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**9:15 AM - April 27, 2025 - Second Sunday of Easter
ALIVE! Worship Service**

INTRODUCTION

In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.

Death Was Arrested

Verse 1

Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin
Lost without hope with no place to begin
Your love made a way to let mercy come in
When death was arrested and my life began

Verse 2

Ash was redeemed only beauty remains
My orphan heart was given a name
My mourning grew quiet my feet rose to dance
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Oh Your grace so free washes over me
You have made me new now life begins with You
It's Your endless love pouring down on us
You have made us new now life begins with You

Verse 3

Released from my chains I'm a pris'ner no more
My shame was a ransom He faithfully bore
He cancelled my debt and He called me His friend
When death was arrested and my life began

Chorus

Verse 4

Our Savior displayed on a criminal's cross
Darkness rejoiced as though Heaven had lost
But then Jesus arose with our freedom in hand
That's when death was arrested and my life began

Bridge

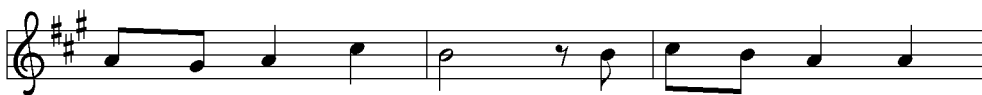
Oh we're free free forever we're free
Come join the song of all the redeemed
Yes we're free free forever amen
When death was arrested and my life began
When death was arrested and my life began

We Walk By Faith

verses 1,2,3 & 5



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

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Christ the Lord Is Risen Today (He Is Not Dead)

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where oh death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once He all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory oh grave alleluia

Chorus

He is not dead He is alive
We have this hope in Jesus Christ

Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Chorus

Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Chorus (Twice)

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS

KYRIE

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord.**

Kyrie eleison, on our world and on our way, Kyrie eleison, ev'ry day.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

HYMN OF PRAISE

Majesty

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ C/D D

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty: un - to

G D/F# Em⁷ A⁷ D⁷sus D⁷

Je - sus be all glo - ry, hon - or, and praise.

G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B Am⁷ Cm/Eb

Maj - es - ty, king - dom au - thor - i - ty flows from his

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G

throne un - to his own; his an - them raise.

Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G

So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus.

G Bm⁷ Bbdim⁷ Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷/C B

Mag - ni - fy, come glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus, the king.

Am⁷ D G Am⁷ G/B C G⁶/B

Maj - es - ty, wor - ship his maj - es - ty:

Am⁷ Cm/E^b 3 G/D Am⁷
 Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied,

D⁷ C/D D⁷ *To repeat* G C/G G *Last time* Em Am⁷ Cm/E^b 3
 King of all kings. kings. Je - sus who

G/D Am⁷ D⁷ C/D D⁷ G C/G G
 died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings.

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A READING

Revelation 1:4-8

A reading from Revelation.

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

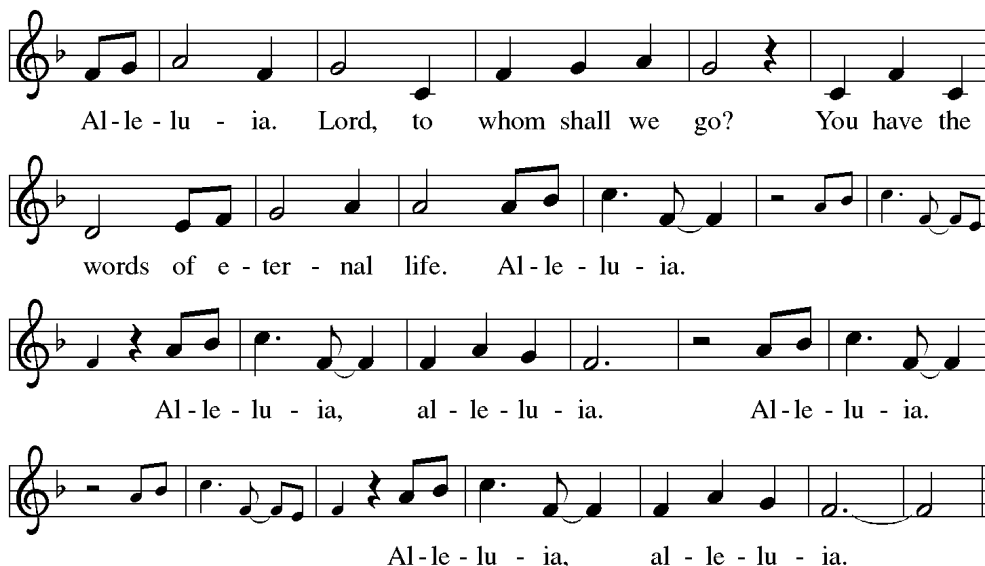
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Laura Henrickson

ANTHEM

Because He Lives

Gaither, Tomlin/arr. Hogan

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of **✝** Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

Blessing, Honor, and Glory

Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.
Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!
Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb.
Ho - ly, righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb.
Death could not hold him down, for he is ris - en!
Seat - ed up - on the throne, he is the Lamb of God!
Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry to the Lamb. Ho - ly,
righ - teous, wor - thy is the Lamb of God.

