thanks be to God.**

Jesus told us himself that a grain of wheat that falls into the earth and dies will bear much fruit. Today Jesus himself bursts forth, death cracked open, the tomb emptied out, to reveal true fruit, true light, true love, and true life.

We light this candle in the name of Jesus Christ, the name that is light, and life, and resurrection.

*(Paschal candle is lit.)*

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Let us worship the Risen One, the flame that death could never extinguish!

**The Light of Christ shines forever! Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

## Gathering Hymn: Now the Green Blade Rises ELW # 379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

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## \*Post Communion Prayer

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

The God who made seed and soil, who was not stopped by stone, or silence, or death, bless you and keep you. May the life that burst forth this morning take root in you, growing you in all directions, and bearing fruit beyond your wildest imagination. Go, planted in grace and rooted in resurrection by our triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, risen this day and always. **Amen.**


**\*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.**

## \*Communion Hymn

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
 so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
 You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
 but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

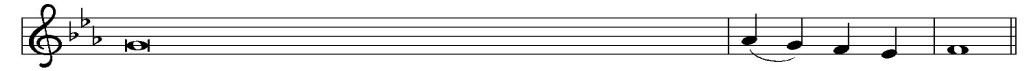
## \*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



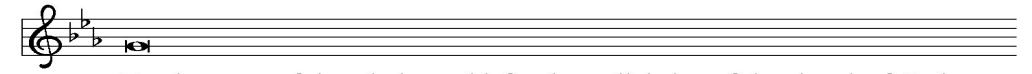
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



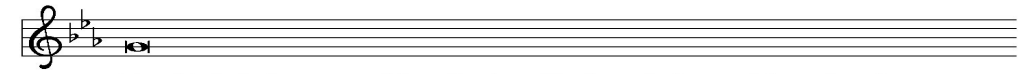
For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men, a - men.

## \*Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*




This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



*Refrain*  
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.




3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -




*Refrain*  
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.


## Communion Hymn




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, grant us peace.

## **\*Eucharistic Prayer**

### **\*The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Christ taught us

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those**

**who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

## **\*Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Almighty God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ you broke the power of death and opened the way to eternal life. As the empty tomb stands witness to his triumph over death, make your church to be a bold testimony to his enduring victory in life, that all we do may proclaim to the world, "He is risen, indeed!" Through Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Children's Moment**

### **First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup> Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword

found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

<sup>3</sup> the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup> Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup> Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup> For there shall be a day when sentinels will call  
in the hill country of Ephraim:  
“Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the LORD our God.”

God’s Word for God’s people. **The Light has risen!**

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

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God’s mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

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

<sup>19</sup> **Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup> “This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup> **I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

### \*Great Thanksgiving

Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to God.**

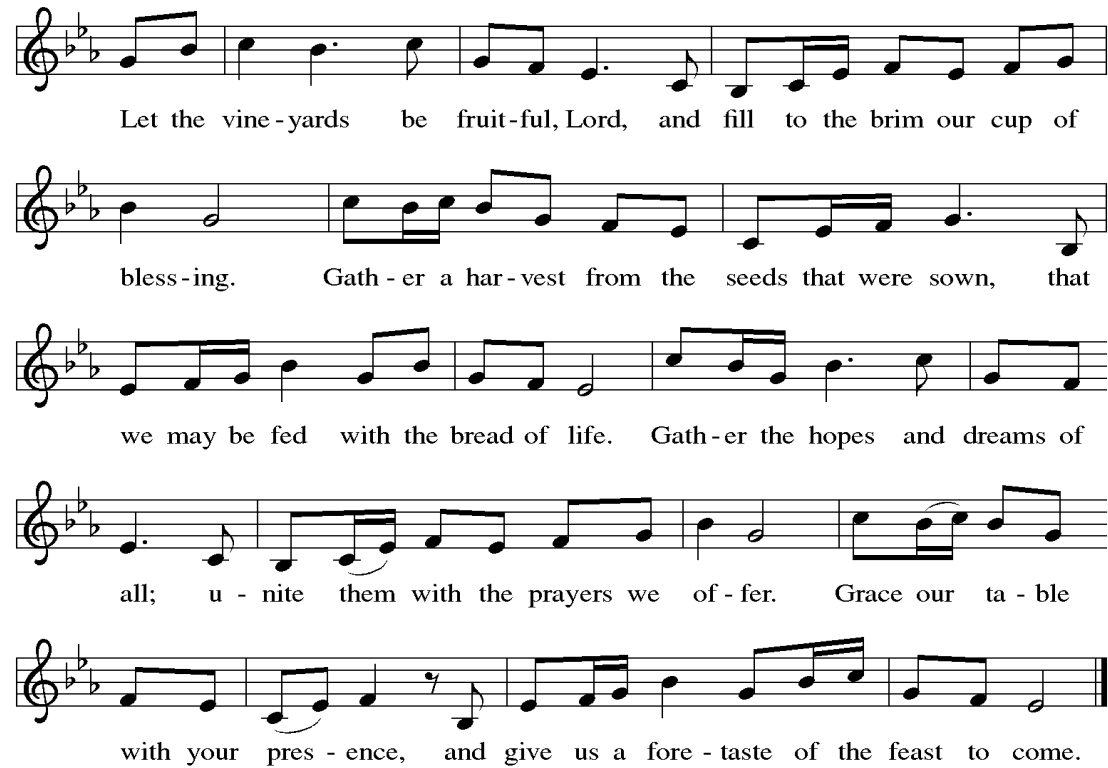
Let us give thanks to God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Glorious God,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
for on this day creation sings,  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
He has burst forth from the tomb  
to break the tangles of despair and death.  
Love is come again.  
Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with the eternal chorus of rejoicing

### \*Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**\*Offertory Hymn: Let The Vineyards be Fruitful ELW # 184**



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 dreams of  
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble  
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

**\*Offertory Prayer**

Almighty God, by your grace, accept the fruit of our labor and the offering of our lives in union with our risen Lord who lives and reigns with you forever. **Amen.**

<sup>23</sup> By the LORD has<sup>1</sup> this been done;  
it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the<sup>1</sup> LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it.

**Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4**

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

God's Word for God's people. **The Light has risen!**

## \*Gospel Procession: Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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

singing. May we be faithful stewards of this flourishing world you have made and love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway – in Gaza, in Ukraine, in the places of suffering too numerous to name – pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit. Let justice bloom where it has long been denied. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain, those for whom this bright morning feels hard to enter. Meet them where they are and lead them gently into the light. Merciful God **receive our prayer.**

Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community with the energy of this season – curious, alive, ready to grow – that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection – those who planted in us the faith we carry today. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## \*Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

## \*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.

## Prayers of the People

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. As the world around us bursts into bloom, burst through our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. The trees are flowering, the birds are moving, the earth is doing what it always does after the long cold — returning, greening,

## \*Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

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

## \*Gospel Recessional: Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds

3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has

con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the

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

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!

## Sermon

## \*Hymn of the Day: Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW # 365

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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
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