

# Saint James Lutheran Church

April 20, 2025  
Easter Festival Worship



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**A special thanks to our Handbell Choir:** Ruth An Crecelius, Anna Lisa Johannessen, Beverly Beale, Scott Marosek, Rick & Jane Boelke, Amanda Rea, Hannah Rea, and Barb Gearing

## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

**PRELUDE**    *Easter Bells*                      *Handbell Choir*

*We stand.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

In the name of † the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

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

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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,  
**make us one as you are one.**

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.  
**Amen.**

**PROCESSIONAL 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**

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

**And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We pray together the prayer of the day.

**O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*We sit.*

## RITE OF BAPTISM

*Line in bold print are for congregation participation.*

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

*The Assisting Minister presents Finch on behalf of the congregation:*

I present Finch Dylan Kae Hoffman for baptism.

Colleen and Kevin, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Finch baptized into Christ?

*Response: We do.*

As you bring Finch to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,  
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,  
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,  
place in his hands the holy scriptures,  
and nurture him in faith and prayer,  
so that he may learn to trust God,  
proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Finch in the Christian faith and life?

*Response: We do.*

People of God, do you promise to support Finch and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

*I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*I renounce them.*

*The assembly stands; the presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*The assembly may be seated.*

## **BAPTISM**

Finch Dylan Kae Hoffman, I baptize you in the name  
of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia.**

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters  
and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

*Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:*

Sustain Finch with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the  
spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy  
in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

Finch Dylan Kae Hoffman, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and  
marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

*A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized.*

Let your light so shine before others  
that they may see your good works  
and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized, Finch Dylan Kae Hoffman.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** *Come Ye Faithful* by R. S. Thatcher

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought His Israel Into joy from sadness;  
'Tis the Spring of Souls today, Christ hath burst His prison,  
And from three days sleep in death as a Sun hath risen.  
Queen of seasons, bright with the day of slendor,--Alleluia!  
With the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render;--Alleluia!  
Comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection--Alleluia--Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesus' resurrection.--Alleluia!  
Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal, hold Thee as a mortal;  
But today amidst the twelve Thou didst stand,  
bestowing that Thy peace which evermore passeth human knowing.  
Poem attributed to St. John of Damascus*

**WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**READING**

Acts 10:34-43

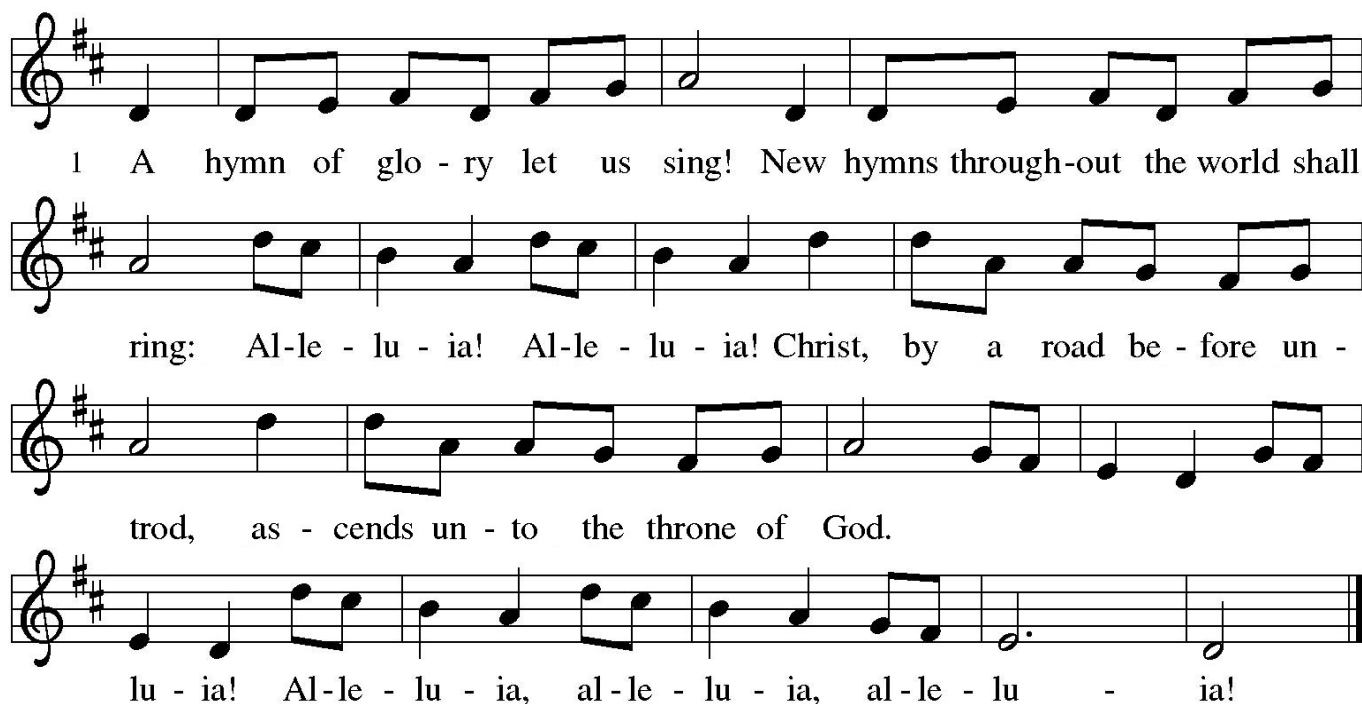
Diana Vittoe

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right 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."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*We stand.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW 393 (vs 1)



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New hymns through-out the world shall  
ring: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ, by a road be - fore un -  
trod, as - cends un - to the throne of God.  
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL:** The holy gospel according to Luke 24:1-12  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** *A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!* ELW 393 (vs 5)

*O risen Christ, ascended Lord,  
all praise to you let earth accord:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You are, while endless ages run,  
with Father and with Spirit one.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*We sit.*

**SERMON**      Pastor John

*Silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*We stand, as music begins.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**      *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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** (Concerns listed at the end of worship bulletin)

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words:*

God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



## OFFERING

*An offering is gathered during communion for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

God of Life,  
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, the Risen One.  
**Amen.**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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.**

## PREFACE

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.

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff ends with a comma, the second with a period, the third with a period, and the fourth with a double bar line.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

We give you thanks, Father,  
through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son,  
whom you sent in this end of the ages  
to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will.

He is your Word, inseparable from you,  
through whom you created all things,  
and in whom you take delight.

He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb.

He there took on our nature and our lot  
and was shown forth as your Son,  
born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary.

He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will  
and won for you a holy people;  
he stretched out his hands in suffering  
in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted,  
in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one,  
to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous,  
to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection,  
taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

In the same way 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.

Remembering, then, his death and resurrection,  
we take this bread and cup,  
giving you thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church;  
gather into one all who share this bread and wine;  
fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth,  
that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ;  
through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,  
with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*The assembly may be seated.*