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BLESSING, HONOR, AND GLORY
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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

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SENDING HYMN

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till

all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as praise thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

ALIVE! Musicians

Gale McLeod, Co-Director

Lyndsey Ebener

Steve Hamilton

Irelou Moye, Co-Director

Bradley Miller

Ricky Lusk

Beth Branham

David Moye

Julie Ann Payne

Leah Conrad

Erin Hall

Ed Redmond

Brett Ebener

Vaughn Hall

Roxanne Rich

Clark Ebener

Worship Assistants

Lector Pam Burnett

Greeter Grace Fuson

Usher Nick Skorzewski

Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



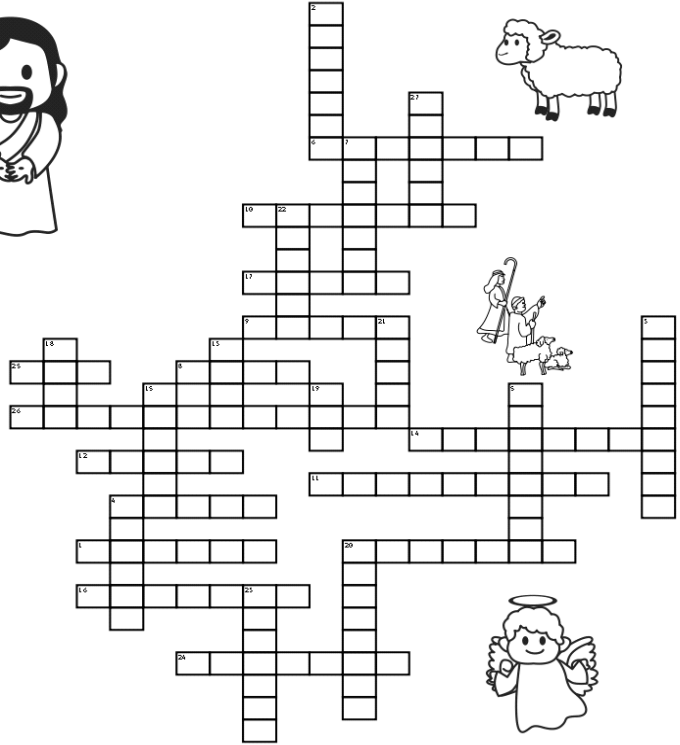
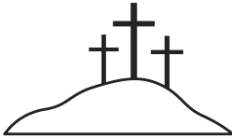
The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of our risen Lord and in honor of Marie Lewis retiring from educating children and working with families for 28 years. Happy Retirement RieRie!
With love, The Lewis and Davis Families.

The flowers on the processional cross are dedicated to the glory of our risen Lord and in memory of Linda Vallejo by Sharon Mattern.



Scripture Crossword

Solve the clues and fill out the grid



DOWN

2. New Testament event demonstrating commitment to faith
3. Time when Jesus joined his Father above
4. Where the pearly gates are
5. A religious group Jesus debated on matters of faith and law
7. Biblical letter sent to churches
13. Jesus called himself the true
15. A term for showing reverence and gratitude, often in a religious context
18. Romans 15:13 encourages it
19. A term for disobedience to God
20. Active perseverance in the face of trials, in scripture
21. Chief antagonist in New Testament
22. The one who presented Jesus to the people as their king
23. Biblical brother of Martha and Mary of Bethany
27. Derived from the Old English word meaning good news

ACROSS

1. One who rescues according to Scripture
4. Tyrant king in the Gospels
6. The prophesied redeemer
8. Herod, for example, in the New Testament
9. Founder of Christianity
10. Promoter of Jesus' teachings
11. Eternal life received by faith
12. Not by sight, but by this
14. Allegorical stories Christ used to share wisdom
16. New Testament word for a non-Israelite
17. Connected to baptism in the New Testament as a symbol of new life in Christ
20. A person with a divinely inspired vision
24. The ability of Jesus to cure illnesses and diseases
25. Blessed emotion in the New Testament
26. Miracle of Jesus rising from the dead



FOR FURTHER STUDY

Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷ When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸ saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹ But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰ The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹ God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalms 118:14-29

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

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

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

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

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

¹⁹ Open 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."

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

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

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

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Hosanna! O LORD, save us!
We pray to you, LORD, prosper our days!

²⁶ Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD;
we bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God and has given us light.
Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

²⁸ You are my God, and I will thank you;
you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: Richie Moye, Chris Carrion, Daunte Carrion, Paul Addy, Owen Plane, Jennifer Allen, Sara Monts, Terri Vick-Phillips, Mallory Phillips, Lawson Assey, Charles Stearns, Emily Sippel, Garry O'Neal Caroline Busbee, Beth Waring.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

James Campbell, Kay Smith, Carolyn Dufries, Lauren Addy
Linda Price, Lynda Mason, Bruce Merchant

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

John Conrad, Grace Kelly, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen
Mary Davis, Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie
Dennis Rybicki Jr., Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs
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Salvador Brau, Johnny Smith, Pam Player, Anne Moye, Isabelle Sundlie

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Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

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