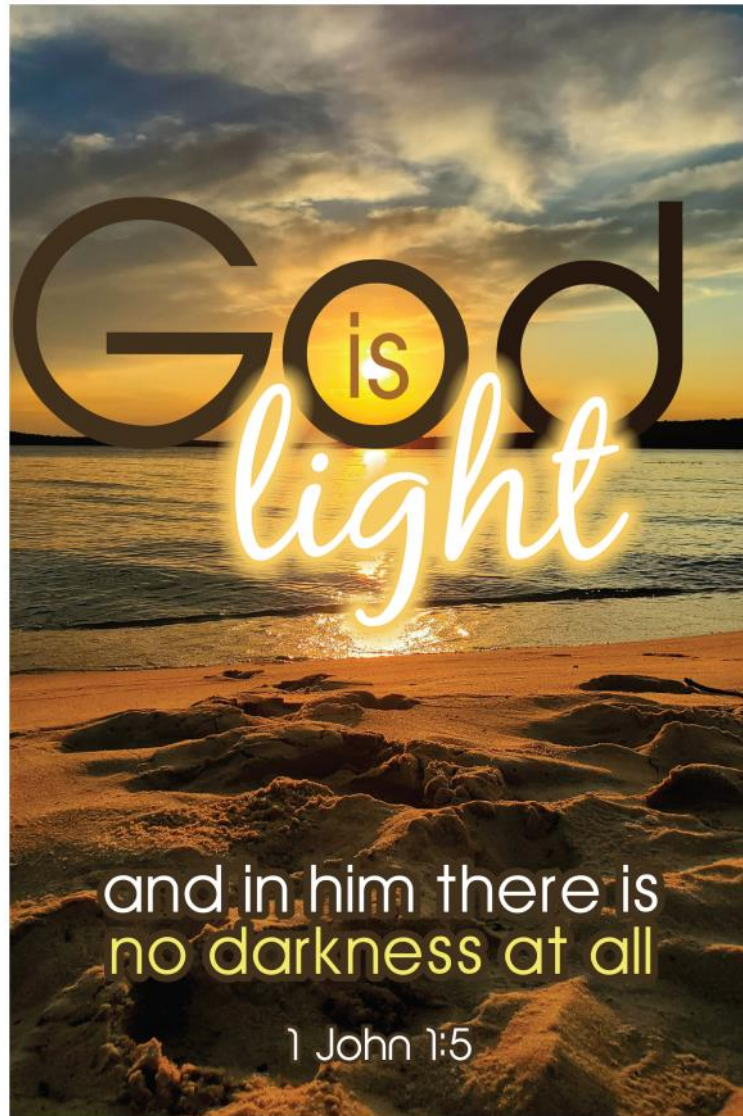


Welcome to:
First Lutheran Church
Tiffin, Ohio



April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday of Easter

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need. Welcome to First as we gather for worship on this Second Sunday of Easter.

PRELUDE

O FILLET FILIAE

Matthew H. Corl

Two Variants on O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

I. In a fast two

II. Fast

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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O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
WOMEN 3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
MEN 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!
7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!

CANTOR 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!
8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

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:

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through 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

4:32-35

R: A reading from Acts the 4th chapter.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

R: Word of God! Word of Life!

C: Thanks be to God!

A READING FROM 1ST JOHN

1:1-2:2

R: A reading from 1st John the first and second chapters:

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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:

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

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

A READING FROM ST. JOHN ***20:19-31***

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

P: ¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

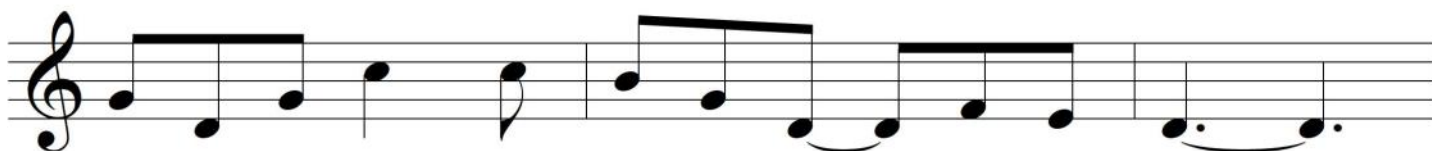
³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord!



