

# THE LITURGY OF WORD & SACRAMENT

## RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: Easter Day

### SUNDAY, April 5, 2026 10:00AM

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REGULAR PRINT = PRESIDING MINISTER OR ASSISTING MINISTER

**BOLD PRINT** = CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSES

✠ = AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT THE SERVICE, THE SIGN OF THE CROSS MAY BE MADE BY ALL IN REMEMBRANCE OF THEIR BAPTISM

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*The red EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP service book and hymnal is used for the liturgy.*

### WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(We Stand)*

*Words to be spoken or sung by the assembly are indicated in **bold type**.*

### CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Loving God,

**we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection  
but are caught in the worries of the world.**

**We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life  
but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.**

**Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.**

**Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain  
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.**

**Call us back to Your ways, O God,  
to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.**

**In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.**

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.

Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!"

We have seen Christ, too, in every helping hand, in every heartfelt gift,  
in every choice to restore life in this world.

We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.

You are forgiven; accept your forgiveness and know that God loves you  
and desires great joy for your life. Walk forward on this journey of faith,  
knowing your brothers and sisters are with you.

**Amen.**

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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!

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

II Corinthians 13: 13

**And also with you.**

## LITANY OF WELCOME

God has shown us what is good, and what then is required of us?

**To act justly; to love mercy;  
and to walk humbly with our God.**

Micah 6: 8

Jesus says, "Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me,  
and anyone who welcomes me  
welcomes the One who sent me."

Matthew 10: 40

**The Spirit says, "Come."**

**Let each one who hears the Spirit say, "Come,"  
for all are welcome here.**

Revelation 22: 17

In this service, let us draw near to our Reconciling Redeemer,  
who knows our hearts and is able to mend our souls,  
to strengthen and sustain us,  
to reconcile our broken relationships and heal our wounds.

**Let us worship God now**

**With words that proclaim God's inclusive love,  
With works that bring forth God's powerful justice,  
And with worship that rejoices in God's wondrous presence,  
Now and always,  
Amen!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

# Majesty

Jack Hayford  
Em

Maj-es-ty! Wor-ship His maj-es-ty! Un-to Je-sus be all glo-ry,  
hon-or, and praise! Maj-es-ty, king-dom, au - thor-i-ty,  
flow from His throne un - to - His own; His an-them raise!  
So ex - alt, lift up on high the name of Je - sus!  
Mag-ni - fy, come, glo - ri - fy Christ Je - sus the King!  
Maj - es - ty! Wor-ship His maj - es - ty!  
Je - sus who died, now glo - ri - fied, King of all kings!

## The PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and psalm.*

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

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A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**Read responsively**

<sup>1</sup>O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel say,

**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**

**“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”

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

<sup>18</sup>The LORD has punished me severely,  
but he did not give me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup>**I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.**

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

<sup>23</sup>**This is the LORD’s doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

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

**SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

A reading from Colossians.

<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.


The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### Gospel Acclamation: "Hallelujah!" from Messiah (abridged)

G. F. Handel



Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

For the Lord God om - ni - - po - tent reign - eth! And Christ shall reign for - ev - er and ev - er.

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

### 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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

*The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

## In the Garden



1. I come to the gar-den a - lone, — While the dew is
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice — Is so sweet the
3. I'd stay in the gar-den with Him — Tho' the night a -



still on the ros - es; And the voice I hear, fal - ling on my ear,  
birds hush their sing - ing; And the me - lo - dy that He gave to me  
round me be fal - ling; But He bids me go; thro' the voice of woe,



The Son of God dis - clo - ses.  
With - in my heart is ring - ing. And He walks with me, and He  
His voice to me is cal - ling.



talks with me, And He tells me I am His own, — And the joy we



share as we tar - ry there, None o - ther has e - ver — known.

## Nicene Creed

**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.**

*The service then continues with the prayers of intercession.*

# Prayers of the Church and Response

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system has the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call, an-swer me." The second system has the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come, and lis-ten to me." The piano accompaniment features chords such as Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, G/B, C, Am, B, Em, Em/D, Am/C, D, Em/G, Am7, B, and Em.

