



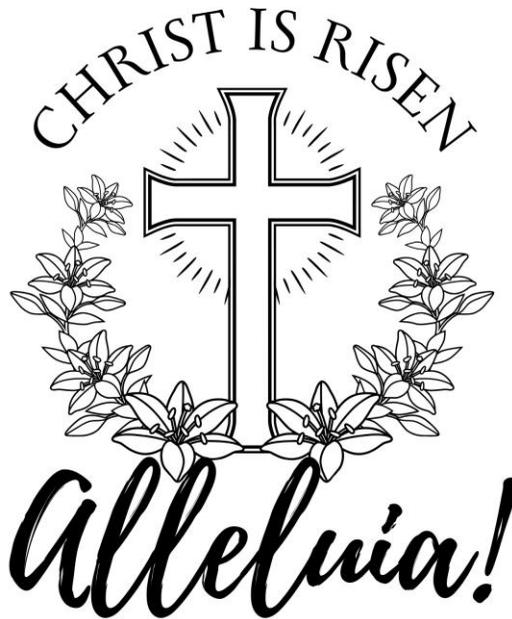
**MESSIAH**  
LUTHERAN CHURCH

MADISON, ALABAMA

*God's People. Reaching Out*

**March 31, 2024**

***Resurrection of our Lord***



***Good Morning and Welcome!***

Guests, we are so glad you are here. Please fill out the yellow “Connection Card” in the pew and place in the offering basket or give to the usher or the pastor as you leave. *Sound Assistance and staffed nursery available.*

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**SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**LBW Setting 2 with the Lord's Supper**

*\* Please stand as you are able*

*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

THE PRELUDE: "Trio on Orientis Partibus" (David Lasky)

Melanie Payne, Organist

THE GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

SERAPH CHOIR: "Amazing Grace" (John Newton)

Laura Simeone

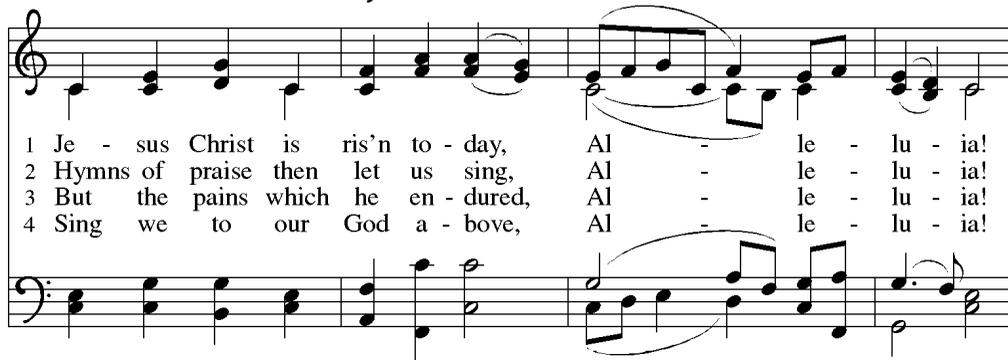
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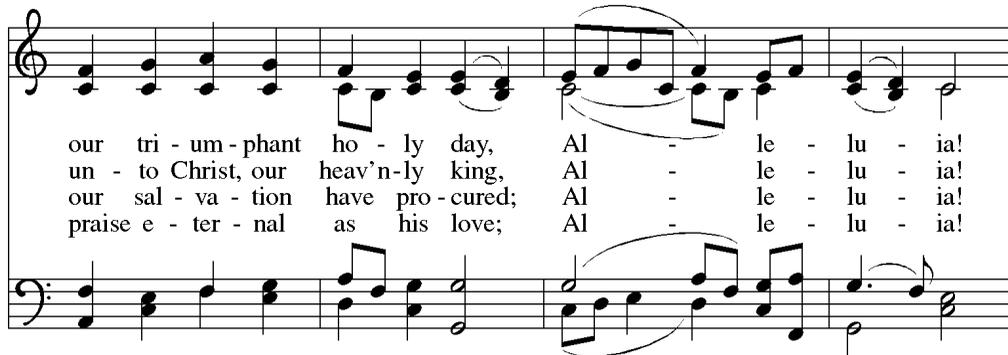
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\*HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

