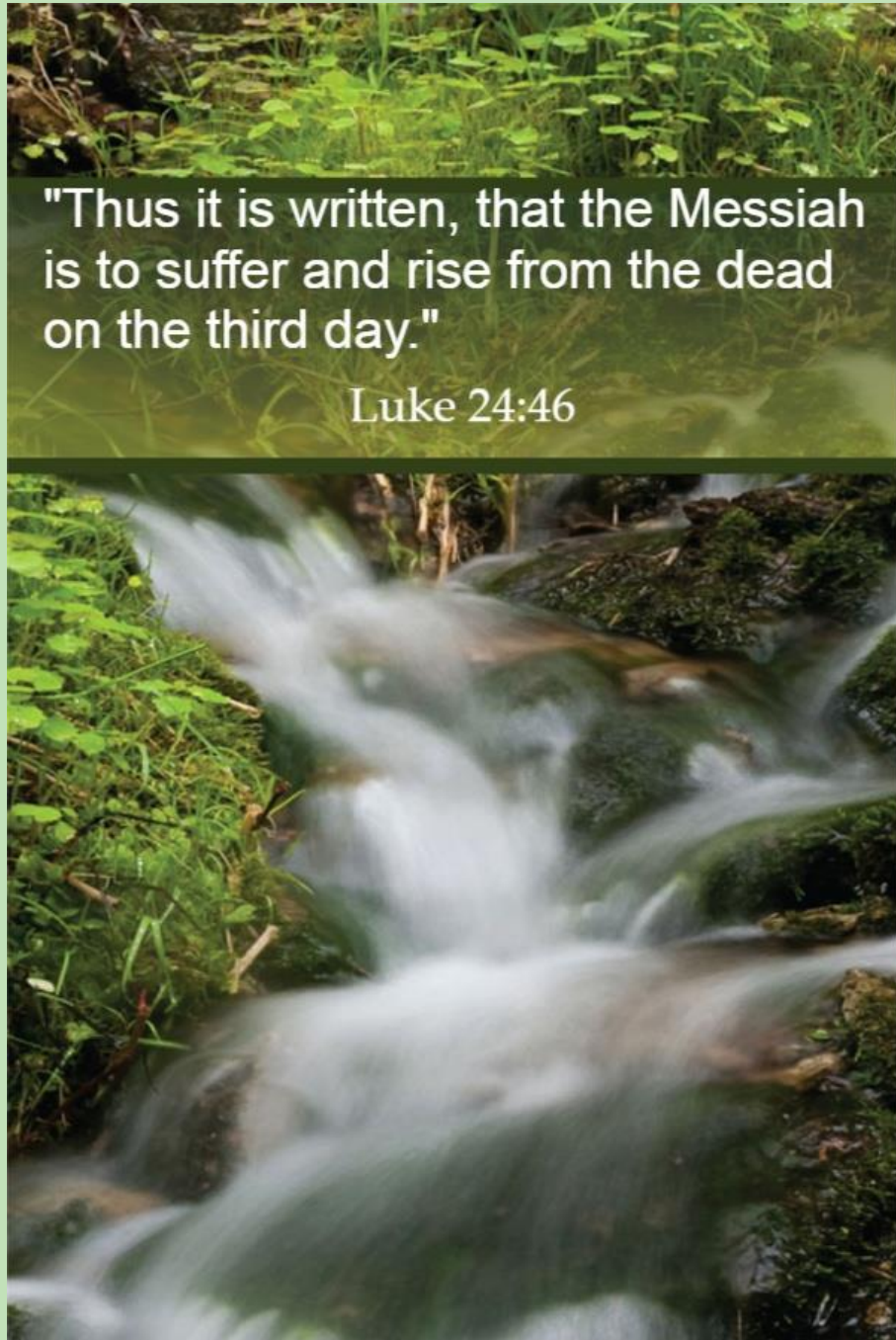


Welcome to:
First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio



April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PRELUDE

EARTH AND ALL STARS

Michael Burkhardt

Praise and Thanksgiving, Set 2

Earth and All Stars

Please stand.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Softly spoken.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed!

In a regular voice.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed!

Lifting our voices toward heaven.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: He is Risen, Indeed!

Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

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ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, he gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

GATHERING LITANY

P: We gather, a community of faith to celebrate.

C: God is among us.

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: That no darkness can extinguish the light.

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: That love is more powerful than death.

P: We gather to celebrate:

C: That peace is stronger than violence.

L: Together we celebrate that, we are called:

C: To go out!

