



# NATIVITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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*Caring, Witnessing, Serving*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

**10:15 a.m.**

**April 12, 2026**

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

## **ELW - SETTING III**

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### **INTRODUCTION**

*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 meal, 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.*

**P:** = *Pastor*

**W:** = *Worship Assistant*

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

*\*indicates congregation should stand if able.*

### **PRELUDE**

### **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:

## “The Day of Resurrection”


ELW #361




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



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



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



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

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

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

## \*GREETING

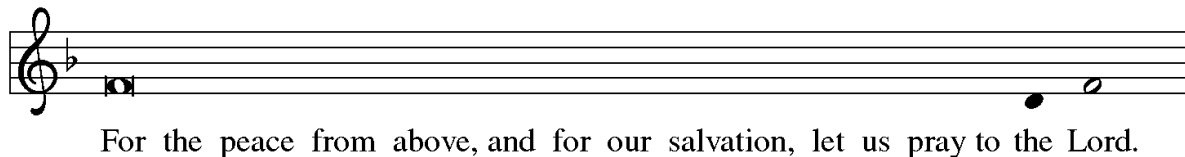
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

A: **And also with you.**

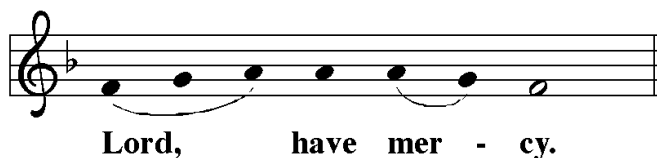
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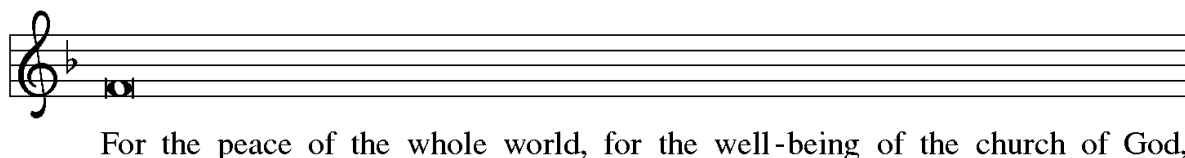
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



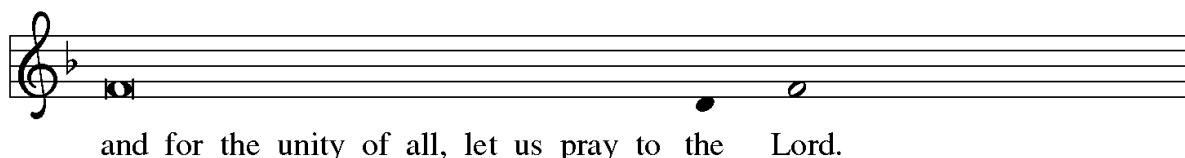
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



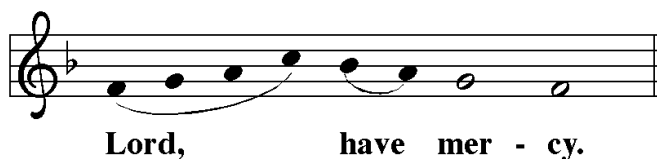
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



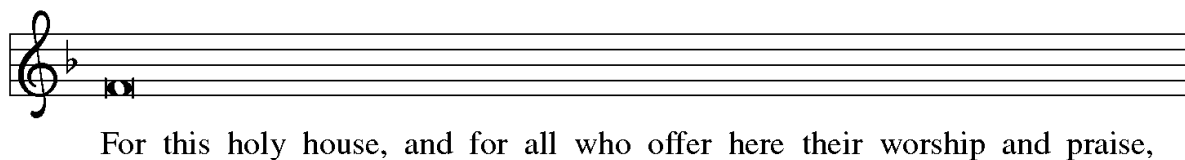
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



