

**Resurrection of our Lord**

**March 31, 2024**

**We hope you feel welcome here.**

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is a Christ-centered community that lives, shares, and celebrates God's grace with all people!

St. Thomas is located on the ancestral homelands for the myaamiaki, Lënape, Bodwéwadmik, and saawanwa people. We acknowledge and give thanks that they have occupied and cared for this land over countless generations, and we celebrate the continuing contributions to the life of this region by the Indigenous People who call this land their home.

**We hope you can participate fully in worship.**

Everything needed to participate in today's worship is found in this bulletin. The hymns are found in the back third of the red *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (ELW) or purple *All Creation Sings* (ACS) located under the seat in front of you. Worshipers are invited to stand as you are able at the places marked \* and to respond when indicated with bold type. We gently remind you to silence all electronic devices.

Our youngest worshipers and their parents may appreciate the Prayer Pond in the worship space or listening to the service from our unstaffed nursery. Activity bags are available in the narthex and children's bulletins are available from an usher.

Assisted hearing devices and complete-service, large-print bulletins are available from an usher. The blue chairs with arms are reserved for people with mobility limitations. Ushers can remove chairs to place a wheelchair.

**We hope you know Holy Communion is for you.** At communion, everyone is welcome. This includes doubters, young children, and folks who have yearned for this feast. Come forward at the direction of an usher and receive hand-torn bread or gluten-free wafers and pink wine or red grape juice. If you have mobility limitations, please take the closest available place at the altar, or ask an usher for Communion to be brought to you at your seat.

**We hope you know our welcome extends beyond our building.**

Today's 8:30 a.m. service is livestreamed. By attending this service, you are giving permission to be in the video we produce. Gifts placed in the offering plate by the worship doors contribute to this mission.

**We hope you know we pray for you.**

We would love to pray for the concerns of your heart during this service. Prayer request slips are located on the table near the main doors; prayer requests made before the service begins will be included in the Prayers of the People.

## + GATHERING +

### PRELUDE

Marche Héroïque

Georg Philipp Telemann

### \*INVOCATION

*Shared with great joy several times:*

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### \*ENTRANCE HYMN                      Jesus Christ is Risen Today

*During the processional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*

# Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## \*GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

## \*HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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

*Refrain*



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



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



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



*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

## \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty, and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ. We pray that, wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness, selfishness, war and greed, the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear in justice, love, and peace, to the glory of your name, through the one who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



## +WORD+

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pr. Lecia Beck

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And the LORD will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations; death will be swallowed up forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of the people will be taken away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

“See, this is our God; for whom we have waited, so that we might be saved.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in this salvation.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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



<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!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered  
me  
and you have become | my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

## SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43

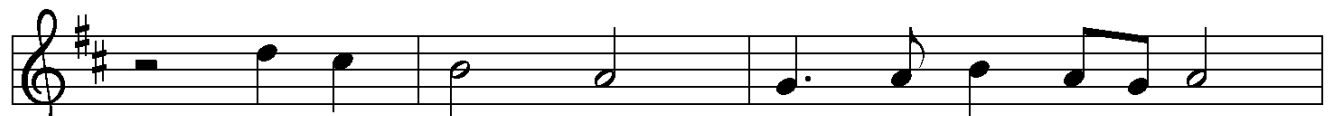
Then Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every people anyone who is God-fearing and practices righteousness is acceptable to God. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—who is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how Jesus went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. 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, but God raised Jesus on the third day and allowed him to appear, 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. Jesus 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. All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

L: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

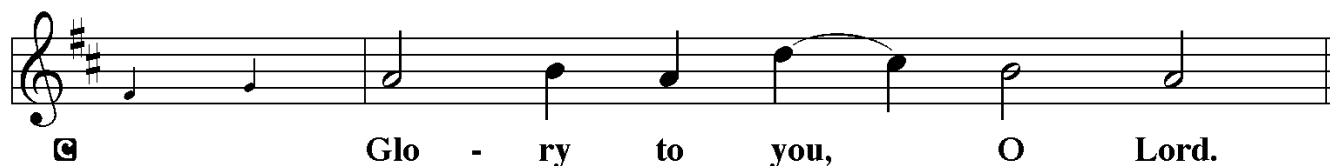
The first line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a half note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?" are written below the notes.



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

The second line of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F, a quarter note G, and a quarter note A. The lyrics "You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia." are written below the notes.