L: We are called:

C: To care for all!

L: We are called:

C: To share the Gospel!

L: We are called:

C: To forgive and reconcile!

L: We are called:

C: To trust God for all that we need!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: As a community of faith, celebrating the light, love, and peace of the Risen Christ, Let us pray:

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

A READING FROM ACTS

3:12-19

R: A reading from Acts the 3rd chapter.

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

A READING FROM 1ST JOHN

3:1-7

R: A reading from 1st John the 3rd chapter.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. ⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

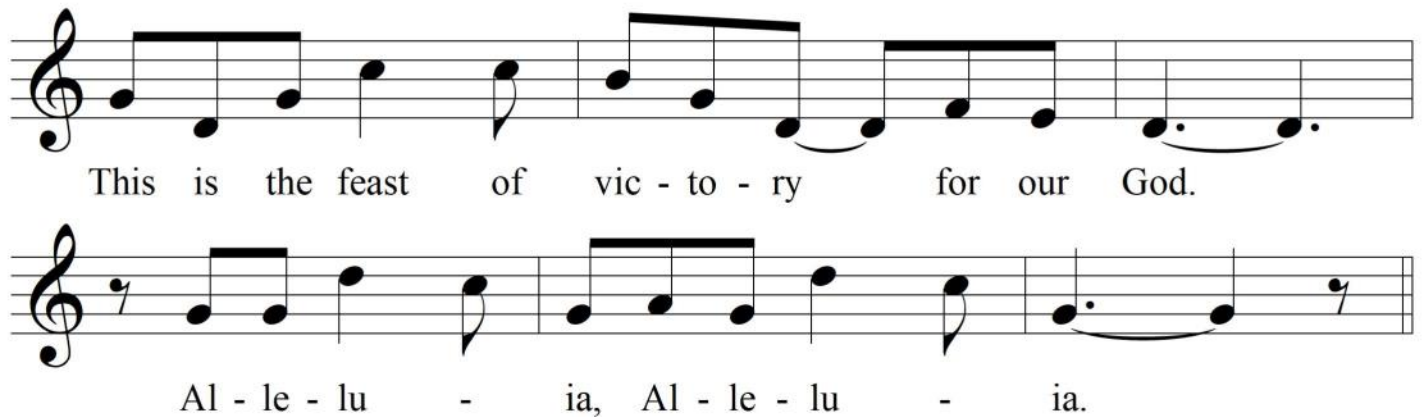
Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

After cantor sings the verse, we respond:



A READING FROM ST. LUKE 24:36B-48

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 24th chapter:



P: ^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scrip-

tures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Praise _____ to you, _____ O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Our Cantor will sing the verse. Then we respond:



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, Al-le-lu - ia.

Please be seated.

TODAY'S REFLECTION

Pastor C.J. Bailey



Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

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AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE



- 1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
- 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
- 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
where tri - um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy.



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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A LITANY FOR EASTER

P: O God, who made the world and everything in it,
we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

L: For skeptics and believers, for clergy high and low;
For those who seek God at home, at work, in the streets, and in the
pews, For all who search for life, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We are alive in the spirit.
We are saved through water.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For presidents and prime ministers, for bosses and wardens;
For those who set the course at home, at work, in the streets, and
in the pews, For all who wield power, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We do not fear what others fear.
We proclaim the hope that is in us.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For friends and lovers, for neighbors and strangers,
For those who eat bread at home, at work, in the streets,
and in the pews, For all who live in the world, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: In God, we live and move and have our being.
From God, we have life and breath and all things.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For the sick and troubled, for the fearful and alone,
For those in pain at home, at work, in the streets, and in the pews,
For all who suffer, come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: Our prayers are not rejected.
Our souls are held in life.
In truth, our God has heard us,
and love is not withheld.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: For those kept in memory, for those long forgotten,
For all who ever took the breath of life at home, at work, in the
streets, and in the pews, For the dead and those who mourn them,
come and listen:

C: And we will tell you what our God has done for us.

P: We are blessed by your presence.
We are filled with the Spirit.
Because Christ lives, we also live.

C: For we too are God's offspring.

L: God of heaven and earth, Companion in life, Spirit of truth,
to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts.

C: Thanks be to God!

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

You are encouraged to share the Peace of Christ with those around you as you feel comfortable.