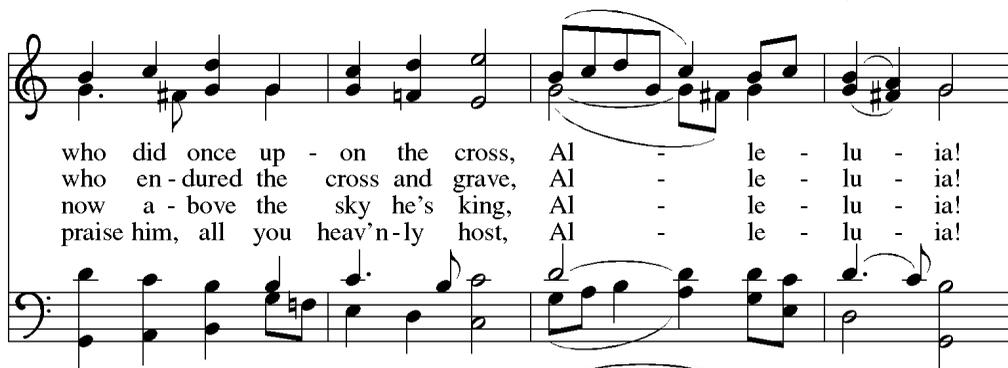
LBW 151/ELW 365



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 - pant 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!

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERLUDE “Christ is Risen, Alleluia”

Instrumental Ensemble

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden’s verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom’s land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life.  
Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus’ death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

Look, here is water!  
**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## \*THE GREETING

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



\*HYMN OF PRAISE



Ⓐ This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Ⓑ Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

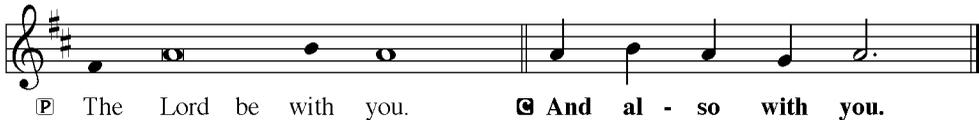


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

## \*THE SALUTATION



## \*THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘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 PSALM: *Psalms 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.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
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.

## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

NOTABELLA “Joyful Rhythm” (McChesney)

## THE SERMON

\*HYMN: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

LBW 128/ELW 369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

**\*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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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 PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**God of Grace,  
hear our prayer.**

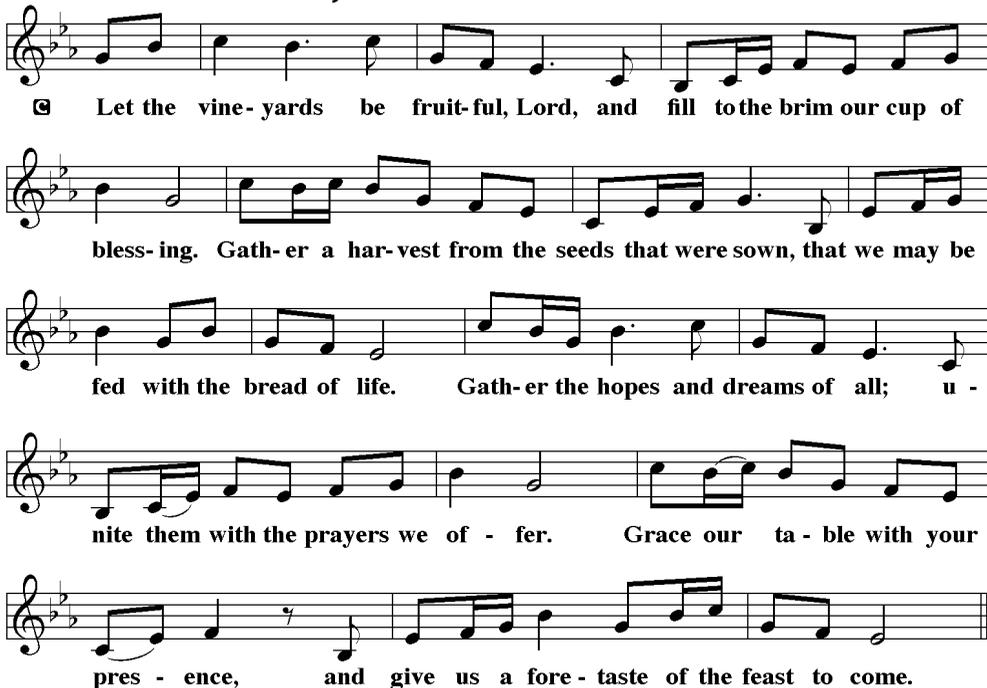
**\*THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**THE OFFERING**