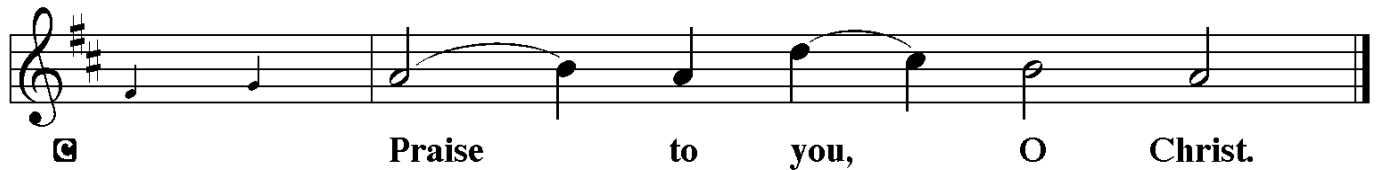
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” So they went out

and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of our Lord!



SERMON

Pr. Adrienne Meier

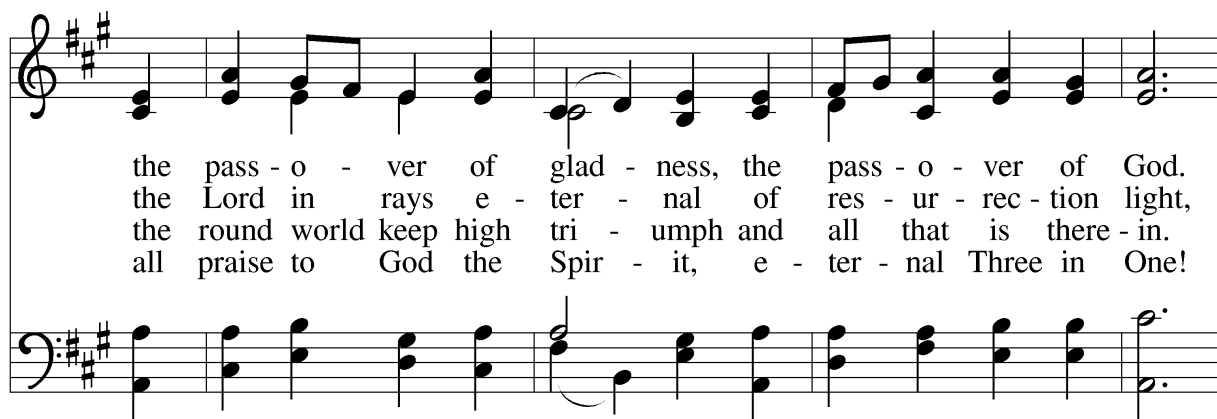
\*HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day of Resurrection!

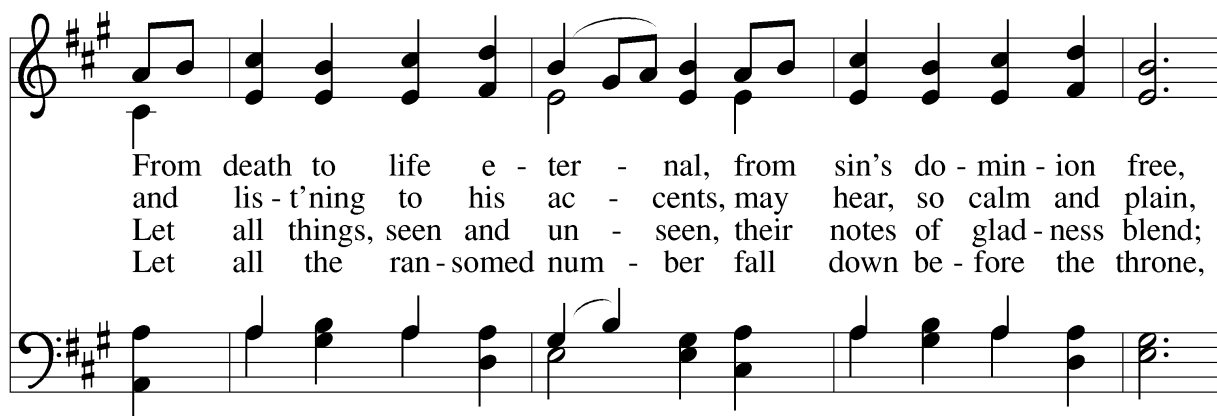
# The Day of Resurrection!




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!

