



*Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

**St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church  
The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day – April 5, 2026**

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*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning!  
Know that you are welcome here just as you are.*

*If you are looking for a church to call home, why not consider making this one your own? If this is your first time worshipping at St. John, please fill out the visitor information card stapled to your bulletin.*

*Everything you need to follow worship can be found in this bulletin. As you are comfortable, please rise when there is an \* and join in the congregational responses, noted in **bold**. All songs are marked with numbers. The red book in the pew has all the songs. Look for the large number in the upper corner of the page to find the correct song.*

*During the time of **Peace**, you are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcomed to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

*At the time of **Offering**, you are invited to share a gift. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Online gifts may be made using the QR code below:*



*You may also offer updates to our ongoing prayer list using the yellow cards in the pews and placing them in the offering plates. **Guest information cards** and member attendance cards (attached to the front of the bulletin) may also be placed in the offering plates.*

*As Lutherans, we believe Christ is truly present in the elements of the Lord's Supper. At the time of **Holy Communion**, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward via the center aisle, receive the elements, and return via the side aisles. We begin at the front of the right side, commune all on the right side, then we will invite the left side forward. When you come forward, you may receive the bread from the pastor (gluten free wafers are available), then pre-filled cups with wine or grape juice from the assisting minister. You may consume the elements after receiving them then place the empty cup in the tray held by the acolyte. Those who do not receive Holy Communion are welcome to come forward for a blessing.*

*If you need a **restroom**, restrooms are located on the bottom floor at the far side of the building from the elevator. Restrooms may be accessed either via the stairs in the rear of the sanctuary, the stairs by the Greeting Area, or the elevator.*

*A **playroom** is available downstairs for children who need a break from the worship service. This room is by the elevator on the lower level. An adult must remain with the child. Children are also welcome to utilize the books and puzzles available in the Greeting Area on the top level by the elevator.*

*As you prepare for worship, you are invited to fill out the blue prayer request forms located in each pew. The cards will be collected during our hymn of the day, and prayers will be offered during the prayers of intercession.*

## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## GATHERING

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

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN *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!

**\*GREETING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord for the Lord is good!

**God's mercy endures forever.**

**\*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Creating God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

**You lead us beside still waters.**

We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew and gentle rain.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Redeeming God, Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness

**who accompanies us on our journeys.**

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Sustaining God, Holy Spirit, you are the breath of life.

**Who calls us, gathers us, and declares us holy.**

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Break down barriers that divide us. Blessed are you.

**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

People of God, in your baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born  
anew, called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the  
Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all  
people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.**

**Empower our witness to your resurrection.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, We give you thanks, O God for in these waters, you  
promise welcome, forgiveness, and life everlasting, and you claim us as your beloved children.


**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen**

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Let us sing for joy at God's victory over death!

# \*THIS IS THE FEAST


*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be




peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

*Refrain*



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of




vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and




join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING: Adult Choir – *Bread of Life, Living Water***

Music and Text by Michael Veatch

## **WORD**

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

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34–43**

*Peter’s sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”*

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.**

*How do we witness to what Jesus has done and is doing in our daily lives?*

*Silence for reflection*

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

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

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.**

*How do our lives reflect resurrection as the focus and motivation for our lives?*

*Silence for reflection*

**\*GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL (ELW 172)**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

**\*GOSPEL READING: Matthew 28:1-10**

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

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.**

*How do you proclaim this good news in “fear and great joy”?*

*Silence for reflection*

**\*GOSPEL RESPONSE (ELW 164)**

*The cantor will sing the leader part,  
the congregation is invited to join in the "all" parts and all group parts.*

Leader



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

All



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!

Leader




To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

All




To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!

Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



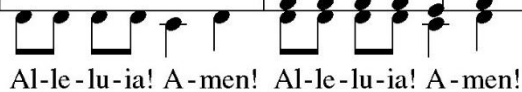
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Group 1




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2



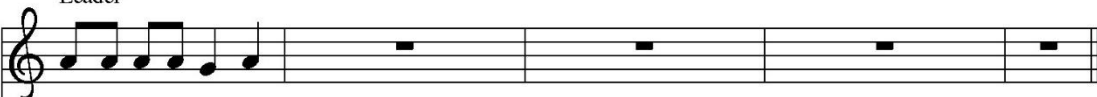
Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Leader




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3




Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A-men!

