



First Lutheran Church

April 12, 2026

**Second Sunday
of Easter**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

O FILII ET FILIAE

Wilbur Held

Partita on O Sons and Daughters

Alleluia!

I. Flowing

II. A little slower (Flutes)

III. Flutes 8', 2'

IV. Slower

V. Trumpet

VI. Adagio

VII. Allegro

VIII. Fortissimo

IX. Flowing

SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER

The assembly stands.

INTRODUCTION

AM: In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace.

Even amid doubts and questions,
we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word,
and in our everyday lives.

Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings
will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter.

Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection,
we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.



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



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



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



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

GREETING

PM: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:13)

C: And also with you.

PM: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

PM: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead,
you will be saved.

PM: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ. (*Romans 10*)

SCRIPTURE SONG

Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

The cantor will sing the verses.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

PM: Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The assembly is seated.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

++ CHILDREN MAY ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL

FIRST READING

ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

AM: A reading from Acts, the second chapter.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]:

²² “Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken ²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. ²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption.’ ²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ ²⁹ “Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ ³² “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us re-joice and be glad in it.

The Cantor will sing the verses.

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

² Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD. **Refrain**

¹⁸ The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely, but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the¹ gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks¹ to the LORD.

²⁰ “This is the gate¹ of the LORD; here the righ-¹teous may enter.”

²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have¹ answered me
and you have become¹ my salvation. **Refrain**

²² The stone that the build-¹ers rejected has become the chief¹ cornerstone.

²³ By the LORD has¹ this been done; it is marvelous¹ in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the¹ LORD has made; let us rejoice and be¹ glad in it. **Refrain**

SECOND READING

1 PETER 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

AM: A reading from 1 Peter, the first chapter.

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

AM: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The assembly is seated.

REFLECTION

PASTOR ROGER M. GIESE

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

O SONS AND DAUGHTERS, LET US SING

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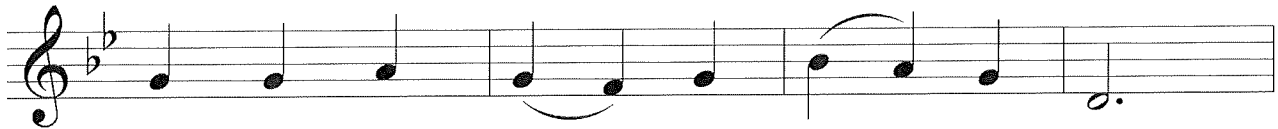
Al - le - lu - ia. Al le lu ia. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



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,



to - day the grave has lost its sting!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay.
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."
and said, "My peace be with you here."



Al - le - lu - ia!

The hymn of the day continues on the next page.



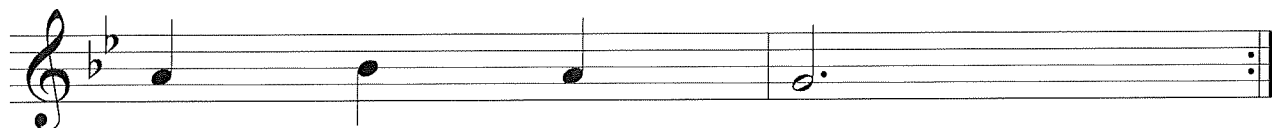
5 When Thom - as first the ti - dings heard,
6 "My pier - ced side, O Thom - as, see,
7 No lon - ger Thom - as then de - nied;
8 How blest are they who have not seen,
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



that they had seen the ris - en Lord,
and look up - on my hands, my feet;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
and yet whose faith has con - stant been,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



he doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
not faith - less, but be - liv - ing be."
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
for they e - ter - nal life shall win.
to God your hearts and voic - es raise.



Al - le - lu - ia!

Final Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia!

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

APOSTLE'S CREED

PM: In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

C: **We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.**

PM: Living together in trust and hope, we profess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.
 I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
 I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING AND ORGAN MEDITATION

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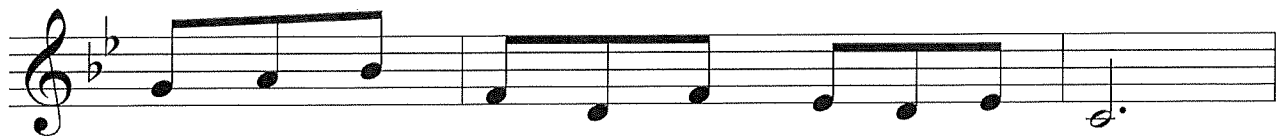
Thine Is the Glory

The assembly stands.

