



# NATIVITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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*Caring, Witnessing, Serving*

**Resurrection of Our Lord**

**10:15 a.m.**

**April 05, 2026**

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

## ELW - SETTING III

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality” (Acts 10:34): Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.*

**P:** = *Pastor*

**W:** = *Worship Assistant*

**A:** = *All in Attendance*

*\*indicates congregation should stand if able.*

### **INTROIT**

(LBW 92 “Were You There” Stanza 4 sung as a solo)  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when God raised him from the tomb?

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** Christ Being Raised *by John A. Behnke*

### **GATHERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**P:** Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship:

*(a moment of silence for reflection as we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.)*

## **\*ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

*Water is poured into the font as the Pastor continues*

P: Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves. We thank you for the waters that nourish us. Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

P: Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

**A: You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

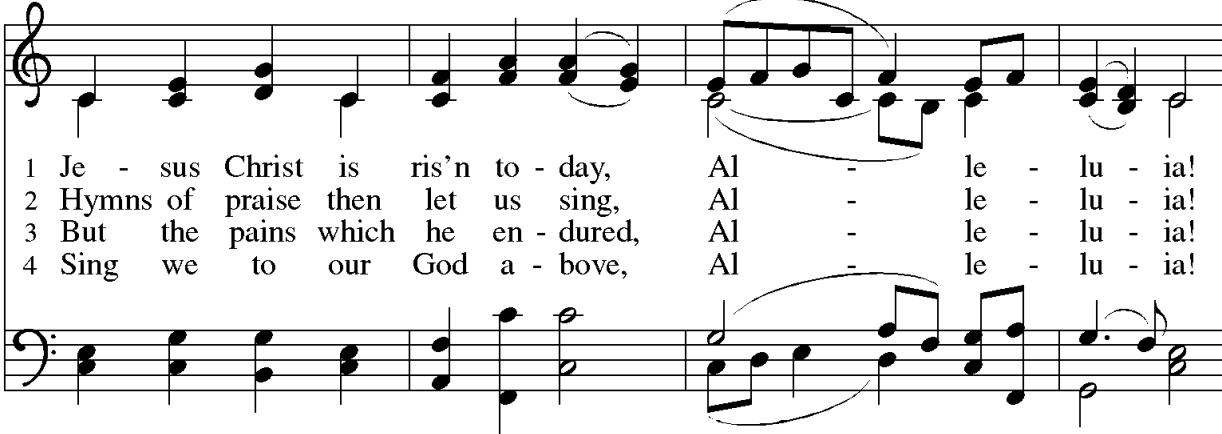
P: Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

**A: Amen.**

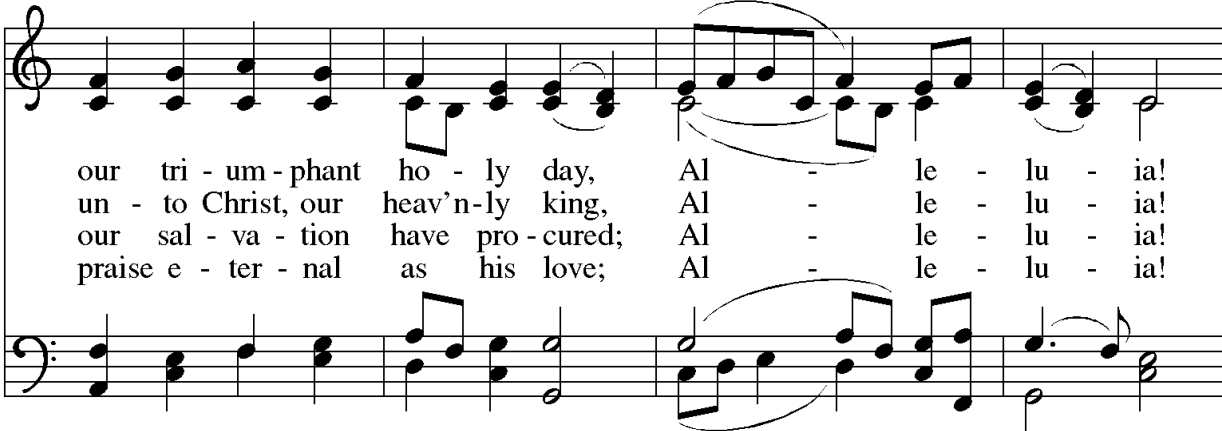
## \* GATHERING HYMN:

## "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

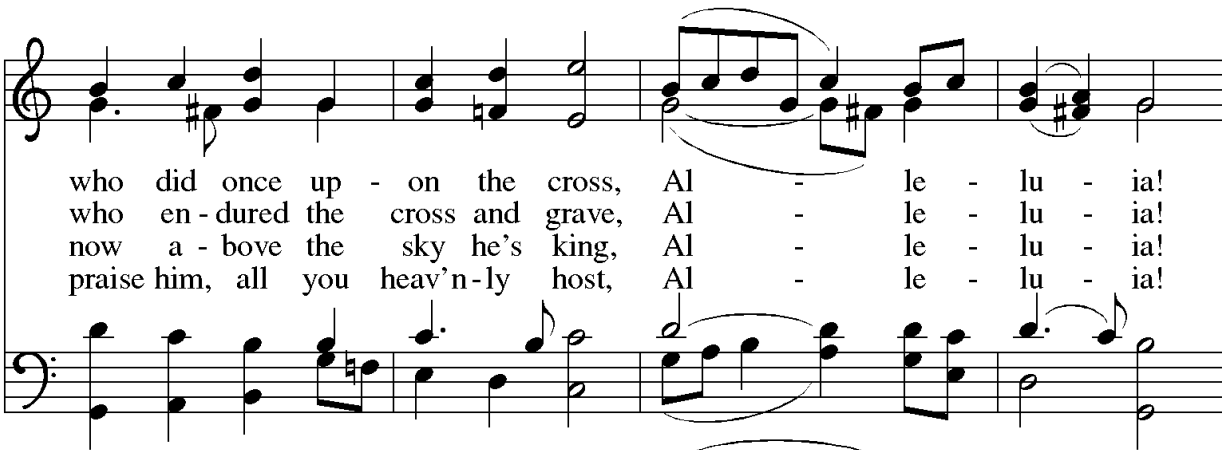
ELW #365




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!

## \*GREETING

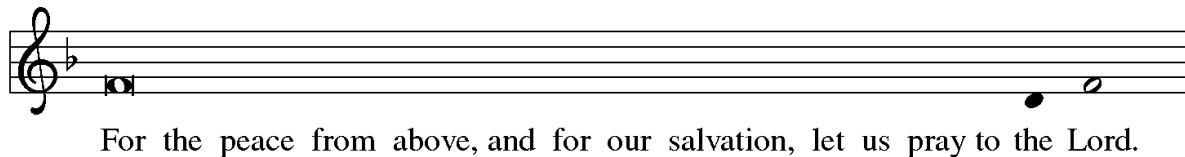
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

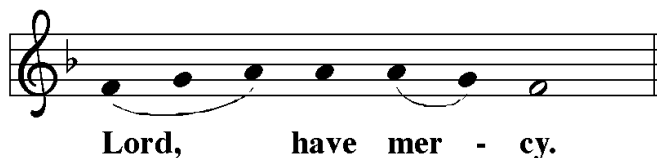
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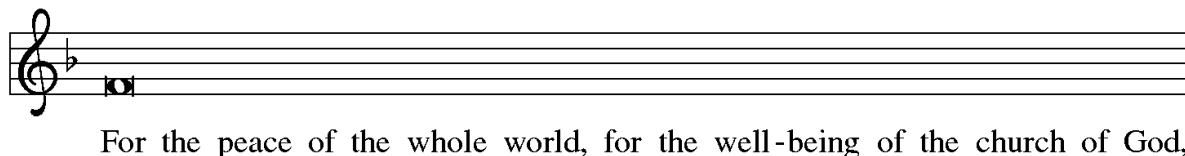
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



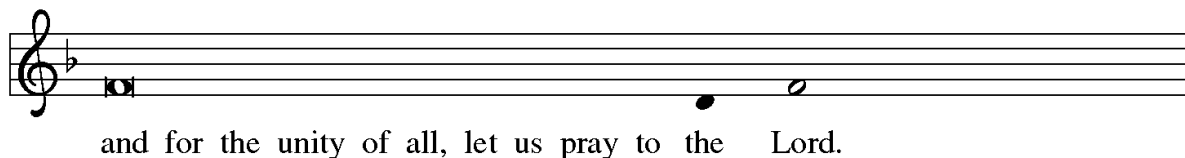
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



