

# ST. MICHAEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

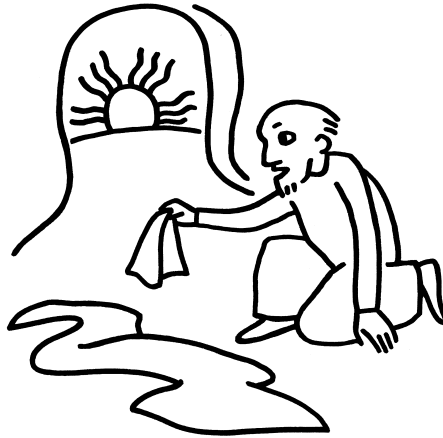
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*Our mission is to celebrate and share God's love in Jesus Christ*

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“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

Luke 24:5

**Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day**  
**April 17, 2022 at 8:15 & 11:00 AM**  
**Liturgy of Holy Communion**  
*Now the Feast and Celebration*

## **WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S!**

If you are visiting with us for the first time, please share in all that is ours in Christ! We invite you to consider making St. Michael's your church home. Please ask us about our participation in God's mission in the world. By God's grace we celebrate and share Christ.

*Our worship services this morning are streamed live to St. Michael's Facebook and YouTube pages. Please keep conversation to a minimum in the sanctuary, you may be picked up by our sound system. If you prefer not to be seen on camera please speak to an usher and they will seat you outside of the video frame. Thank you for your understanding.*

## **THANK YOU!**

Thanks to all who have shared their gifts to make our journey through Holy Week and our celebration of Easter so special. Thanks to all of the worship assistants, choir singers, bell ringers, instrumentalists and our altar guild. Special thanks to Kelly Mosely in the church office for preparing our worship resources. Thanks to Paul Makin, our custodian, for keeping our building in great shape. Thanks to Director of Music Mark Dishong for his leadership in our music ministry and for his musical gifts. Thanks to Pastor Chris Bruesehoff for proclaiming the Word during this sacred season. Please make note that Easter Monday is a holiday for the staff. Please also make note that Pastor Chris will be out of the office through Saturday, April 23. Pastor will be here next Sunday, April 24.

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## INTRODUCTION

*“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

**8:15 AM:** “Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”

**11:00 AM:** “Classical Easter” - Handbells

### GATHERING

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

*The assembly is invited to stand. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Pastor: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen.**

## EASTER ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

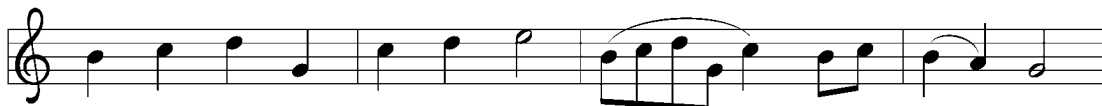
## GATHERING HYMN #365 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” EASTER HYMN



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

## GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**ALL: And also with you.**

## KYRIE

Cantor: In peace, in peace

### Refrain

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Cantor: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...

### Refrain

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have  
mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*to Verses*

Cantor: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...

### Refrain

*Cantor:* *Congregation:*

Let us pray to the Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

*to Verses*

mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy.

*Cantor:*

Help, save and de - fend us, O

*Congregation:*

God. A - men.

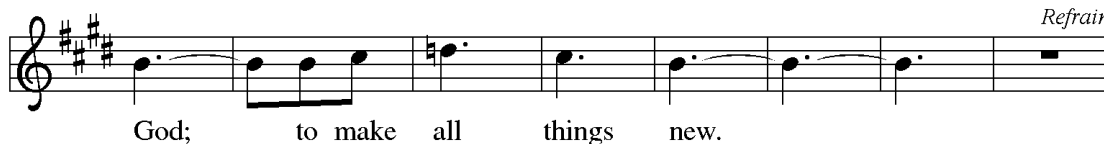
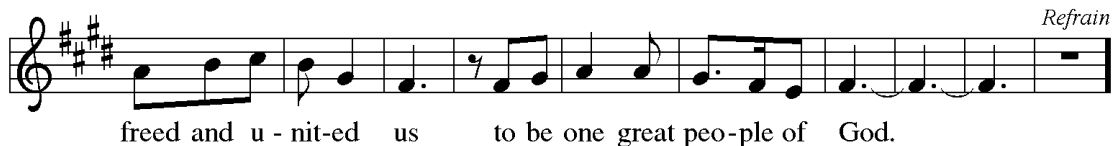
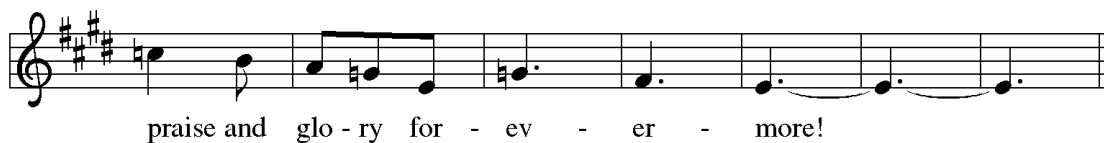
### HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Now the Feast"*