OFFERTORY SONG



Glo-ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: God of new life,
you meet us in our fear and speak words of peace.

Like Thomas, we long to see and believe.

As we give, we place our trust in the unseen work of your Spirit.

Use these gifts to bring peace where there is doubt, and hope
where there is despair.

In the name of the One who breathed peace upon his followers, we pray.

C: Amen.

The assembly kneels.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PM: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal
and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

AM: Almighty God, you give life to the dead
and call into existence things that do not exist.
Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day.

Each petition concludes:

PM: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

PM: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers
to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world,
through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

The assembly stands.

LORD'S PRAYER

PM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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.**

CONGREGATION 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 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

PM: God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,
+ bless you now and forever.



A - men, A - men, A - men.

SENDING SONG

THINE IS THE GLORY

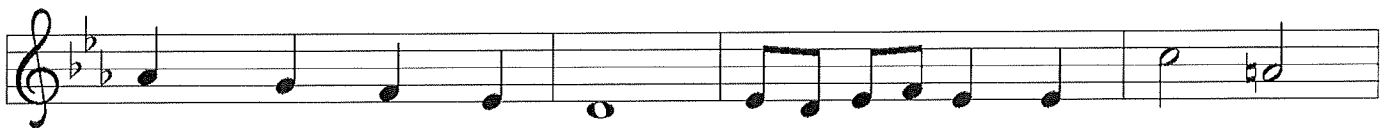
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1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

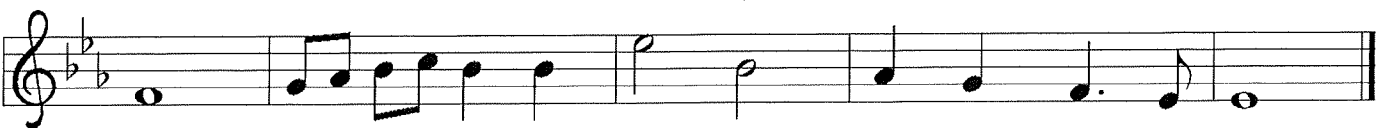


rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace.

PM: Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

JUDAS MACCABEAUS

*Paraphrase, Opus 90, No. 16
See the Conqu'ring Hero Come!*

Alexandre Guilmant

Events in Review



If you have a prayer request for today, please raise your hand during announcements and a host will give you a green card to fill out.

<u>Sunday</u>	April 12
10:00 AM	Easter 2 Service
<u>Monday</u>	April 13
10:00 AM	Bible Study at Willows
5:15 PM	NO Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	April 14
<u>Wednesday</u>	April 15
5:30 PM	Council Meeting
<u>Thursday</u>	April 16
<u>Friday</u>	April 17
<u>Saturday</u>	April 18

Next Week

<u>Sunday</u>	Apr 19
10:00AM	Easter 3 Service
<u>Monday</u>	Apr 20
10:00AM	Bible Study at Willows
1:30PM	Bookworms
5:15PM	Bell Choir Practice
<u>Tuesday</u>	Apr 21
<u>Wednesday</u>	Apr 22
Earth Day	
<u>Thursday</u>	Apr 23
1:00PM	WOFB
<u>Friday</u>	Apr 24
<u>Saturday</u>	Apr 25

Cookie Sign up sheets are located on the Information Board in the hallway. The time is before and after Church Service. Approximately 4 dozen cookies are needed each week.



LAWN MOWER OF THE WEEK

- April 16—John Kobelt
- April 23—Rick Nominee
- April 30—Jim Ruess

The dedication list for the beautiful Lilies & Daffodils is available

As you enter the Nave along with the bulletins.



April Monthly Scroll
is available on line and on table in hallway

The April-May-June Publications of The Word in Season & Portals of Prayer
are available on table in hallway



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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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