

*A lot can happen in 3 days.*

*He is Risen*



*First Lutheran Church  
Easter  
April 20, 2025*



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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!*

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## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*EASTER HYMN*

*Robert A. Hobby*

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*(Please stand)*

## **GATHERING**

*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

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: In the name of ☩ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,  
and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured during the thanksgiving.*

P: Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

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

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

P: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of

eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

**ANTHEM**

*Easer Joy, Alleluia!*  
Senior Choir

*Jon Paige*

**FIRST READING:**

*ISAIAH 65:17-25*

L: A reading from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

<sup>17</sup> I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. <sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight. <sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup> No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed. <sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well. <sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING:**

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26**

L: A reading from I Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

<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.

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Refrain*



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

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

*Cantor: Worthy is Christ the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.*

C: **Sing: Refrain**

### **GOSPEL:**

**JOHN 20:1-18**

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and

reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.' " <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*This Is the Feast*



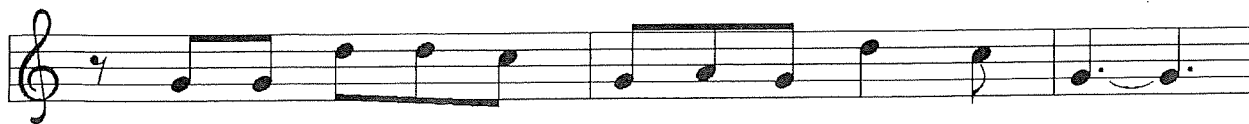
*Cantor: Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might be to God and Lamb forever, Amen.*

**C: Sing: Final refrain**

*Final refrain*



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.

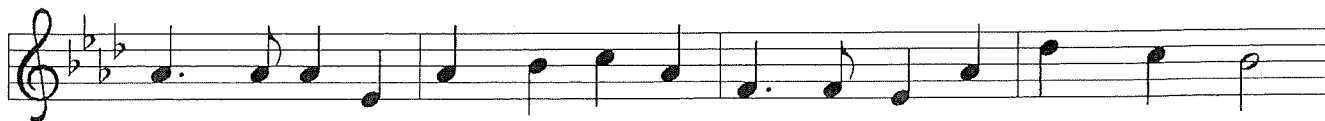
*(Please be seated)*

**EASTER REFLECTION**

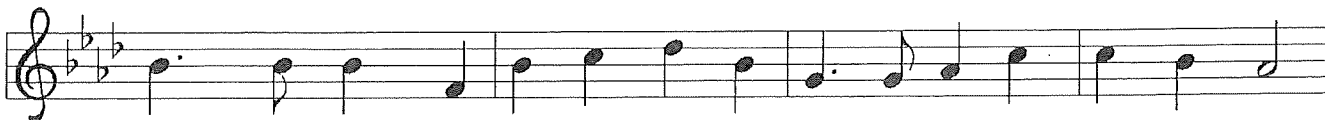
**REVEREND MARK SCHURING**

*(Please stand)*

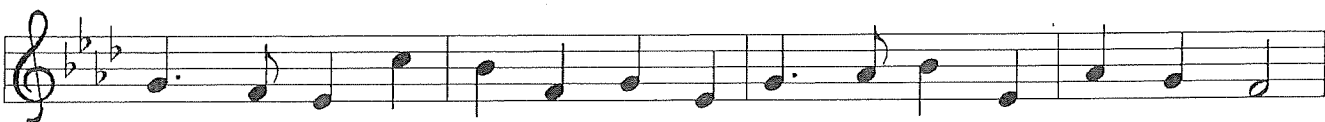
## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



- 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-turns 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!

## *NICENE CREED*

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*(Please kneel)*

## *PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION*

P: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,  
the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

L: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish.

*Each Petition concludes:*

P: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**C: Amen.**

*(Please stand)*

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ, be with you always.

**C: And, also with you.**

*(Please be seated)*

### **Meal**

### **OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION**

*VRUECHTEN*

*Dale Wood*

*This Joyful Eastertide*

*(Please stand)*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has a repeat sign after the first measure. The second staff also has a repeat sign after the first measure. The third and fourth staves do not have repeat signs. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

## PREFACE FOR EASTERTIDE

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.