*Refrain*

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion

sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: 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.

**ALL: Amen.**

*The assembly is seated*

## **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.*

Lector: 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."

Lector: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*



Lector: A reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Lector: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

### GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12

*Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of his women followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.*

Presider: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.” <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated*

## **SERMON**

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

## **NICENE CREED**

**ALL: 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 PRAYERS**

Assisting Minister: On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world, responding with “receive our prayer”.

*A brief silence.*

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world especially all immigrants and refugees, those in harms way, and those working to protect the vulnerable. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way especially those we name aloud now...and those we hold in our hearts. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Assisting Minister: Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Pastor: We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**ALL: And also with you.**

*The assembly is seated*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

### MUSICAL OFFERING

**8:15 AM:** “*Christ Triumphant*” - Pietro A. Yon

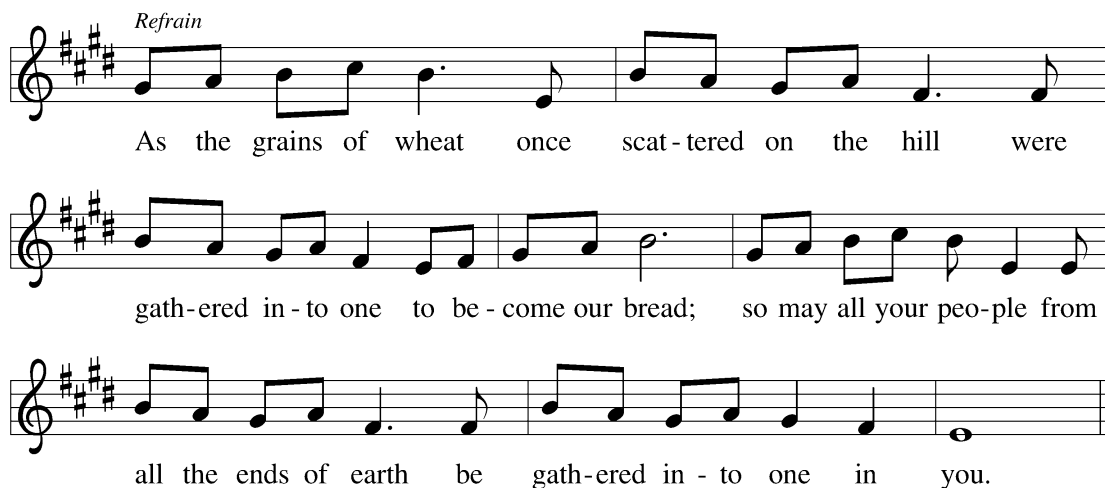
**11:00 AM:** “*Christ Is risen! Alleluia!*” - Adult Choir

*Offering is being gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. You are invited to place your offering in one of the offering plates located in the rear of the Sanctuary or send your offering to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.*

*The assembly is invited to stand.*

**OFFERTORY** “As the Grains of Wheat”

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless - ing is shared with - in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore - taste of all that is to come when



*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

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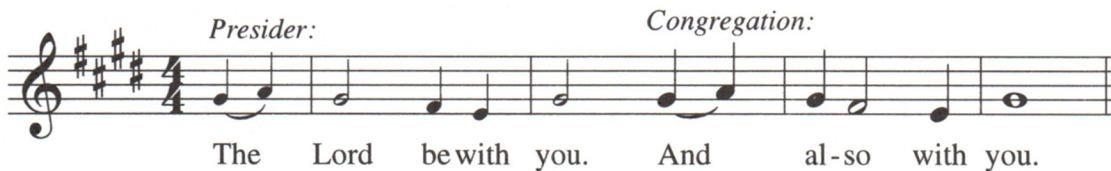
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## OFFERING PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**ALL:** Amen