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Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

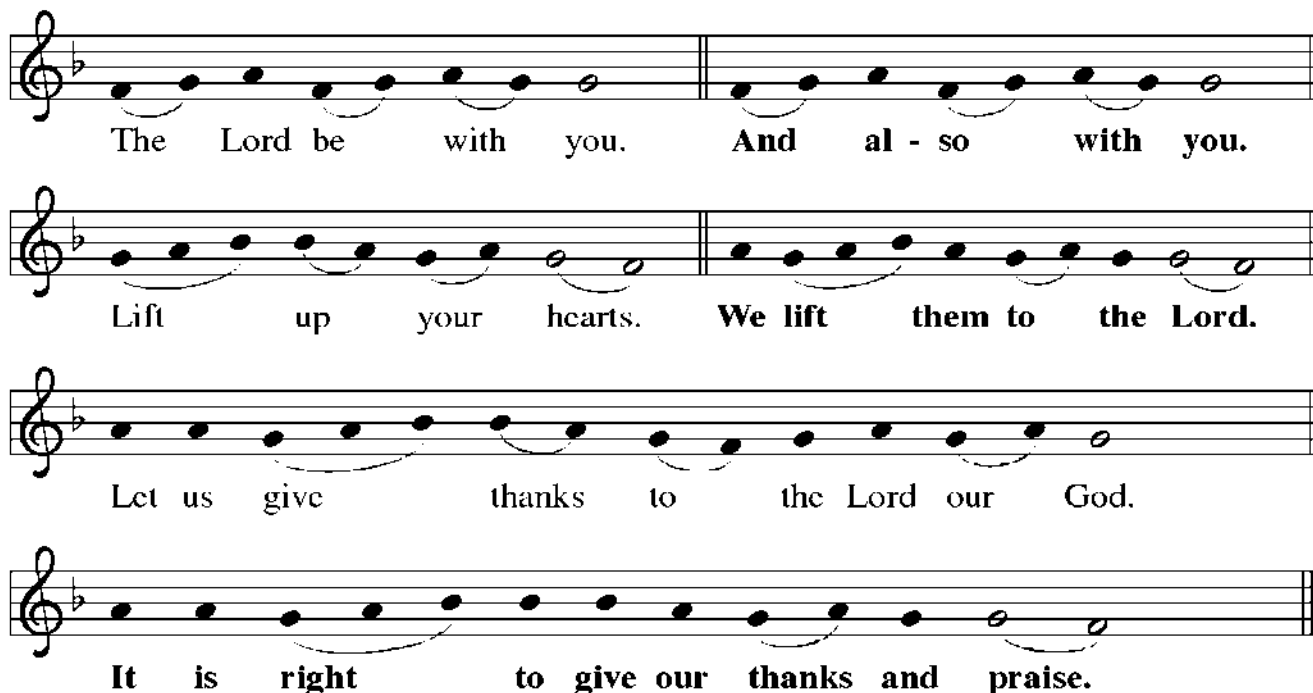
Please stand.

THE PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. 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. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

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

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

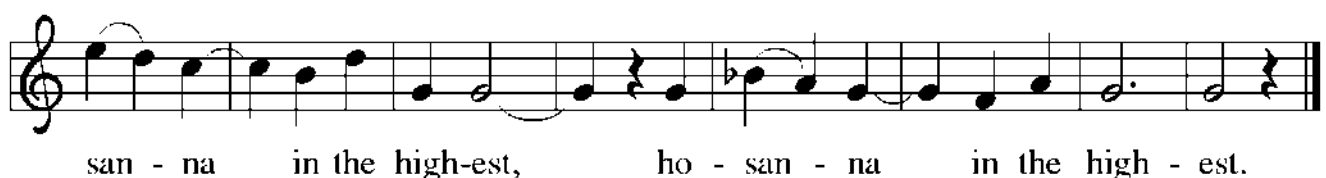
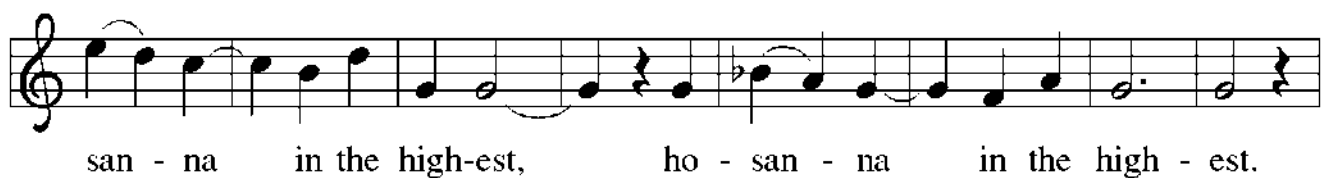
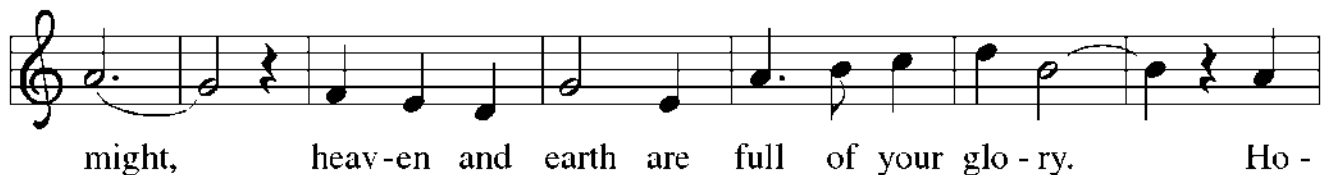
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