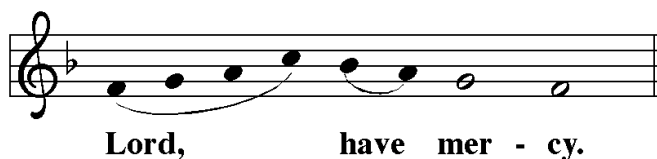
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



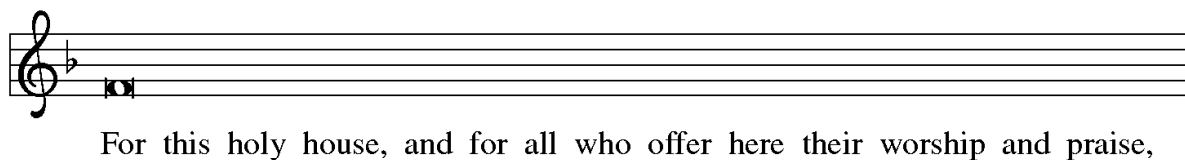
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



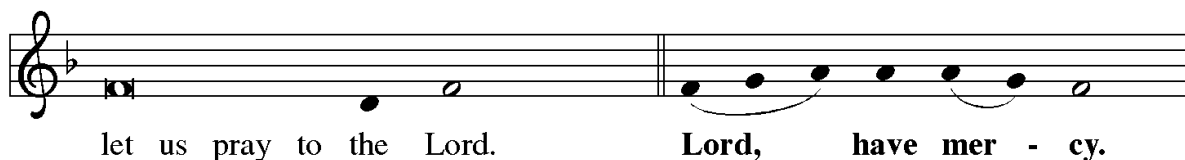
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



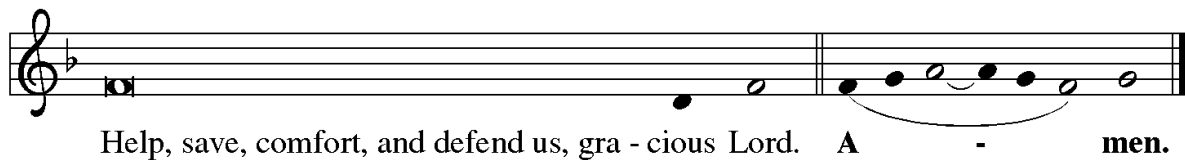
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



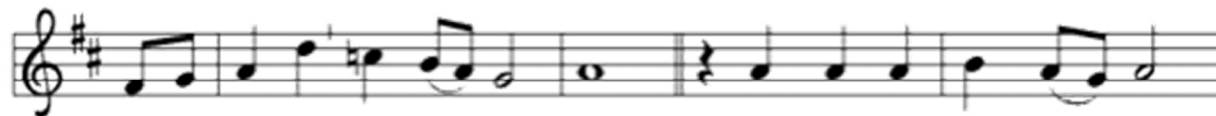
Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

1 – Women 2 – Men 3 & 4 – All



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

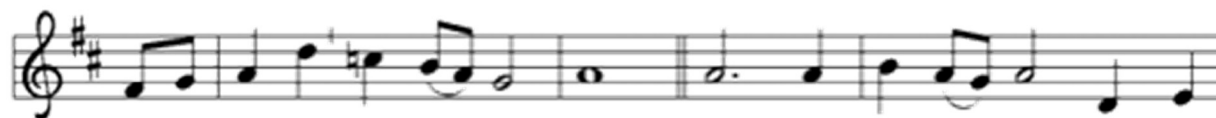


who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

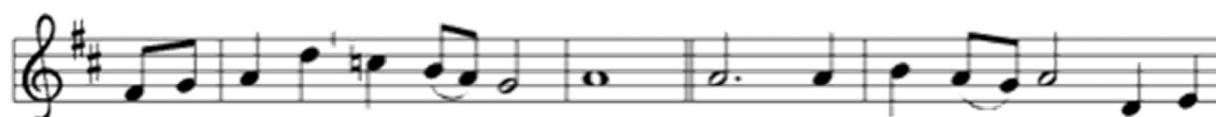


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

**A:** Amen

## **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: The Word of the Lord.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. (Ps. 118:24)*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel | now declare,**  
**"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup> 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. R**
- 18** The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.
- 19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**
- 20** “This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”
- 21 I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation. R**
- 22** The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.
- 23 By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**
- 24** This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4**

*Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.*

<sup>1</sup> If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**A:** Thanks be to God.