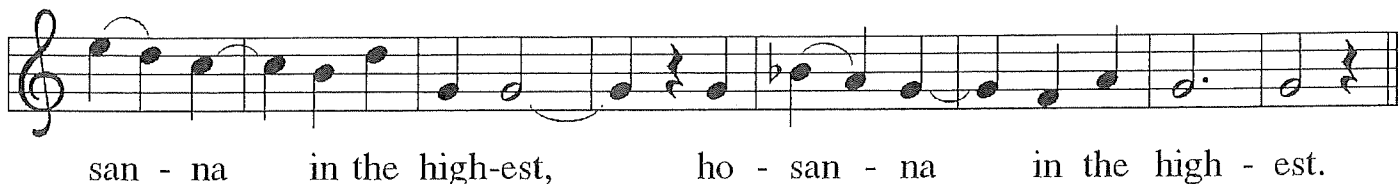
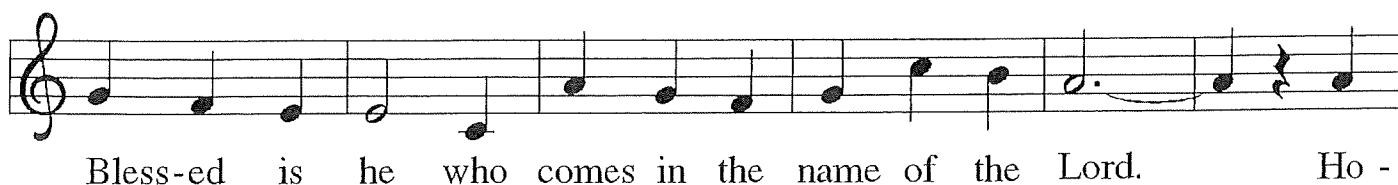
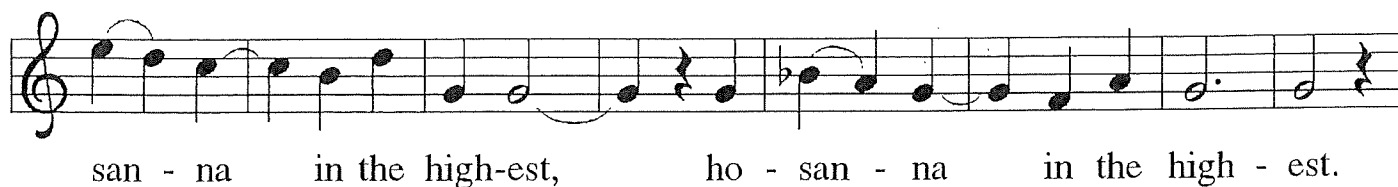
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter  
and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their  
creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we  
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and'. The second staff contains the melody for 'might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -'. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and', 'might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry.', and 'Ho -'.

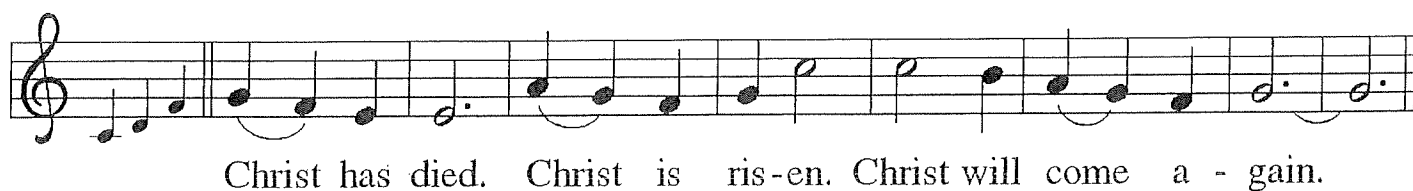


### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

P: 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.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,

we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: 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)*

## COMMUNION

*Communion is distributed in two manners*

- ✚ *You may commune in your pews.*  
*Individual communion kits are available at the Narthex doors.*  
*The presiding minister will share a blessing,*  
*all communing in-place will commune together.*
- ✚ *You may come to the Table, to receive the Body and Blood of Christ.*  
*A basket is available for disposal of your individual communion cups.*

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of grace.  
Receive the gift of new life.

### COMMUNION SONGS

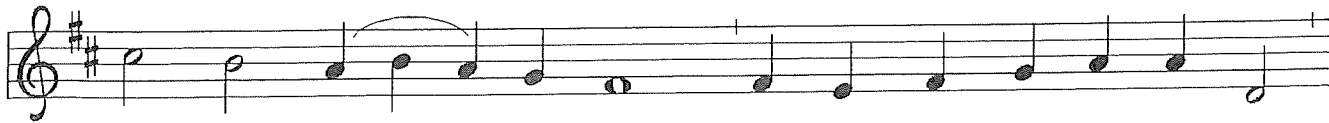


Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

# At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
 2 Praise we Christ, 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 wound - 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!

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!

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!

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!