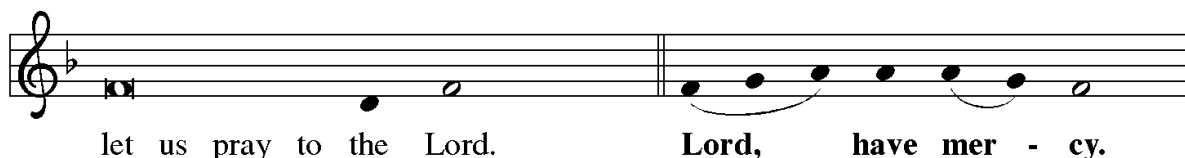
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



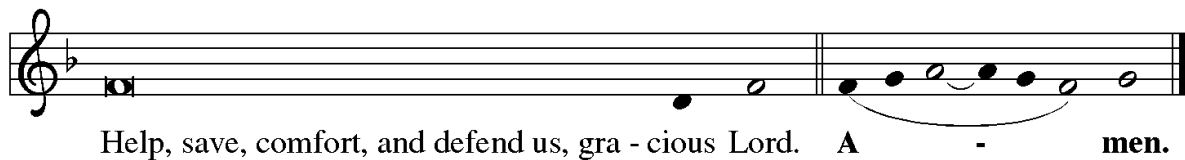
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



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.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

This is the Feast

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*

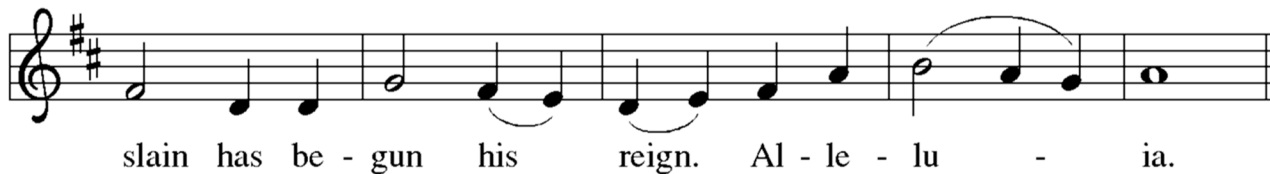
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

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,

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

(continued)



**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. 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.

**A:** Amen

## **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.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: <sup>22</sup> “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 <sup>23</sup> 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. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> 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;  
<sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;  
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

<sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

<sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the ways of life;  
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

<sup>29</sup> “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. <sup>30</sup> 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. <sup>31</sup> Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,  
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

<sup>32</sup> “This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

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

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

## PSALM: Psalm 16

*In your presence there is fullness of joy. (Ps. 16:11)*

W: <sup>1</sup> Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;  
I have said to the LORD, “You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

A: <sup>2</sup> **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,  
upon those who are noble among the people.**

W: <sup>3</sup> But those who run after other gods  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

A: <sup>4</sup> **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,  
never take their names upon my lips.**

W: <sup>5</sup> O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;  
it is you who hold my lot.

A: <sup>6</sup> **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;  
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**

W: <sup>7</sup> I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;  
my heart teaches me night after night.

A: <sup>8</sup> **I have set the LORD always before me;  
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

W: <sup>9</sup> My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;  
my body also shall rest in hope.

A: <sup>10</sup> **For you will not abandon me to the grave,  
nor let your holy one see the pit.**

W: <sup>11</sup> You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy,  
and in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

## 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.*

<sup>3</sup> 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 <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

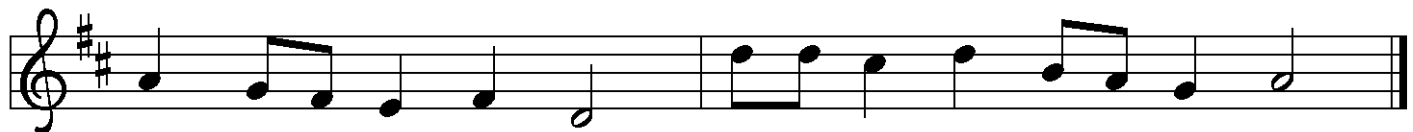
L: The Word of the Lord.

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 John, the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

**\*GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.*

<sup>19</sup> When 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.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So 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.”