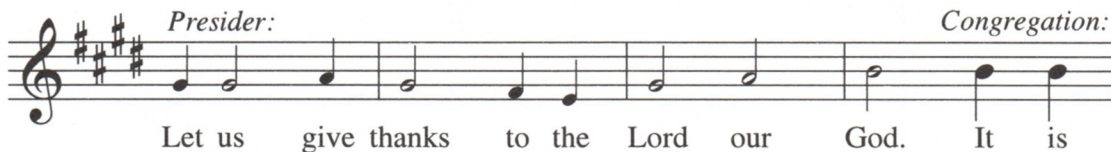
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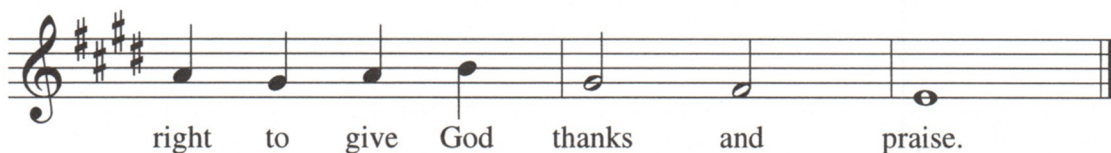
The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.



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



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is



## PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: 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:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**ALL: Come, Holy Spirit.**

Pastor: With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**ALL: Amen**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray:

**ALL: 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

Pastor: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

## LAMB OF GOD



1. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of ha - tred and fear;
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of jus - tice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mer - cy and love:



have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world:



grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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*The assembly is seated.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

*All who are guided by faith to receive the Lord's Supper are welcome at Christ's table. We give thanks as we receive the real presence of our resurrected Lord in, with, and under the bread and the wine. **Communion will be distributed continuously, in household groups, under the direction of the usher.** Take an empty cup to receive*



*from a pouring chalice (let the communion assistant know if you prefer grape juice). Please let the pastor know if you require a gluten free host. When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say “The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.” and each person may respond, “Amen”. Worshippers who are not yet communing are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

*After all have communed the assembly is invited to stand if able.*

## TABLE BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in Christ’s Grace **All: Amen.**

## SONG AFTER COMMUNION

*Congregation:*



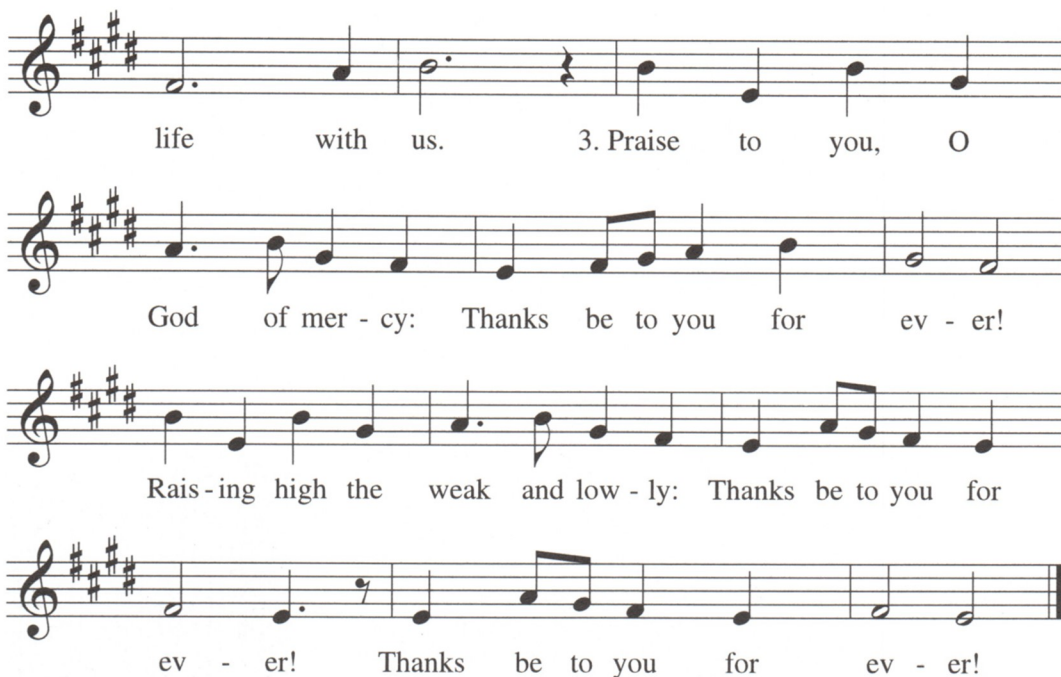
1. Praise to you, O God of mer - cy:  
2. From of old you loved and sought us:

Thanks be to you for ev - er! Rais - ing high the  
Thanks be to you for ev - er! Truth and jus - tice

weak and low - ly: Thanks be to you for ev - er!  
you have taught us: Thanks be to you for ev - er!

Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your

love, re - mem - b'ring your cov-e-nant of



### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Assisting Minister: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **ALL: Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### BLESSING

Pastor: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, + bless you now and forever. **ALL: Amen**

### SENDING HYMN

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!”

*ELW 382*



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;
- 3 Christ is ris-en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay
- 4 Christ is ris-en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-tur-ns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be-fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at-tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.

Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**ALL: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!”

***Altar Flowers*** - The altar flowers this Sunday are given to the glory of God by Lisa & Wayne Gess in celebration of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The flowers are given to the glory of God by Frances Olivo in honor of her son Kevin Olivo's birthday.

## **Special thanks to those who sponsored flowers to decorate the sanctuary this Easter:**

- Kathleen Abrams in honor grandchildren: Ben, Jordyn, Tim and Jessica and in memory of loved ones.
- Shirley Beers in memory of her husband Bob and her son David.
- Trudy & Allen Carr in honor of the Ukrainian people.
- Vicki & Jim Clemson in honor of loved ones.
- Kelly Daly & Ray Kratz in memory of Kelly's grandparents Bill, Dorothy, Allyn & MaryAnn and in memory of Ray's parents John & Florence.
- Leon & Linda David in honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of loved ones.
- The DeBacker family in memory of Charlotte Lodise & Evelyn Bowen.
- Tom & Vivian Gano in memory of Curtis Floyd Gano.
- Abby Gess in memory of grandparents Don & Winnie Gess and Victoria Hoagland.
- Wayne & Lisa Gess in memory of Megan Steigerwald.
- Lauren & Nancy Gromen in honor of their family and friends.
- Dave & Donna Hammer in honor of their grandchildren and in memory of their grandparents and parents.
- Edwin & Carol Jensen in honor of their grandchildren Caroline, Anna, David, Hannah & Abigail and in memory of Edward & Marie Klar.
- Bob & Doreen Mansilla in memory of Howard & Doris Thomas and Millie Mansilla.
- Kailey Mansilla in memory of Millie Mansilla.
- Kay, Wayne & James McConnell in memory of Nancy Ryan, Helen & Stanley

Steigerwalt, Marge McConnell and all loved ones.

- Ruth Morgenroth in memory of Stella & Carl Sundstrom.
- Mary Beth Neilson in honor of Anna, Charlotte, Howard & Alexandria Dobbs and in memory of Joan Neilson and loved ones.
- The Paton's in honor of their children and grandchildren and in memory of their parents.
- Dennis Purves & Erlinda Hair for those suffering psychologically and/or physically as a result of humanity's lack of compassion towards their fellow human beings.
- Janet Thompson in honor of Cooper Medeiros 8th birthday and in memory of her son Gregory Thompson.
- Wallace Family in memory of Martha & Martin Wallace.
- John Winkelman in memory of loved ones.
- Jill Zak in honor of My First Place for Health friends.

### **IHOC ANNUAL ADOPT A BOX**

The Interfaith Homeless Outreach Council is collecting personal care items for local homeless shelters and others in need. These items are requested by shelters:

<b>Soap/Washcloth</b>	<b>Deodorant</b>	<b>Baby Shampoo</b>	<b>Sunscreen</b>
<b>Comb/Brush</b>	<b>Toothbrush/Toothpaste</b>	<b>Feminine Products</b>	<b>Razors</b>
<b>Hand Sanitizer</b>	<b>Socks/Underwear</b>	<b>Shave Cream</b>	<b>Shampoo</b>

Sample/travel size packages are welcomed. Place items in shoe boxes or gallon size Ziploc bags. Boxes should be secured with rubber bands. Please label your box/bag: Man, Woman, Boy, Girl or Baby. Please drop off donations in the narthex by **Sunday, April 24th**. Contact Ruth Morgenroth with questions. Thank you for your support!