## \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

## \*GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

*Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!*

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE & SONG

## SERMON

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” ELW #367



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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
 Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
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## **\*THE NICENE CREED**

**P:** Let us now confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**A:** **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.**

## \* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

W: 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.*

W: Risen Savior, you have conquered death and opened the gates of everlasting life. Dispel our doubts and fears and renew our faith and hope in you. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Life-giving God, the created world rejoices in Christ's victory over death. May all the earth be renewed by the light of Jesus' resurrection, and may we be faithful stewards of all you have made. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Sovereign God, let the nations acknowledge your reign of justice and truth. Where violence, oppression, and corruption hold sway, pour out your holy and life-giving Spirit to transform and redeem. Bring comfort and peace to all those who witness and experience violence, those who suffer oppression, and those who fear for their safety. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Gentle Shepherd, like the women at the empty tomb, many grieve or feel lost and afraid. Draw near to those who are ill or in pain especially *Katie Wallaart-DeBoer, Mike Lang, Jack Brookman, Marlene Grimes, Andy Halcoussis, Dick Grance, Chris Hurnyak, the family and friends of Paul Scalamonga (Linda Smith's husband) and the family and friends of Roland Mellish (Nancy William's brother)* and all those whom name in our hearts before you. Reveal yourself to them as the Risen One. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Faithful God, we thank you for the living hope you give us through Christ's resurrection. Bless this community, that we may boldly proclaim Christ's victory over death in word and deed. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Eternal One, we give thanks for all who have died and now share in the joy of your resurrection. Bring us, with them, to the unending feast of your victory. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

P: 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.

A: Amen.

**\*PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

A: And also with you.

**CHOIR ANTHEM:** *Hilariter*

**\*OFFERTORY** “Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

**ELW #182**



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

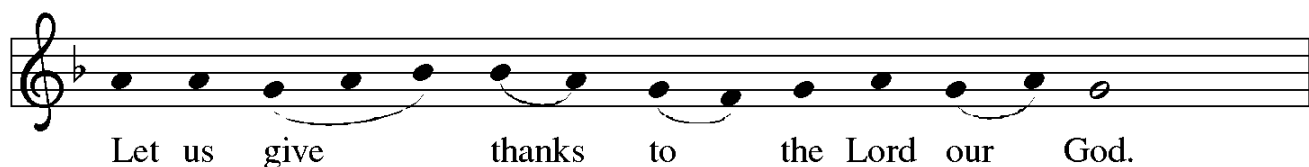
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## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

W: Let us pray together.

**A: 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, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

## \*GREAT THANKSGIVING:



## \*THE PREFACE

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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

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

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

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

**A:** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**A:** **Come, Holy Spirit.**

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

**A:** **Amen.**

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**A:** **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.**

**\*THE PRESENTATION:** The gifts of God for the people of God. Come for all is now ready.

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.

**COMMUNION**

*There is a grape juice option in cups located in the communion trays for those who wish to abstain from wine. If you desire a gluten free wafer in lieu of the bread for communion, please let Pastor know.*

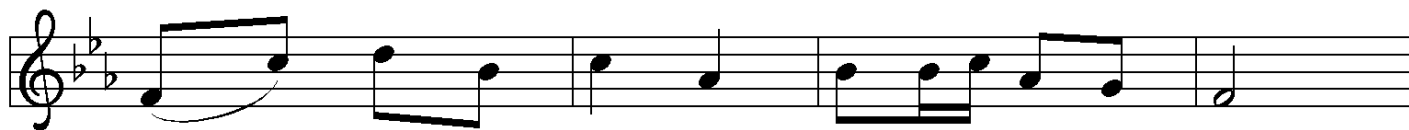
TABLE HYMN:

“Now the Green Blade Rises”