*(Please stand)*

## 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: Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

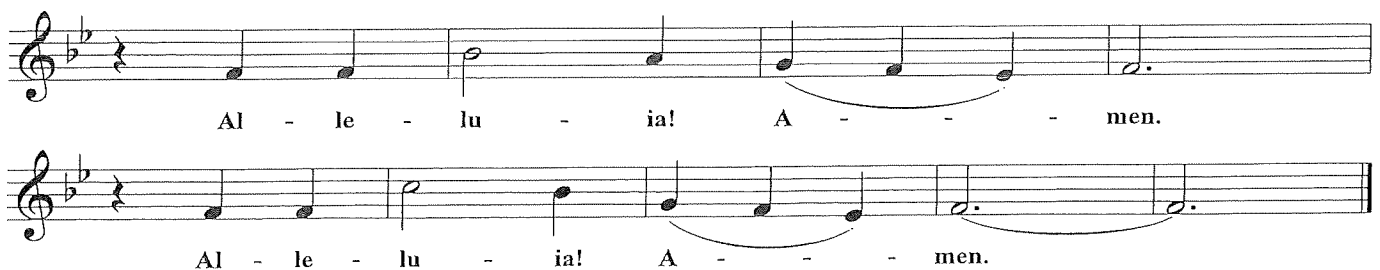
## SENDING

### *CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER*

C: Oh God,  
your everlasting love for us is always trustworthy and sure.  
We are grateful for the goodness  
you have shown us through the years,  
and we ask now for confidence to go forward into the future.  
Bless our community of faith, bless our healing,  
bless the changes that are before us,  
bless our call process and the pastoral leaders  
who will shepherd us through this time of transition.  
We thank you now for the wisdom you will show us  
as we align with your will, and servant or servants  
you are already preparing to send us in your blessed time.  
Help us to keep looking to you to define our ministry  
and our future.  
In his name and for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Savior and Lord. Amen.

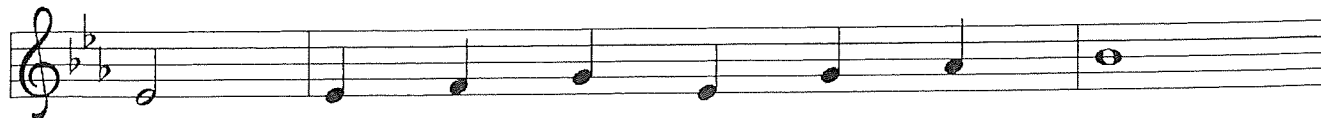
## *BLESSING*

P: The triune God,  
who was, who is, and who is to come,  
Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit,  
light your way with resurrection dawn,  
now and always.



SENDING SONG

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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!

***DISMISSAL***

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: Go in peace.