BLESSING OF THE MEAL

P: 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:

SANCTUS



THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: 
Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: 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 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.



LORD'S PRAYER

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: **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.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The Risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table!

Communion is distributed in two manners at First Lutheran.

- You may commune in your pews. Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex Doors. Pastor will share a blessing and all communing in place will commune together.*
- You may come forward, where you will receive the bread from pastor and a small cup of wine from the worship assistant. Cups can be disposed of in a basket located by our projector.*

AGNUS DEI

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

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DRAW US IN THE SPIRIT'S TETHER



1 Draw us in the Spir - it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er
ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

Text: Percy Dearmer, 1867–1936, alt.

Music: UNION SEMINARY, Harold Friedell, 1905–1958

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Please Stand.

THE TABLE BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.

Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and
share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: **Amen.**

THE BENEDICTION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: May the God of the resurrection, the Christ of unending joy, the
Spirit of Easter hope. Bless you now and always.

Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, A - men.' are written below the notes. The second staff begins with a quarter rest, followed by a half note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a half note D, a quarter note E, and a half note F. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, A - men!' are written below the notes. Both staves end with a double bar line.

SENDING SONG

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THE DAY OF RESURRECTION!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

THE SENDING

L: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is Risen indeed, Alleluia!**

P: Go in peace!

L: Rejoice and be glad!

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

ELLACOMBE

Albert L. Travis

The Day of Resurrection!

Today's Worship Leaders

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday	April 14
10:00 am	Worship on the 3 rd Sunday of Easter
11:15 am	Confirmation Class at Trinity UCC
Monday	April 15
1:30 pm	Bookworms
6:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
Tuesday	April 16
10:30 am	Morning Bible Study at the Willows
Thursday	April 18
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study.
Next Sunday	April 21
10:00 pm	Worship on the 4 th Sunday of Easter
11:15 am	Council Meeting

TLC ANNUAL GALA

The Seneca County Council on Homelessness invites the community to its Annual Gala.

**Saturday April 27th
6-9 p.m.**

This is the largest annual fundraiser which supports the Transformation Life Center, Tiffin's emergency women's homeless shelter. Tickets are \$50 per person and includes appetizers, a sit down meal, and dessert. The evening also include a presentation, music, and other events that share how we continue to transform lives at our shelter. For more information scan the QR code below or see Pastor Bailey.



Thank You

Thank you to everyone who donated and dedicated Easter flowers. You are invited to take them home after worship today.

Pentecost Geraniums

Forms for making geranium donations and dedications can be found on the lobby tables or in the Church Office.

Honor your family members, friends, confirmands, and graduates

Geraniums will be displayed for Pentecost on May 19th, before being planted by our faithful Weed Warriors. They would appreciate extra hands to help make the planting go faster.

Bible Studies

Monday Bible Study

This month's Women's Bible Study will gather at the home of Janet Meyer on Monday, April 15th. All ladies are welcome to be a part of this study and it begins at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

Our Tuesday Morning Bible Study will begin a new reflection on April 9th as we venture into the Synod's reflection on Rest. This five week study will finish out our spring reflections before we break for the summer.

The Tuesday Bible Study gathers at the Willows and begins around 10:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Peace Event

The Gospel of Peace Event

The community is invited to a Peace Tiffin Event which will take place at First Presbyterian Church. Together, we welcome Father John Dear on Wednesday April 17th at 7 p.m. as he shares his reflection on the Gospels and their perspective of nonviolence.



Our Mission Statement

“God is among us!”
**“We are called to go out, care for all, share the gospel,
forgive, reconcile and trust God for all that we need.”**

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