**Choir Anthem: “All Earth Rejoice With a Gladsome Voice” (Vivaldi)**

**\*THE OFFERTORY: "Let the Vineyards"**

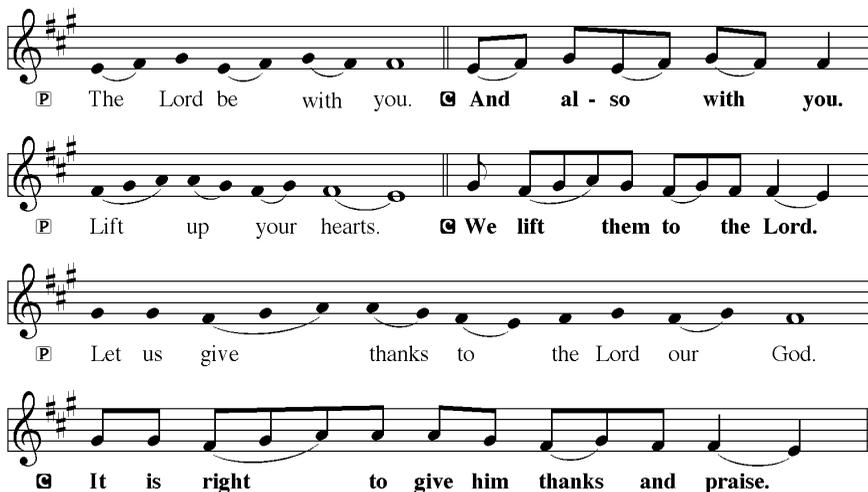


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

**\*THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

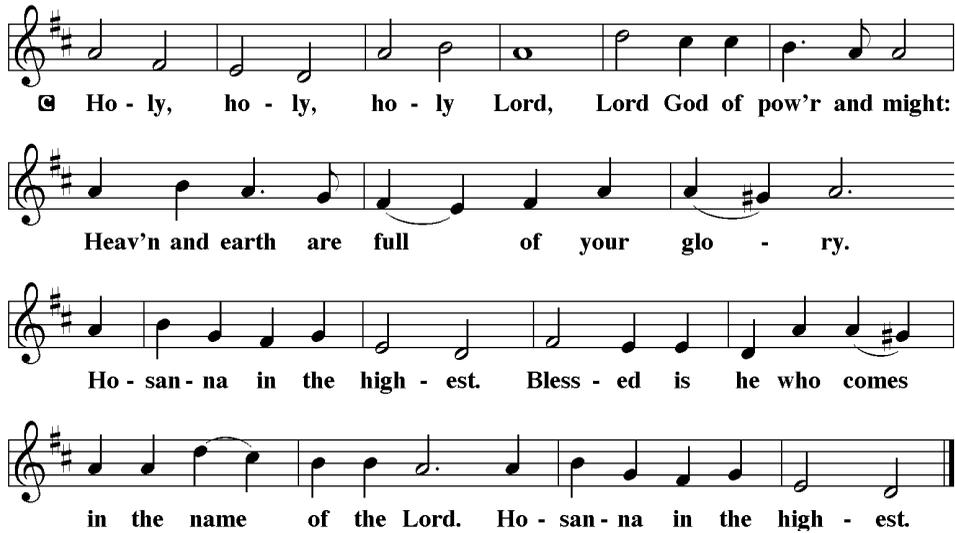
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING and THE PREFACE**



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 him thanks and praise.