Praise _____ to you, _____ O Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

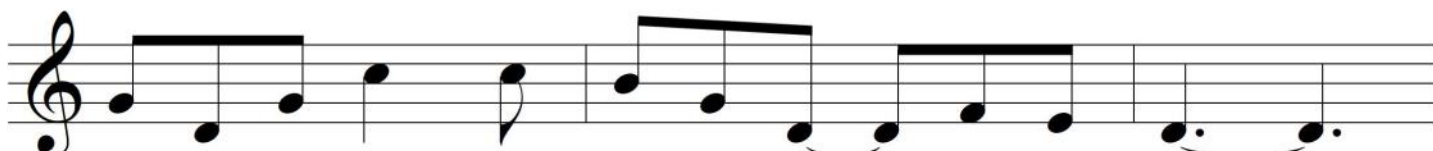


This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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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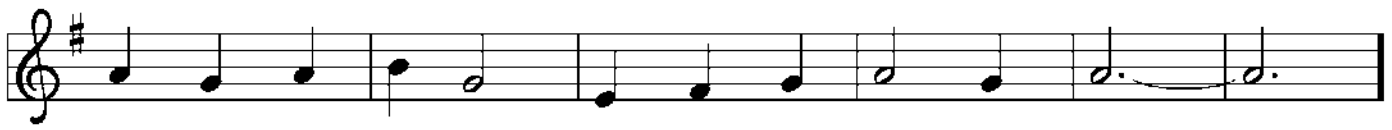
CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
WOMEN 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
MEN 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

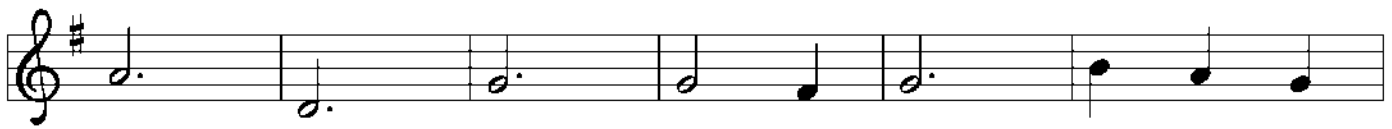


your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.


Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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.