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

*A brief silence.*

Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. 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. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

***O Lord, hear my prayer...***

Command your angels concerning all who are sick, especially those we remember silently in our hearts and with voice upon our lips (pause) David Cossey (*stepfather of Ben Bullock*); Maria Gallego (*mother of Pastor Steven*); Tiffanie Reeves; Joe Black (*father of Lynn Black*); Bill Black (*brother of Lynn Black*); Sharon Baldwin; Tracy Hamiter; Connie Pool; Emmy Reeves; Bobbie Prosser; Sarah Trani; Jeff Harrell; James Deckle; Sharon May (*wife of Peggy Thompson*). God, in your mercy,

***O Lord, hear my 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.**

*The assembly remains standing for sharing the Peace.*

## PEACE

ELW pg. 106

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you!**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say,  
"Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

## The OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

### Offertory Anthem

*"Come, Ye Faithful Raise the Strain"*

Choir

words by John of Damascus, 8th century, tr. by John Mason Neale, 1859

music by Arthur Seymour Sullivan, 1872

- 1 Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel into joy from sadness;  
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters;  
Led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.
- 2 'Tis the spring of souls today; Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;  
All the winter of our sins, long and dark, is flying  
From His light, to whom we give laud and praise undying.
- 3 Now the queen of seasons, bright with the day of splendor,  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who, with true affection,  
Welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection,
- 4 Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal hold Thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.

# DOXOLOGY

## Praise God for Love We All May Share

Hymns of the Spirit, 1937

Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God for love we all may share. Praise God for beau-ty

The first line of musical notation is in G major and 4/4 time. The treble clef staff contains the melody, starting with a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, C5, and D5. The bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

ev - 'ry - where. Praise God for hope of good to be.

The second line of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a quarter note E5, followed by quarter notes D5, C5, B4, and A4. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

Praise God for truth that makes us free. A - men.

The third line of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff has a quarter note G4, followed by quarter notes A4, B4, and C5. The bass staff continues with chords. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

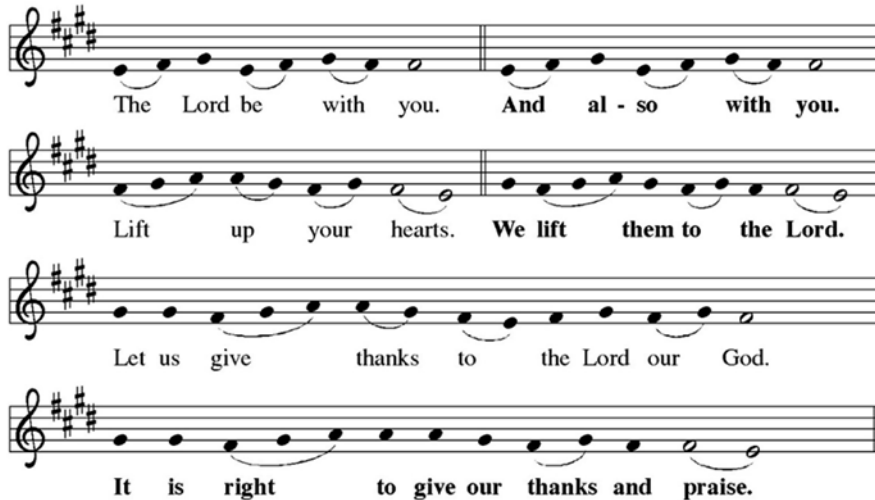
## OFFERING PRAYER

*Let us pray.*

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE and SANCTUS

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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty. When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life. You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

## LAMB OF GOD



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.

## THE COMMUNION OF THE BELOVED

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet. **Amen.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR WORSHIP IS THIS SHARED MEAL

*ALL ARE WELCOME* to join us as members of God's family in Christ, as we share in this powerful gift of God's love and grace for the whole human family. We gather around the altar, kneeling or standing, wherever there is a place. The presiding minister offers wheaten wafers but can provide a gluten free wafer by request.

The assisting minister offers individual cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) for you to choose. The church also affirms our Lord's full presence in, with, and under each element alone. If you prefer to commune in your pew with a prepackaged communion set, please alert an usher.

### COMMUNION SONG

#### Let Us Break Bread Together



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;  
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

## COMMUNION SONG

### This Is My Body

traditional

Edward Bonnemere

This is my bod - y giv-en up for you, — This is my  
blood poured out for you. — This is my bod - y giv-en  
up for you, — This is my blood poured out for you.  
Bod-y of Christ. A - men. — Blood of Christ. A - men. —  
Bod-y of Christ. A - men. — Blood of Christ. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (Bb), and a 6/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The second and third staves continue the melody and lyrics. The fourth and fifth staves repeat the final phrase of the hymn. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### Jesus, Lamb of God

Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name;  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, wor - thy is your name.