### **UPCOMING YOUTH GROUP EVENTS**

#### **Friday Night Hangout/Movie Night**

The next hang out will be April 22, 7-9pm. Join us for a movie night to see the Bad Guys. Please contact Elizabeth for information and to sign up.

### **MARTHA CIRCLE**

Martha Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:00 Noon, in the Social Hall. Kathleen Abram's group will be responsible for our lunch. Contact Kathleen with any questions.

### **JOSEPH'S HOUSE BREAKFAST CASSEROLES**

Joseph's House continues its ministry to feed the homeless in Camden. Thank you to the "Casserole Crew" for their support. **The next opportunity to provide twelve (12) breakfast casseroles is Thursday, April 28.** Please sign up using the new automated link: [https://bit.ly/jhbc\\_April22](https://bit.ly/jhbc_April22). Casseroles can be dropped off at the Elkins Road door on April 28 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.

### **EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE**

Since last month, the news of the Russian invasion of Ukraine has filled news reports and social media. Heartbreaking images of people saying goodbye to loved ones and lining up to leave the country have occupied our media.

People are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. Many of these Ukrainians need shelter and basic necessities as food, water and toiletries.

Lutheran Disaster Response is joining companion churches and partners in response to this crisis. These partners provide immediate support and supplies. Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton has joined other religious leaders from Europe and around the globe in issuing an interfaith call for peace in the region.

There are ways to help in support of those in Ukraine, Russia and neighboring countries affected by this crisis. Please pray for healing, peace and hope in their time of need. An offering labeled "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" can be placed in the offering plate in the rear of the Sanctuary or sent to the church office through the mail or by having your bank mail a check directly. You can also contribute using any of the electronic giving options found on our church website.

### **SAVE THE DATE - MAY 22**

Please plan to join a hands-on inter generational project to support Lutheran Social Ministries "Cherishing our Elders" program. LSM provides affordable housing, social services and healthcare to more than 1,400 NJ seniors. Many are home-bound and have limited incomes. LSM's ministry helps seniors with food and personal care items and nurtures fellowship with cards or room decorations. Our work session will begin with a light lunch at 12:00 Noon in the social hall. All ages and abilities welcome to join in! Project details to follow; contact Kay McConnell with questions. LSM info: <https://www.lsmnj.org/cherishing-our-elders/>.

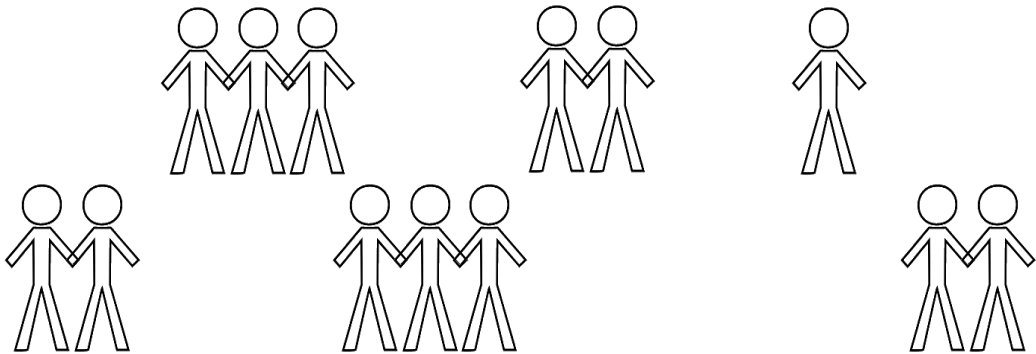
## DIGITAL SIGN IN

To help keep each other safe, you are welcome to sign in with our new digital sign in. Please use the QR Code that can be found here in the bulletin or on the tables in the Narthex. You are also welcome to still sign in on the hard copy on the table in the Narthex.



## WORSHIP SEATING ARRANGEMENTS

We recently eliminated our “every-other-pew” seating in the sanctuary in order to allow worshippers a little more flexibility when choosing where to sit. We are asking that folks try not to sit directly behind each other during worship and instead sit in-between the groups in the pew directly in front of you. Think about it like taking a class picture back in school, when you had to stand in the ‘window’ between the two people in front of you.



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