OFFERING

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT

Ron Schmoltze

Christ Be Our Light

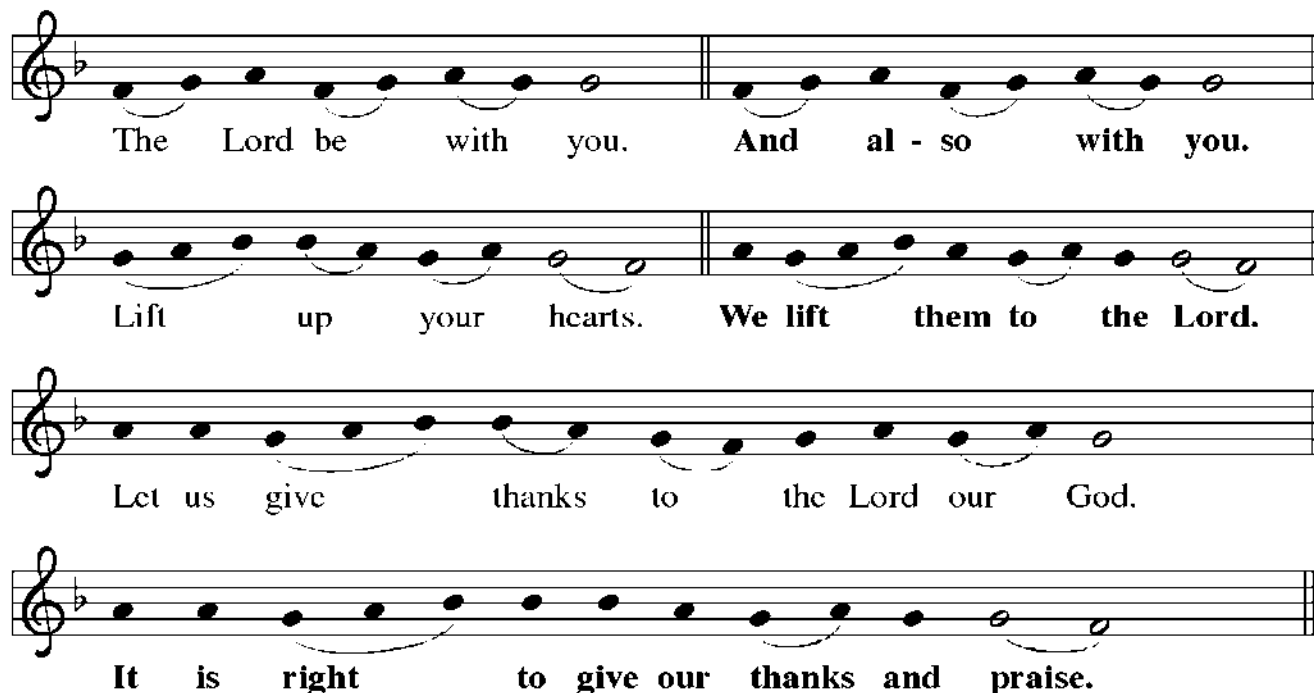
Please stand.

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 quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs or groups of four. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

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

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

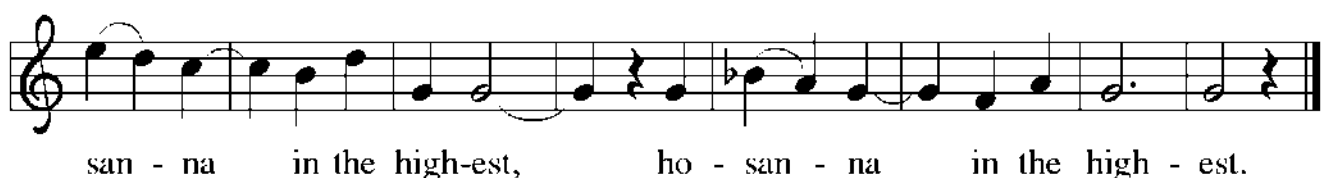
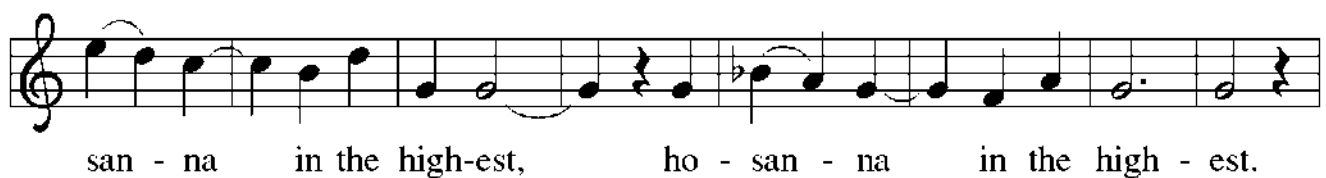
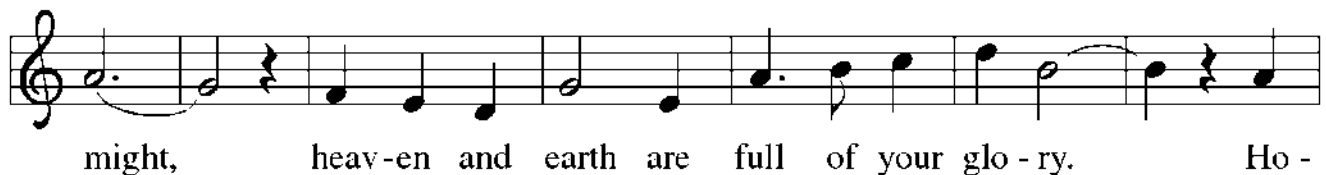
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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.