Group 1, 2, 3



Al-le-lu-ia! A - men!

**MUSICAL OFFERING: Sunday School Choir – *Risen for Me***

by Angie Killian and Monica Scott  
*Praise ye the Lord* (traditional)

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Alleluia! Voices Raise* (ELW 828)**

*(Blue prayer cards are collected)*



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing God Al -  
 2 Now come all be - fore God's face, in this cho - rus  
 3 Let, in praise of Christ, the sound run a nev - er -  
 4 So this huge wide orb we see shall one choir, one  
 5 Thus our song shall o - ver - climb all the bounds of



might - y's praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 take your place. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 end - ing round, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 tem - ple be. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 space and time. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Hith - er bring in one con - sent heart and voice and in - stru -  
 And a - mid the mor - tal throng, be you mas - ters of the  
 that our songs of praise may be ev - er - last - ing, as is  
 In the Ho - ly Spir - it one, we will sing what God has  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Voic - es raise, sound - ing God Al - might - y's



ment. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 song. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 he. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 done. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **\*NICENE CREED**

Let us confess our faith in the words of the 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.**

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the father." The phrase "and the son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## **\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

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 for reflection*

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. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our 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. 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 especially Geneva, Cherry, Henry, Harry, Sally, Debi, Anne, Karen, Nan, Beverly, those on our prayer list, all whom we remember aloud or in our hearts and all who suffer in any way. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

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, **receive our prayer.**

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

Living God, we carry in our hearts joys and concerns known only to you. We offer the prayer we bring into this space on this day (*blue prayer cards are read*) and all the prayers we do not yet have the words to speak. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love. Use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **\*PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*You are invited to turn to those around you and offer a word of peace. We suggest a handshake and saying, "Peace be with you." You are also welcome to offer another gesture of peace (wave, fist-bump, smile, etc.). Hand sanitizer is available in each pew.*

# MUSICAL OFFERING: Adult Choir *Christ is Risen, Alleluia*

Music by: Michael Baily, Text by Aaron Eastly

## MEAL

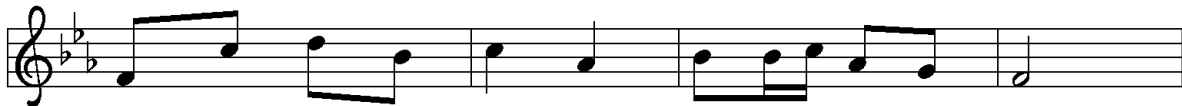
*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

## COLLECTION OF THE OFFERING

*You are invited to share a gift to support the ministries of this congregation during the following song. Envelopes are available in the pews if you prefer. Prayer requests, connection cards, and communion records are also collected at this time.*

## OFFERTORY HYMN *Now the Green Blade Rises* (ELW 379)

*Rise on verse 4*



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.

**\*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.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

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, 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:



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

**Alleluia!**

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.

**Alleluia!**

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.

**Alleluia!**

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 mystery of faith.  
**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

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**

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread, and you are invited to this meal of grace. Every one of us – with our doubts, our scars, our joy, our hopes, our questions – we are invited to God’s table. For here we will be fed and given a taste of an expansive life that is full to the brim with love, overflowing with joy. Now come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come. Taste and see that the Lord is good. This meal is for you.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Through this meal, we know forgiveness, life, and salvation as the blessings of God’s sacramental grace. In response to Jesus’ invitation, all baptized individuals are welcome to come forward and experience the real presence of Christ in the bread and wine. Those who do not receive the bread and wine are invited to come forward for a blessing. Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Communion may also be brought back to the pews for those who are unable to come forward.*

### **COMMUNION SONG *Lamb of God* (ELW 198)**



O Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *Thine Is the Glory* (ELW 376)



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  
 greets 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

*Refrain*



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!

# COMMUNION HYMN *Alleluia! Christ is Arisen* (ELW 375)

*Refrain/Estrillo*



¡A - le - lu - ya! Cris - to re - su - ci - tó  
Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is a - ris - en.



de ma - dru - ga - da el do - min - go.  
Bright is the dawn-ing of the Lord's day.