**\*NICENE CREED**

**A: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.**

**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 THE CHURCH

A: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

A: Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us to embody Christ's love in the world. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Life-giving God, the beauty of springtime reminds us daily that our world is a sacred gift. Lead us to live our gratitude by caring for the earth and our neighbors. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations. Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, famine, and abuse. Summon leaders to your way of justice. Empower healers, peacemakers, and all who work to end violence and conflict. God of grace,  
**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, we pray for St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church. As you feed us at your Easter table, fill us with your wisdom and show us how to serve and care for others. We remember today those who have been commended to our prayers: Elif, Paula, Doug, Yvonne, Barbara, Steve, Brenda, Jim, Meridith, Ted, Bob, Kent, Mark, Bill, Don and Marilyn. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Eternal God, we remember those who have gone before us in death. Renew our trust in you and help us to remember them with loving gratitude. May we live with joy, courage, and lovingkindness, trusting in Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## \*SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share the peace with a wave, a bow, or maybe an elbow, checking in with your neighbor for whatever feels safe and conveys the spirit of peace and reconciliation this ritual intends.*

## OFFERING

*Please sign and pass the **Together In Community** pads. Make note of the names of your neighbors so you can introduce yourself after the service.*

***Gifts may be placed in the offering plate by the baptismal font, or you can give on our website, [stlconline.org](http://stlconline.org). St. Thomas collects gifts to support our mission of sharing, living, and celebrating God's grace with all people. We support Lutheran Campus Ministries at IU/Rose House and many local, national, and international ministry partners.***



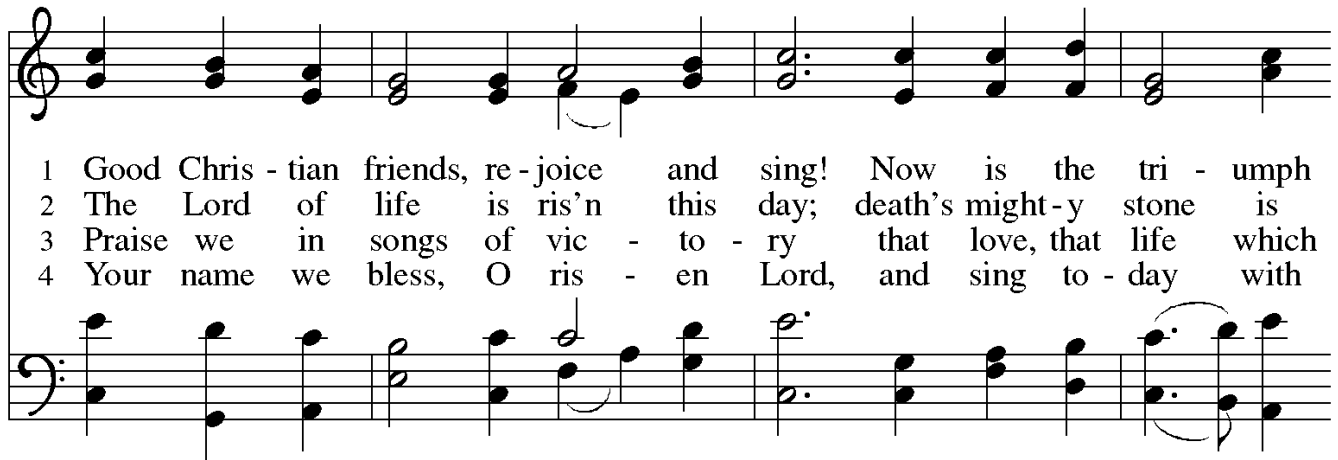
## CHOIR ANTHEM

Christ the Lord is Risen Again

Philip Stopford

# \*OFFERTORY HYMN

## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



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!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872–1955, alt.

Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570–1615

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## \*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**+ MEAL +**

## \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

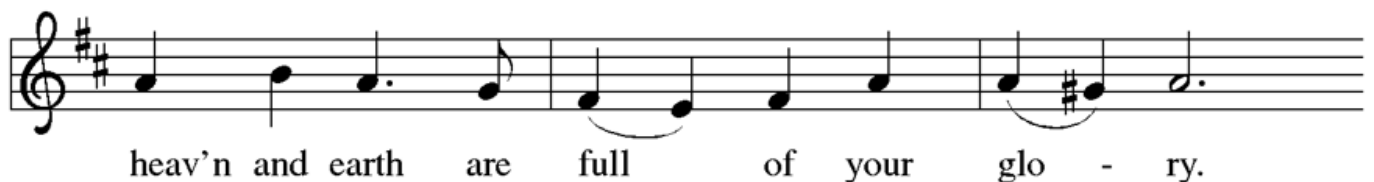
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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 lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes with various phrasing slurs.

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:



## \*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:  
The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is



my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: 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.