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.

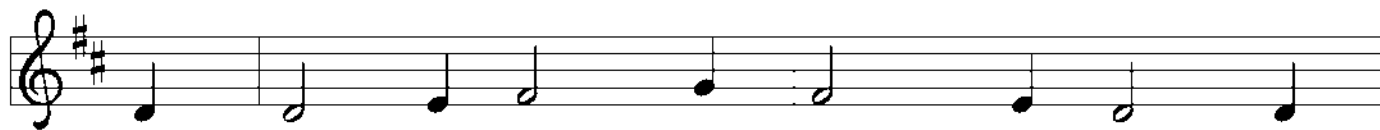
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

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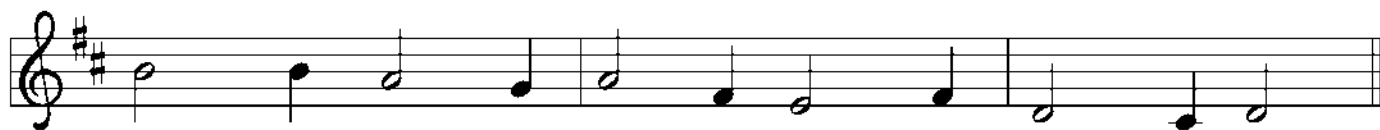
THAT EASTER DAY WITH JOY WAS BRIGHT



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866. alt.

Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

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 our 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.

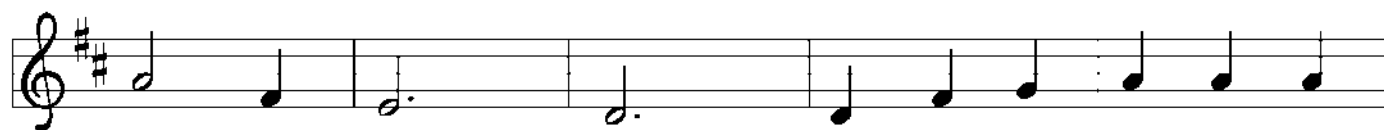
SENDING SONG

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I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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

HOUSTON

John A. Behnke

Partita on HOUSTON

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

III. Fantasia

Today's Worship Leaders

Cantor: Jayce Porter

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Reader: Shelley Ross

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This Week's Calendar

Sunday

April 7

- 10:00 am Worship on the 2nd
Sunday of Easter
11:15 am Confirmation Class at
Trinity UCC

Monday

April 8

- All Day Office & PreSchool
Closed for the Eclipse

Tuesday

April 9

- 10:30 am Morning Bible Study at
the Willows

Wednesday

April 10

- 9:00 am Piece Corp
4:15 pm PreSchool Board Mtg
6:30 pm Healing Service

Thursday

April 11

- 6:30 pm Special Council Meeting
for Visioning
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study.

Next Sunday

April 14

- 10:00 pm Worship on the 3rd
Sunday of Easter
11:15 am Confirmation Class at
Trinity UCC

Announcements For the Week

Celebrating the Eclipse

With the anticipated crowds and traffic in Seneca County, Church Council has decided to block off the parking lot for the eclipse. Sometime Friday, April 5, chains will go up around our parking lot, and remain up until late in the day on Monday, April 8th. Don't worry, accommodations will still be made for us to park on Sunday Morning.

Also, please note that both the Office and the Pre-School will be closed on Monday April 8th.