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

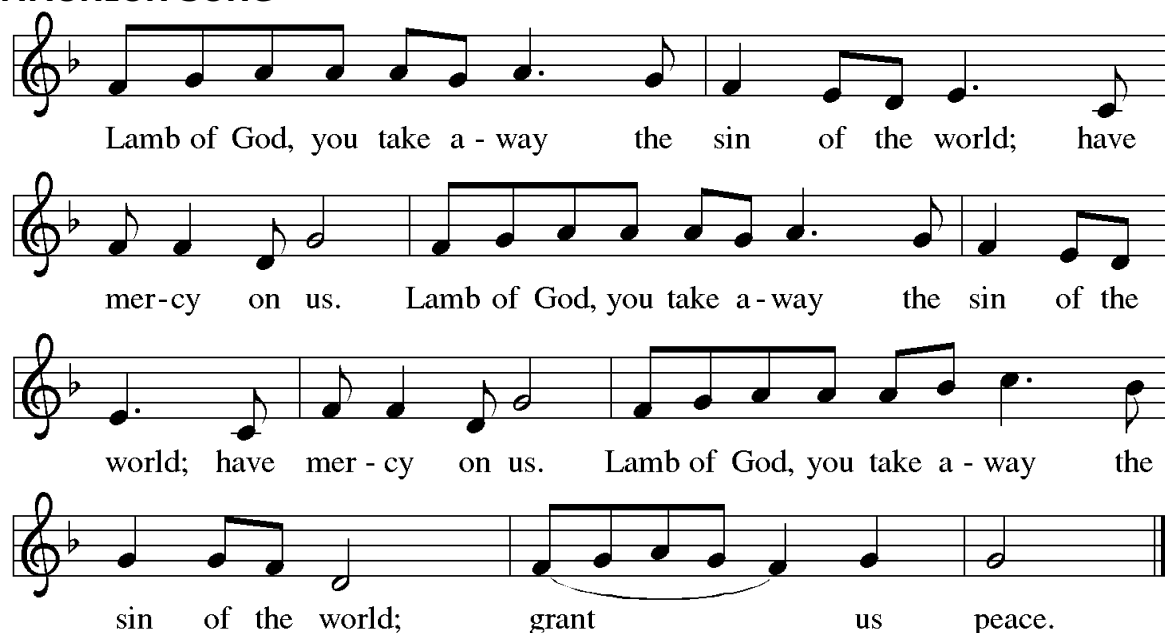
*When giving the bread and cup, the communion  
ministers say*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
*and each person may respond* **Amen.**

### **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

All are welcome at Holy Communion. Lutherans believe that Jesus' real presence is in, under, and through the bread and wine. The sacrament is effective in either bread or wine, so if you have a difficulty with either bread or wine, you may commune with one element. Grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available. Receive the wafer from the pastor, and move to the communion assistants to receive wine or grape juice. Place empty wine cup in the basket.

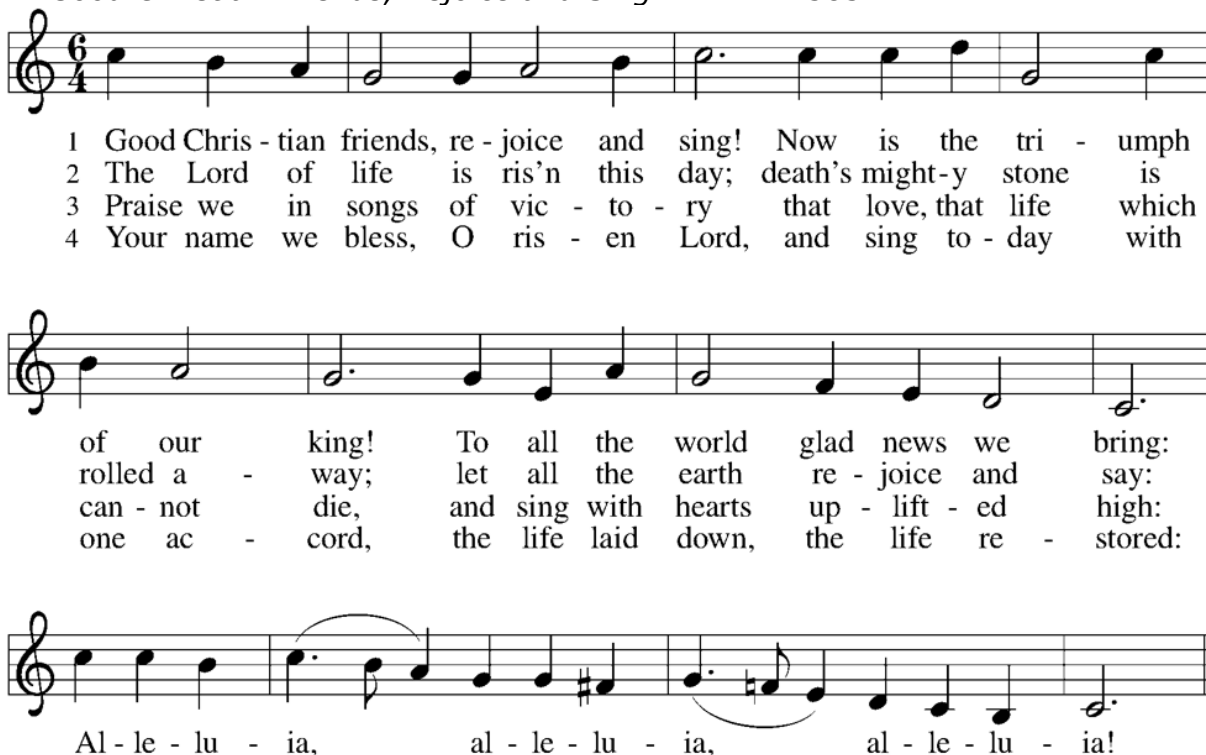
## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## SONG DURING COMMUNION

*Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* ELW 385



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with  
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**SONG DURING COMMUNION** *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.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**BLESSING**

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.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING SONG

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

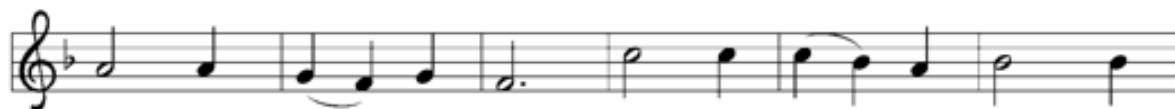
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1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our  
4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



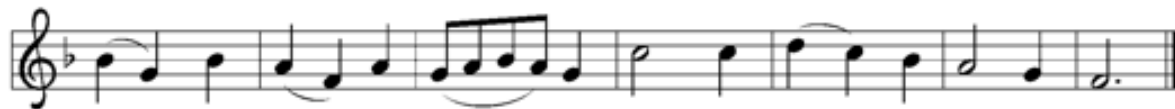
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -  
food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to  
tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your  
his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -  
you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of  
foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you  
vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our  
sin - ners, earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the  
en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on  
Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"  
songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.  
out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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## Congregational Prayer Concerns

The list in the weekly bulletin is intended to be for persons in immediate crisis. Generally, those names will be moved to the newsletter after 3 weeks. The newsletter has our long-term prayer list which is updated as you tell us.

**Members**     · Joe Lehner     · Beth Sessoms     · Stella San Miguel     · Gary Eissinger     · Linda Schlenker  
                 · Bill Vittoe     · Larry Schiebe     · Mary Wright

### Friends & Family

· Claudia Joyner     · Simone Ryan     · Kathleen Daughty     · Diane Stultz     · Mikael Knight  
· Robert “Bob” Ousnamer     · Emma Clark     · Robert Barnes     · Jill Whitwell

### People at Home or in Care facilities (restricted mobility)

· Charlotte Davis     · Claudia Doyle     · Brenda Killett     · Carolyn Uchtorff

### Our military members (\*deployed)

· Earl Stockham     · Jessie Hewins     · Rob Whitt     · David Oliver     · Tristan Bonde     · Dan Gibson  
· Jacob Rea     · Zach Turner     · Joshua Trogon     · Bella Fish     · Hochang Min\*



**2025**

**The Easter flowers beautifying our church this glorious morning are**

<b>Given by:</b>	<b>In honor or memory of:</b>
Barbara Azzarelli	Samual J. Azzarelli
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Kathy Brown	Paul and Katie Roseman
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Their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren	Charles and Helen White
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Tom Liedig	His wife, Darlene; son, Erik; and daughter, Kathleen
Nancy Oliver	Her loved ones
Pastor John & Anna Lisa	Her parents, Doris and Leif; His parents, Elmeda and Howard; His brother, Keith
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Stella SanMiguel	Oscar SanMiguel, Andrew SanMiguel and Jennifer Vittoe
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Mary Wright	James Bray & William Wright