P: In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

***POSTLUDE***

*Symphony No. 5, Opus 42*  
*V. Toccata*

*Charles Marie=Widor*

# *Easter Flower Dedications*

## *In Loving Memory*

**Walter & Ann Binau** by Sharon Losey and Family

**Jennifer Adams Kinney** by Judy Snyder Kimmel

**Greg Mellott** (son & brother) by Ron, Sandy, Diane & Jenny Mellott

**Jeannette Ruess** by Jim Ruess

**Joe & Beverley Wott** by Jim Ruess

**Pauline & Eldon Sherman** by The Kids

**Harry Beregsasi & Barb Rutherford** by Shelley, Tim, Michael & Zachary Ross

**Hugh Rathburn** by Pat Rathburn & Family

**Wayne & Mary Shaferly** by Mike & Bonnie Oberlander

**Cedella Oberlander** by Mike & Bonnie Oberlander

**Otto Nelson** by Patricia Nelson

**Bob & Bea Brill** by Suzanne, Sandra, Linda & Carol

**Paul, Kathleen, Sharon & Tommy Winters** by Dick & Deb Hohman

**Bob Meyer** by The Meyer Family

**Samantha Nominee & Charles Digby** by Deb, Rick, Jonathan, Angela Nominee & Pat Digby

**John Brueggemeier** by Donna Brueggemeier

**Jerry Conley** by Jeannette Conley

**Mary Ann Conley Shahade** by Jeannette Conley

**Pauline & Maurice Smith, Randy Smith** by Alice Smith & Jeff Smith

**Ray Wise Sr.** by Pat Wise

**Kristi Loy-Hetzel** by Bret, Beth, Chet, Brooke, Aubrey, Jace & Kael Margraf

**John & Loretta Reis** by Rodney & Charlyn Reis

**Clarence & Jane Assenheimer, Mark Assenheimer & Kay Buckner** by Ann Koning

## *In Loving Memory*

**Oliver Junior King** by Curtis L. King

**Lisa Trout King** by Curtis L. King

**Pearl & Edna Stine** by Curtis L. King

**Raymond Stine** by Curtis L. King

**Marguerite & Cecil King** by Curtis L. King

**Nina & Mark King** by Curtis L. King

**Donald Dewald** by Curtis L. King

**Charles Bell & Martha Willey** by Rodney & Charlyn Reis

**Wrenly & Emry Oney** by Rodney & Charlyn Reis

## *In Honor of*

**Luella F. King** by Curtis L. King

**Elijah Shiley, cantor** by Curtis L. King

**Bells of Praise** by Curtis L. King

**Senior Choir** by Curtis L. King

**Our Interim Pastors** by Rick & Diane Greene

**Our Family** by Don & Judy May

**My Grandchildren, Trent and Tori** by Judy Kimmel

**Elliana Strausbaugh** by Rodney & Charlyn Reis

**Bhagat Family** by Pat Wise

**Ray Wise Jr. & Family** by Pat Wise



## Events in Review



Blood Mobile  
April 22st 12-6  
Please register for  
appointment

Sunday April 20

10:00AM Church Service

Monday April 21

10:00AM Bible Study @Willows

1:30PM Bookworms

Tuesday April 22

12-6PM Blood Mobile

Wednesday April 23

5:30PM Council Meeting

Thursday April 24

1:00PM Food Bank

Sunday April 27

10:00AM Church Service

Monday April 28

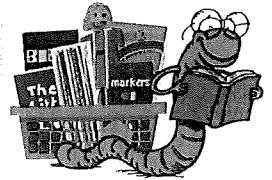
10:00AM Bible Study is cancelled

1:30PM Bookworms

Saturday May 3

7:00PM Heidelberg Community  
Choir

Bookworms will be meeting  
Monday,  
April 21th at 1:30 pm



WOFB

April 24th  
starting at 1 pm

Due to Pastor Mark's vacation  
there will not be a bible study  
at the Willows on April 28.



## Altar Flowers

Altar flowers were given today in  
loving memory of

*Harry Beregsasi*

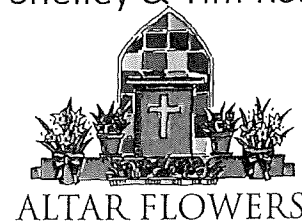
and

in honor of

*Zachary's 17th Birthday*

By

Shelley & Tim Ross



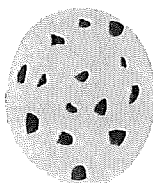
## Lawn Mower for the Week

*(beginning on Thursdays)*

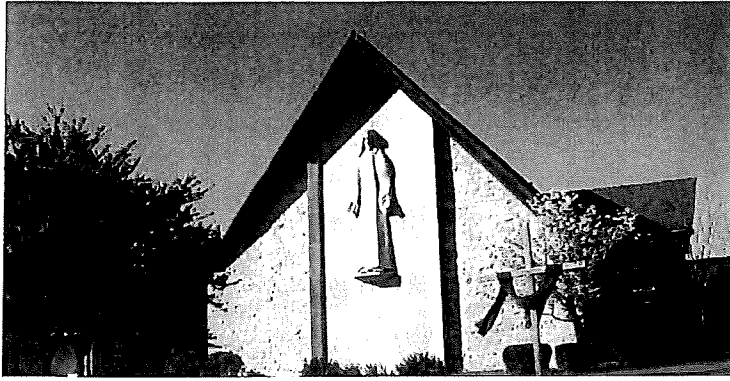


**Rick Nominee**

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the  
Dietz Room wall. Fellowship time is before  
and after Church Service. Approximately 4  
dozen cookies are needed each week.



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## Our Worship Leaders

Altar Guild: Mike & Bonnie Oberlander  
Cantor: Elijah Shiley  
Facebook Camera: Tim Ross  
Host:  
Reader: Shelley Ross  
Worship Assistant: Shelley Ross  
Director of Music: Curtis L. King  
Pastor: Pastor Mark Schuring

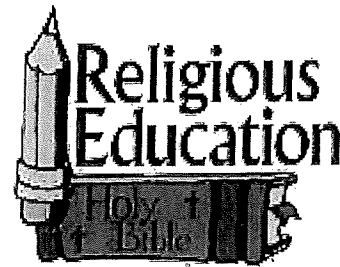
## Catechism Classes

Rick Greene and Mike Porter will be hosting Catechism Classes. If anyone is interested

Please contact either one at

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## 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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