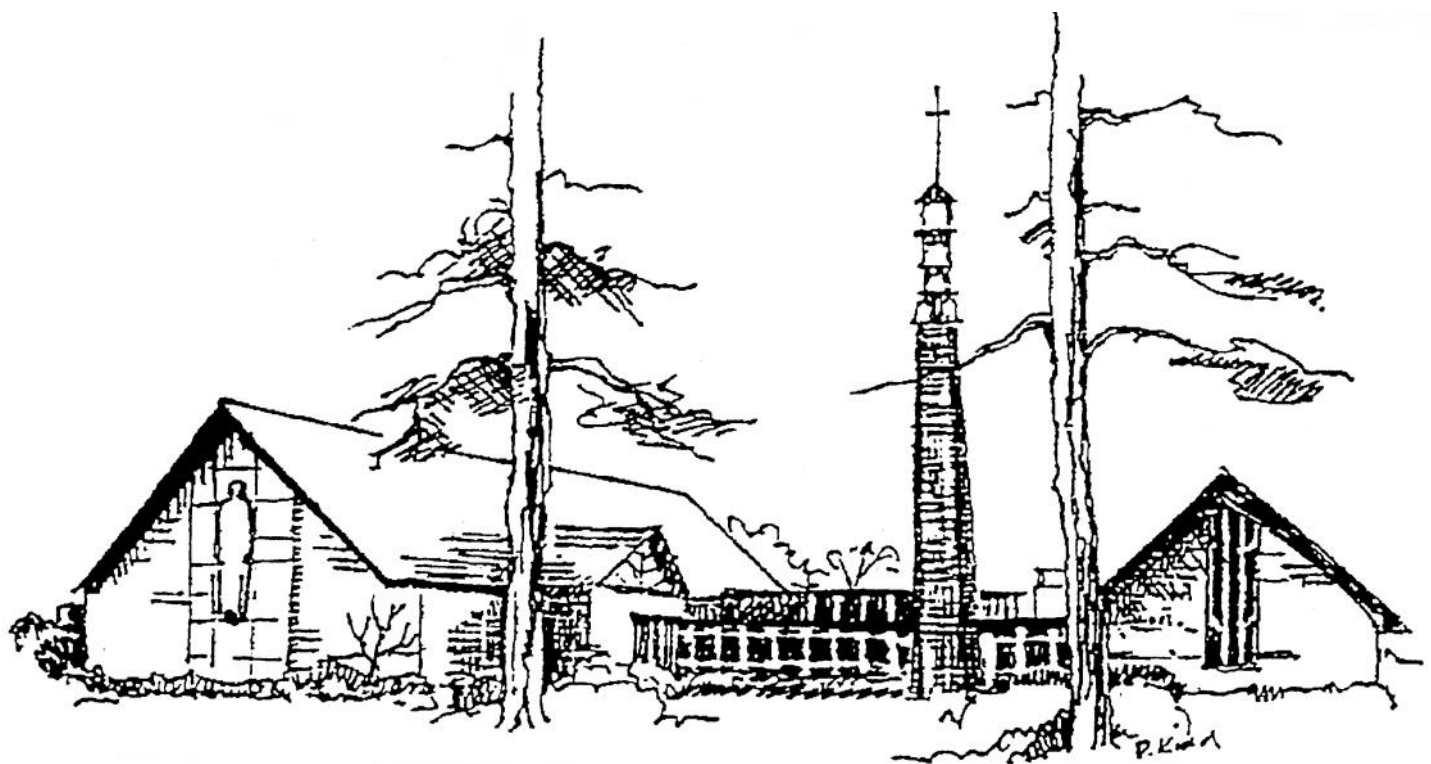
Wednesday Healing Service

The monthly Healing Service returns as we gather for worship on Wednesday, April 10th. Please note the change of date. Together we look forward to sharing the hope of healing found in Christ. Worship will be on Wednesday, April 10 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



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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