1 Fue - ron mu - jer - es al se - pul - cro.	La pie - dra, un
1 Run, faith - ful wom - en, to the grave - side.	Mar - vel, the
2 Rise, Mag - da - len - a, from your weep - ing;	Christ stands be -
3 Gath - er, dis - ci - ples, in the eve - ning:	sud - den - ly
4 Thom - as, where were you on that eve - ning?	"I'll not be -



án - gel re - mo - vió;	les di - jo: "Ha re - su - ci -
stone is rolled a - way!	Hear from the an - gel, "He is
fore your ver - y eyes.	Quick - ly re - turn to the dis -
Christ your Lord ap - pears.	"Look, it is I, your wound - ed
lieve un - less I see."	Christ comes a - gain, and ev - 'ry

*Refrain/Estrillo*



ta - do."	Y al ir - se, les sa - lió el Se - ñor.
ris - en."	Christ goes be - fore you all the way.
ci - ples;	bear the good news: "He is a - live."
Sav - ior.	Peace be with you, and do not fear."
Lord's day:	"Touch me and see; have faith in me."

**\*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**\*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise* (ELW 207)**



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

**\*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.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**\*BLESSING**

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus.

**Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May the Creator of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG *Christ is Living* (ACS 934)**



*¡Cris - to vi - ve, fue - ra el llan - to, los la - men - tos y el pe - sar!*  
1 Christ is liv - ing! Gone with sor - row! Tears and ter - ror, be no more.  
2 For if Christ is not a - ris - en there is noth - ing to be - lieve.  
3 Death is swal - lowed up in vic - t'ry; sin has lost its poi - son sting.



*Ni la muer - te ni el se - pul - cro lo han po - di - do su - je - tar.*  
Death and grave, you now are noth - ing; Christ is free of ev - 'ry pow'r.  
Je - sus' prom - ise is ac - comp - lished: "Since I live, you too shall live."  
Life will blos - som from the grain sown, Christ the first fruits of the spring.



*No bus - quéis en - tre los muer - tos al que siem - pre ha de vi - vir.*  
Why then seek the liv - ing Sav - ior in the haunts of death and fear?  
Dust we are, to dust re - turn - ing, but in Christ we are re - stored.  
For the sure - ness of sal - va - tion let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"



*¡Cris - to vi - ve! es - tas nue - vas por do - quier de - jad o - ir.*  
Christ is ris - en! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.  
Doubt dis - pel - ling, claim the tri - umph: Je - sus is the liv - ing Lord!  
Christ is ris - en! We are liv - ing! Spread the word of grace a - broad.

**\*DISMISSAL**

The Lord is my strength and song and has become my salvation.

**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

By the Lord this has been done.

**It is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!** (Psalm 118:14, 17, 23-24)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Go forth in joy to love and serve the risen Christ!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Assisting in worship today:

**Assisting Minister: Denise H.**

**Acolyte: Ava N.**

**Offering: Anna K. and Nathan K.**

**Young Reader: Carissa M**

**Attendance last week: 80 + 1 zoom**

## Notes for the day's texts:

Holy Week has hauled us through death, teaching us closely to follow Jesus as he prepared for his transfiguration on the cross. Baptism itself, during the dark hours of last night's Vigil, is another such foray. There is a death we die when we give ourselves wholly to God, and in the waters of baptism we are united to Jesus in death to be finally and irretrievably pulled from the tomb of mortal life into God's dominion. In our community we know both the reality of death and the unshakable promise of the empty tomb. It is not wise to stray too far from these profound truths, and so on each Sunday we evoke the empowering experience of our hope in water, bread, and wine. The resurrection of Jesus has changed death. No longer can we look on death and see only death. Whether we whisper it in prayer before the darkness, or dive in to grasp hold of it and pull it forth like a man drowning, we proclaim, Christ is risen! Moreover, we are called to go forth with the women from the empty tomb to all the places of struggle, all the greened-up tombs our culture makes, there to witness to the power of God.

—*Jeffrey A. Merkel*

[Jeffrey A. Merkel, in *Homilies for the Christian People*, pp. 454-55.]

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## Next Week's Readings

Exodus 15:1-11, 19-21 *Song of Moses and Miriam at the sea*

Psalms 111 *I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. (Ps. 111:1)*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32 *Christ's resurrection: the fulfillment of God's promise to David*

John 20:19-31 *Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*