## \*THE SANCTUS



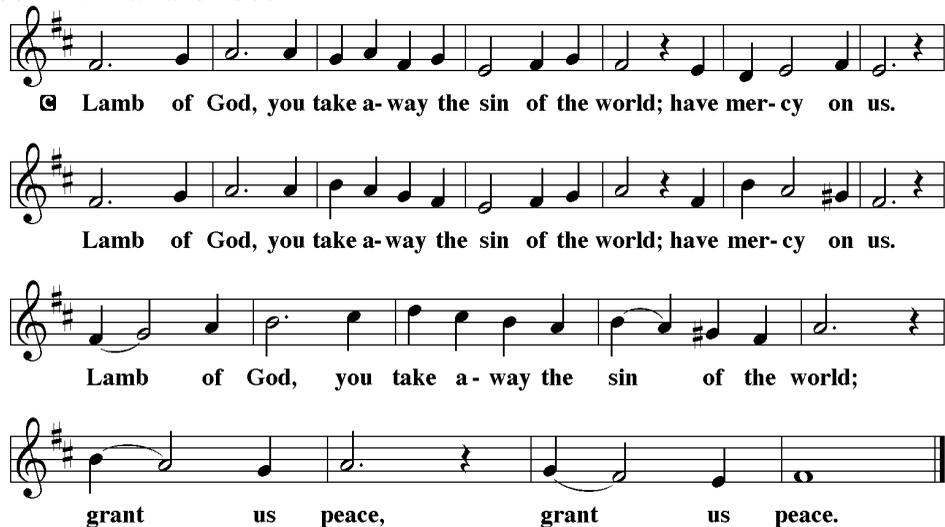
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## \*THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

### THE AGNUS DEI: "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 DISTRIBUTION

HYMN: "Now the Green Blade Rises"

LBW 148/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.

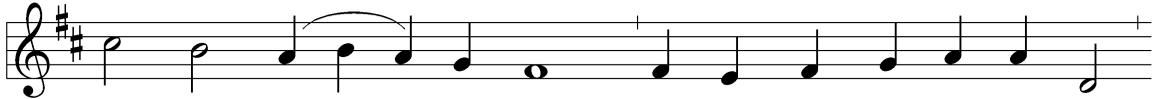
Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;  
 you have conquered in the fight,  
 you have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 newborn souls in you to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 now no more the grave enthrall;  
 you have opened paradise,  
 and your saints in you shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

Text: office hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.

Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

**☞ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what  
he has done. Let ev - 'ry - one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - calls his prom - is -  
es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.**

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**\*THE BLESSING**



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 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



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 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!

\*THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: "Classic Prelude in C"

(Gordon Young)

## WE REMEMBER IN THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH TODAY

**THE EASTER DISPLAY** is arranged by the Flower Guild. Please see the insert for dedications.

**ALL ARE INVITED** to enjoy Easter Breakfast in MLC's Parish Hall. The breakfast is a MLC Youth Fundraiser. Serving line open to 11:00 a.m. Free-will offerings support the Youth Travel Fund.

**A NURSERY**, staffed by Sarah Walker, is through the double doors in the Narthex leading to the Sunday School classrooms. Newborns, toddlers and children up to Pre-K are welcome.

**MLC RUMMAGE AND PLANT SALE** is Saturday, April 6, 2024. Drop off your gently used items for sale Thursday & Friday prior. No large appliances, electronics or other items considered hazardous waste if not sold. There will also be over a hundred plants available! If you have plants to donate, please mark them with their name/variety. Volunteers are also needed for staging, pricing, and for the day of the sale. POC Paulette McNamara

**A CELEBRATION OF MISSION AND THE RETIREMENT POTLUCK FOR CLAIRE STRAND** is planned for Sunday, April 21 at Noon in the Parish Hall. MLC will honor God's work through this gifted and caring disciple. Claire is retiring and plans to continue being active in the missions and ministries of MLC. The April "Messiah Messenger" and upcoming E-Messengers" will have links and details.