The musical score is written on two systems, each with a grand staff (treble and bass clefs). The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is a simple, four-note phrase: G4, A4, Bb4, G4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

*The assembly stands and the presiding minister says a table blessing.*

## **THE TABLE BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen!**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Let us pray.*

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.. **Amen.**

## **COMMISSION and BENECTION**

**We shall celebrate Easter! Alleluia!**

**We shall bring love to those who are sad**

**And share joy with those who are happy**

**We will live our lives to the glory of God**

**We will live in Easter joy and Easter hope**

**And bring new life to those we meet. Alleluia!**

May the blessing of God the Creator be upon this place,

The blessing of Christ our Redeemer be upon us,

The blessing of the Spirit, hallowed and healing, be on our lives,

The blessing of the Triune God be on all who seek an encounter with the loving and divine. **Amen.**

## SENDING HYMN

# Because He Lives



1. God sent his Son, they called him Je - sus, he came to love,  
2. How sweet to hold a new-born ba - by and feel the pride  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er; I'll fight life's fi -



heal, and for - give; He lived and died to buy my par - don.  
and joy he gives, but great - er still the calm as - sur - ance  
nal war with pain; And then as death gives way to vic - t'ry,



An emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
This child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause he lives.  
I'll see the lights of glo - ry, and I'll know he lives.



Be - cause he lives, I can face to - mor - row; Be - cause he lives,



all fear is gone; Be - cause I know he holds the fu - ture,



And life is worth the liv - ing just be - cause he lives.

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Share the good news.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



### EASTER LILY PLANTS

***Given to the glory of God and In Memory of***

Sue ZurSchmiede by Lynn Black

My father, Winford Norris Pearson, Sr. by Donna Marie Pearson

Frankie Prater and Ed Prater by Julia Prater

Larry Preslar by Gloria Preslar

My parents, Rev. Luther and Dorothy Platt Jeffcoat

Blanche Smith by Carlotta Stackhouse

Joanne Kelleher, Steven Zaleski by Joyce Zaleski

Jacqueline Hall Schohn & Fran Byars Hall by J. Michelle Schohn

***Given to the glory of God and In Honor of***

The Ritchie family by Eddie Ritchie

Mary Ann Glantz by Mary Glantz

Elizabeth Cunningham by Carlotta Stackhouse

Worship Musicians by Dorothy Jeffcoat

*We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who generously donated towards the Easter lily plants. Your contributions not only brighten our sanctuary but also reflect the spirit of love and community that defines our church. Thank you for helping us make this Easter season even more special.*

### **Easter Potluck**

Join us after worship in the Fellowship Hall for Easter potluck brunch and children's Easter Egg Hunt. All are welcome.

### **Sunday Bible Study – 9:15 AM**

Join Pastor Steven each Sunday at 9:15 AM as we explore trees throughout Scripture and their connection to humanity, including reflection on the Tree of Life.

### **April 26 @ 12 pm**

Pastor Steven would like to celebrate the talented people in our congregation. If you have a talent that you would like to share or show off, let pastor know. He is looking for artists, singers, comedians, knitters, crocheting, martial arts people, and anything else that you may want to showcase. We can display art and paintings along with the show. We have a plot of land on the church grounds that is not being used. The church council has decided it is a good idea to put some raised garden beds on it. If you would be interested in helping to grow some fruits and vegetables, please let Pastor Steven know.

### **T-Shirt Orders**

T-shirt orders are still being accepted. The first batch has been distributed, and a second order will be placed soon. Download the order form and return it to Pastor Steven or Deacon Dot Jeffcoat on Sunday or email your order to [pastor@reformationcae.org](mailto:pastor@reformationcae.org). Payment may be made by cash, check (please note “t-shirt” in the memo), or online.

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that believes Christ calls us to serve others with joy. Safe Space Dinners, a ministry for homeless LGBTQIA+ youth, including people of color. The ministry is simple. On the second and fourth Thursday of each month, these youth (14-23 years old) are offered a safe space and time to gather for a time to rest and recharge, a home-cooked meal, a haircut, and a backpack of items they will find helpful in their day-to-day life. There are always a number of games to play, including video games. Sometimes we have entertainment from the community. There is no preaching, no conversion therapy attempts; only support and comfort. This is a ministry of giving – nothing more.