ELW#379



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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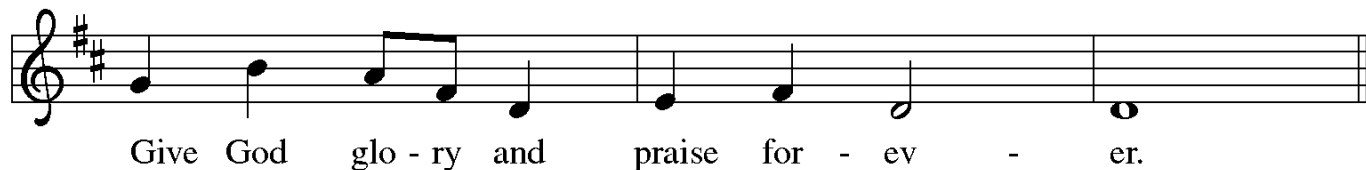
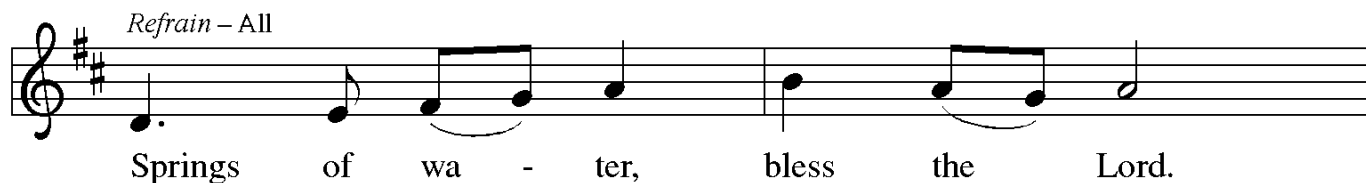
**\*TABLE BLESSING**

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

**A: Amen**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Springs of Water, Bless the Lord” ELW#214**

*Refrain: All - Stanza 1: Solo*



- 1 Buried with Christ in death, you are raised with him to life.
- 2 Bathed in the foun-tain of life, you are born to a liv - ing hope.
- 3 You are God's work of art, cre - ated in Christ Jesus.
- 4 You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.
- 5 All of you are one, u - nited in Christ Jesus.
- 6 Re-joyce, all you bap-tized, called to be chil-dren of God.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

W: 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.

**A: Amen.**

**\* BLESSING**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

**A: Amen.**

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 on next page*

**\*SENDING HYMN:**

“Christ is Risen! Alleluia!” (*Refrain*)

**ELW #382**

*Refrain*

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

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

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

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

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

**POSTLUDE**



## \* Announcements \*



For those who purchased **Easter Lilies and Tulips**, thank you for helping to decorate our sanctuary. You may take them home after worship today.



Join us **this Friday evening this week for a game night!** Bring a game, a friend and a snack to share!

Signups for our **60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration** and luncheon (on May 3<sup>rd</sup>) are hanging up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please consider signing up to help and don't forget to sign up on the RSVP! RSVP's are also available on-line.

The Fellowship Committee has planned an evening out to the **Candlelight Concert: A Tribute to Fleetwood Mac on Friday, May 8** at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Signups are posted on bulletin board. Ticket prices and carpooling options are also available. For more information or any questions, please contact Charlie Brandt. Tickets sell out fast, so please sign-up soon!

The Christian Outreach committee is putting together a group to participate in **Hampton Community Clean-up Day on Saturday April 18**. If you can help out, please give your name and T-shirt size (gift from the township) to Carol Huffman who will register the entire group. We would like to finalize the group by April 6. If you cannot work by the roadside but wish to participate, you could possibly be a driver and/or transporter of refreshments! Although we will be issued safety vests, we would like to have everyone wear a Nativity T-shirt to the initial meet-up at the Community Center.

From the Hampton Mag: Roadside areas will be cleaned from debris Saturday April 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by at least one parent / guardian who can drive the children to the clean-up locations. All volunteers/volunteer groups must have a driver.

In the spirit of friendliness and hospitality, as we welcome visitors, **we encourage you all to wear your name tags.** Let Kim know if you need a new one.

**Christ in Our Home devotionals** for April-May-June are now available.

We still have a number of **Nativity t-shirts** in various sizes available for \$10 each. (Check may be made payable to Nativity Lutheran Church.) See Pastor Jen or Ruth Kiefer if you are interested in purchasing one.

The **2026 Flower chart** still has a lot of empty spaces left. Please remember to fill out a flower card indicating the reason when signing up.

We continue to collect for **NHCO's Personal Care Collection** project. You can view the list of items needed on the flyer attached to the bulletin boards or on our website.

The **NHCO food pantry** is always in need of donations. Here are some specific items they are currently in need of. Thank you for your generosity!

- canned beans
- canned fruit
- ramen noodles
- canned tomatoes
- rice
- peanut butter
- baked beans vegetarian and with meat (bacon/pork)

We are always in need of volunteers to fill positions on Sundays as a **worship helper**. Please consider signing up in one of the open spots.



Christ the Lord  
is *Risen* Today