<sup>26</sup> A 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.” <sup>27</sup> Then 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.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

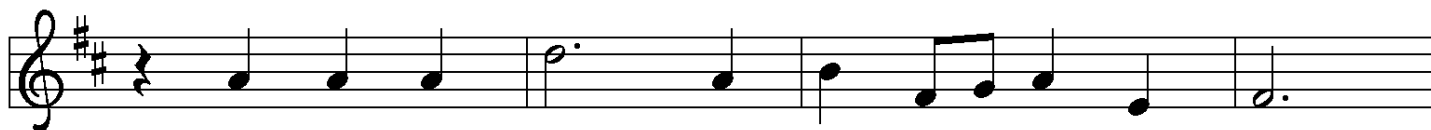
<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

**P:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON**

*Solo - Stanza 1, All - 2-4*



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

Text: Nigel Weaver, b. 1952

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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: 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. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation, from the beauty of flowers to the complexity of subatomic particles. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in their nations. 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: Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way *especially Sandy Hutchins, Katie Wallaart-DeBoer, Mike Lang, Jack Brookman, Marlene Grimes, Andy Halcoussis, Dick Grance, Chris Hurnyak* and all those whom we name in our hearts before you. Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God,

**A: receive our prayer.**

W: Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. 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:** *Psalm 16: The Path of Life* by Scott Soper

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

ELW #182



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



bles - sing. 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.

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

W: Let us pray together.

A: Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, 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 flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some beamed eighth notes and slurs.

## \*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,**

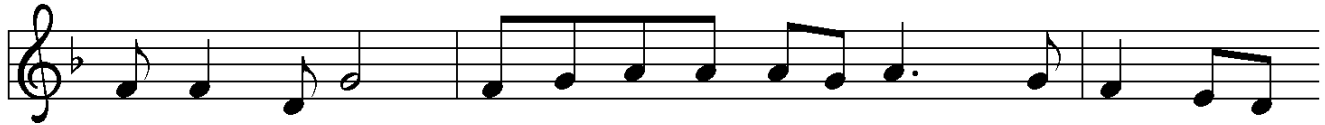
**forever and ever. Amen.**

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

## LAMB OF GOD:



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:

“We Walk by Faith”

ELW#635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: “My peace be with you here.”  
 we re - joice, and cry, “My Lord and God!”  
 you are near and seek where you are found:  
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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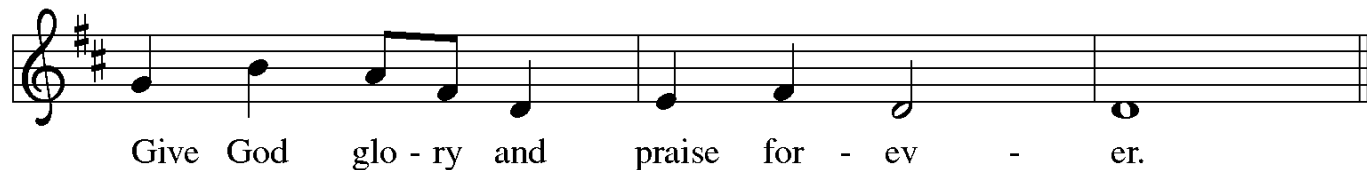
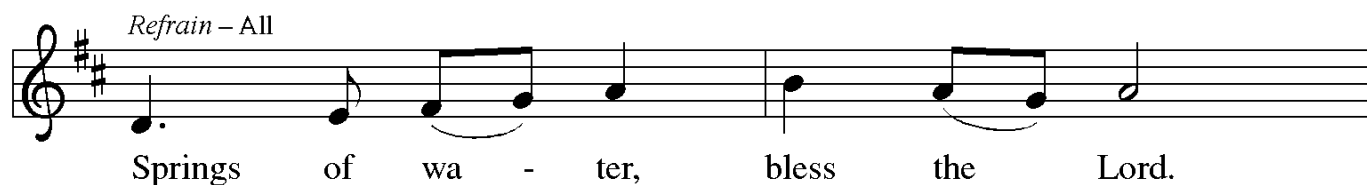
**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**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 2: 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. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

**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.**

\*SENDING HYMN:

“Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing”

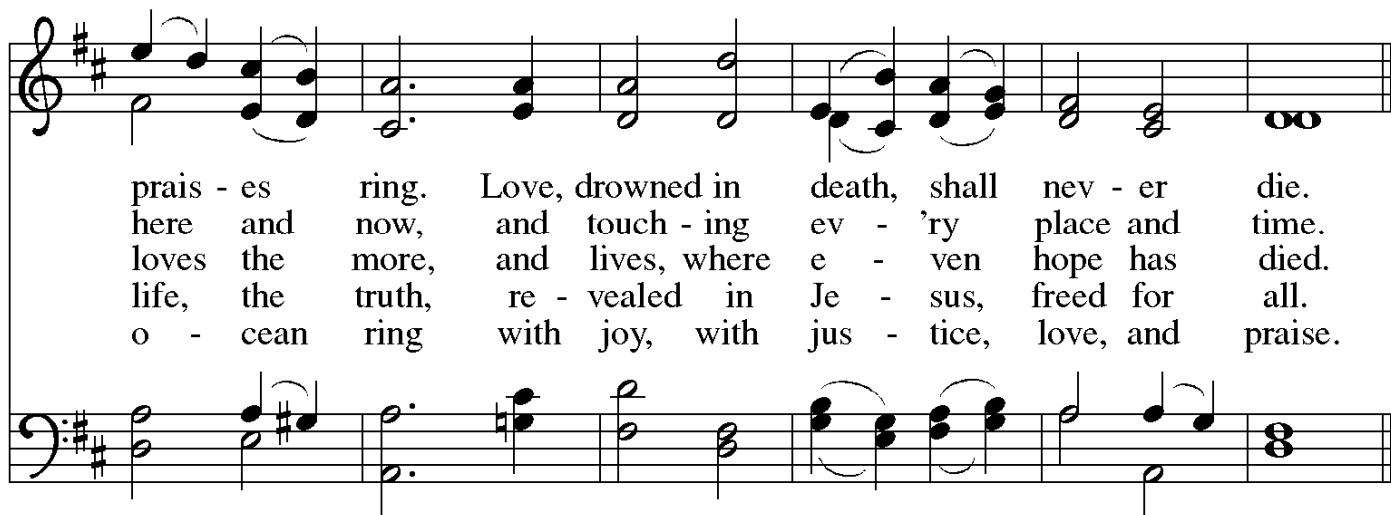
ELW #389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant  
3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,  
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.  
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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## \*DISMISSAL

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

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

## POSTLUDE

### \* Announcements \*

There is a **Property committee meeting** after worship today. The plan is to discuss projects and priorities to be done during an upcoming work day (tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>). If you are able to help out or have any questions, please see Bonnie Varley.

All members of Nativity, if you didn't fill one out already, please fill out the **60<sup>th</sup> anniversary questionnaire** and return it to the box on the Narthex table asap. If you have any questions, please see Jean Chantz.

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. Deadline to signup for tickets is this Wednesday, April 15. Please see Charlie Brandt if you have any questions.

Signups for our 60th Anniversary celebration and luncheon (on May 3rd) 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.

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

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 **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.

**Newsletter deadline is Monday, April 27.** Please be sure to have all articles and items you wish to include in the newsletter to Kim by this date.

Notice: Kim, the church secretary, will be out of the office beginning Thursday, April 16 and returning on Monday, April 27. Please contact Pastor Jennifer if you are in need of assistance during this time.



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- Usher: Charlie Brandt
- Greeter: Donna Heyne
- Videographer: Merlinda Bisese
- Altar Guild: Linda Ryan
- Offering Tellers: Margie Radebaugh

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The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are presented Ruth Kiefer in memory of her father Ralph Meyer & Carol Huffman in honor of Michael’s birthday.

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**For the Week of April 12 - 18**

**TODAY**  
**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

- Christian Education & Property Committee Mtgs
- Art Group – 1p
- AA meeting – 7p
- WELCA – 10a
- NA meeting – 6:30p
- Worship & Music – 7p
- Council Mtg – 7p

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