P: Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again: The earth is full of your glory.

**C: The earth is full of your glory.**

P: Amen, and amen.

**C: Amen, and amen.**

## \*LORD'S PRAYER

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language. The pastor will continue when all versions are complete. Mvskoke, the language of the Muscogee Creek Nation, is provided on the next page.*

**C: Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on Earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Pu'rke hvlwe liketskat,  
ce hocefkvť vcakekvs.  
Cem ohmekketvt vlvkekvs.  
Mimv hvlwe nake kometske  
momat etvpomet yvmv  
ekvnnv oh momekvs.  
Nettv vrahkv tvkliken  
mucv-nettvn pu'mvs.  
Momet pum ahuervn es pum  
wikvs, vhuericeyat es em  
wikakeyat, etvpomen.  
Nake pu naorkepuece taye  
eskerretv 'sep oh ahyetskvs;  
momis holwakat a sepu'ssicvs.  
Ohmekketvt, yekcetvt, momen  
racketvt cenake emunkvt omekv.  
Emen.

## \*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*We believe that God is our host and that all people are welcome to this feast of grace, community, and forgiveness. Come forward at the direction of an usher, and receive bread or gluten-free wafer and wine in a common chalice or pink wine and red grape juice in individual cups. If you wish to receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.*

## 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, grant us peace.

# COMMUNION HYMNS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" All on earth with an - gels say;  
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the fight, the bat - tle won.  
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.  
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious king! Where, O death, is now your sting?

raise your joys and tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns; and earth, re - ply.  
Lo! The sun's e - clipse is o'er. Lo! He sets in blood no more.  
Death in vain for - bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.  
Once he died our souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!  
Praise to thee by both be giv'n.  
Thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the resurrection, thou!

6 King of glory, soul of bliss,  
everlasting life is this:  
thee to know, thy pow'r to prove,  
thus to sing, and thus to love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

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# Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

*Mfurahini, haleluya*

M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.  
Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.

A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,  
For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.  
e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
and in its con - quest his might did show.  
On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

# Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

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!



**\*EUCCHARISTIC BLESSING**

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

**C: Amen.**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A:** Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\*BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

*During the recessional, the congregation turns to face the cross as it passes.*

# Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**\*DISMISSAL**

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

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

**POSTLUDE**

Fugue in C Major, BWV 545

J. S. Bach

*We depart in peace to continue our worship  
in lives of witness to Christ's love  
in work, play, service, and care for creation.*

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\* all means ***all***.

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*with selections from*

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Matthew Benkert, Director of Music

**4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024**  
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## **Prayers for those with health and safety concerns**

Elif Ogan, Paula Ionescu, Doug Bauder, Yvonne Leber, Barbara Peterson, Steve Caudill, Brenda Caudill, Jim Wallace, Meridith Galstad, Ted Berlin, Bob Shuck, Kent Unger, Mark Wilkes, Bill Barr, and Don and Marilyn Findlay.

Contact the church office for inclusion in this list of concerns and to be included in the Sunday prayers.

A separate, confidential prayer chain is also available. Contact **Susan Colston** at [skcolston@aol.com](mailto:skcolston@aol.com) to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

### **The altar flowers this week are given**

by Debbie Witt

in memory of her parents  
on their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

The Easter Lilies for today's service were provided by Lyman & Gloria Hitchcock, Stephanie Hulett, Gene & Gayl Laughman, Carol Seaman, Kris Stewart, and Mike & Debbie Witt.

## **Today's Worship Leaders**

Altar Care: Mary Sasse, Shirley Minge, Gail Seegert, Kaye Hill

Bread/Wine: Allison Ward

Prayer Writer: Pamela Smith

A/V Tech: Jim Ward

Trumpet: Phil May, Janis Stockhouse

Horn: Kari Esarey

Trombone: Eli Brauner

## **8:30 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Amy Bartleson Balcam

Lectors: Allison Ward, Debbie Witt

Crucifers: Stephanie Abel, David Ellies

Ushers: Gene & Gayl Laughman

Communion Steward: David Ellies

Greeters: Mary Sasse, Drew Balcam

Council Coordinator: Mike Witt

## **11 a.m. service**

Assisting Minister: Nathan Pratt

Lector: Tim Smith, Ashley Ahlbrand

Crucifers: Noah Smith, Mary Thomason-Smith

Acolyte: Noelle Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Randy & Nancy Nye

Communion Steward: Mary Thomason-Smith

Greeters: Gail Seegert, Moriah Reichert

Council Coordinator: Justin Rust



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