**SPRING HANDMADE MINI MARKET** to support MLC's three *Lunches for Learning* schools in Honduras is Sunday, April 21 in the Fellowship Hall after and between services of worship. Come shop a wonderful selection of items perfect for gifting to teachers, friends, hosts, or enjoying oneself. There's jewelry, crocheted and knit accessories and apparel, household décor, and more! Cash, Check, and Credit Cards accepted. 100% of money raised goes to feed and nourish students through the *Lunches for Learning* mission. POC Elaine Shriver

**MUSIC CAMP 2024 REGISTRATION IS OPEN** All children rising Kindergarten through rising 9th grade are welcome to experience Messiah Music Camp. The week-long camp is June 3 - 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a Saturday morning dress rehearsal on June 8, and a single Sunday morning presentation of the musical "Say What?" during worship on June 9 (9:30). The cost of the camp is \$100.00 with discounts available for siblings. Visit the Music Camp website at [www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org](http://www.musiccamp.mlutheran.org) to register. Opportunities to volunteer will be announced soon.

**KIT MINISTRY ITEM** - Dark Towels (52 x 27) **FOOD PANTRY** - Peanut Butter & Jelly (No Glass)

<u>Pastor</u>	Kristine Schroeder	<u>Greeters</u>	Mike & Judy Kidd (8:30)
<u>Director of Music</u>	Randall Fields		Chris Fossum, Anita deJong (11:00)
<u>Organist/Accompanist</u>	Melanie Payne	<u>Ushers</u>	Bruce Peter, Owen Wasmoen (8:30)
<u>Director of Outreach Ministries</u>	Claire Strand		Bruce Machamer, Tom MacNamara (11:00)
<u>Communication &amp; Tech Director</u>	Meredith Kilby	<u>Lectors</u>	Bonnie Flowers (8:30) Mike Mabry (11:00)
<u>Office Managers</u>	Bobbey Huwaldt	<u>Communion</u>	Bonnie F. /Laura Peterson/Mike M. (8:30)
	Meredith Kilby		Mike M./Laura P./Pastor Bill S. (11:00)
<u>Nursery Attendant</u>	Sarah Walker	<u>Cantor</u>	Emily Reed
		<u>Altar Guild</u>	LeeLinda Baggett (8:30)
			Jutta DeMarsh (11:00)
<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer</u>	Natalie	<u>Stream Team</u>	Glen Long, Stephen Strand
Zesinger, Sarah Rydbom, Logan Rydbom (8:30)		<u>Flower Guild</u>	Mary Burke, Jan Murphy, Reburta
<u>Acolytes/Bible Bearer/Cross Bearer</u>	Ryan		Spinas, Jean Stuart, Andrew, Gary & Linda Heideman
Fedrick, Thomas Seitz, Winnie Williams (11:00)		<u>Resurrection Cross</u>	Dan & Cheryl Byers

## **\*\*CHURCH CALENDAR\*\***

### **Sunday, March 31**

8:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

9:00 a.m. - Easter Breakfast - Parish Hall

### **Monday, April 1** - Office on Limited Staffing

### **Tuesday, April 2**

9:00 a.m. - Comforters

### **Wednesday, April 3**

5:00 p.m. - Confirmation Class

5:30 p.m. - Wednesday Night Dinner -

6:00 p.m. - Cherub Choir

6:00 p.m. - Seraph Choir

7:45 p.m. - Messiah Choir

### **Thursday, April 4**

9:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale Setup

### **Friday, April 5**

9:00 a.m. - Rummage Sale Setup

### **Saturday, April 6**

8:00 a.m. - Rummage & Plant Sale

### **Sunday, April 7**

8:30 a.m. - Service of Worship: Chicago Folk w/the Lord's Supper

9:45 a.m. - Sunday School for All

11:00 a.m. - \*Service of Worship: Chicago Folk w/the Lord's Supper

5:00 p.m. - Jr/Sr Youth Meeting

6:30 p.m. - Notabella

*\*These services are live streamed on [mlutheran.org](http://mlutheran.org)*

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

**April 20** - Messiah "Artreach" Card Worship

**April 21** - Mini Handmade Market - Fellowship Hall

Celebration of Mission & Retirement of Claire Strand Potluck

**May 5** - Congregation Meeting with Elections and Potluck

**May 19** - Pentecost Sunday, Affirmation of Baptism, Graduate Blessings

**June 3 - 9** - Messiah Music Camp

### **Attendance:**

March 17 - Online - 72 March 24 - 8:30 a.m. - 106, 11:00 a.m. - 78

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