



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 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!

As disciples of Christ who value the faith, gifts, and ministry of all God's people, and who seek justice, racial equity, and reconciliation, we welcome all God's children to an inclusive community. This welcome is extended without exception and regardless of sex, race, national origin, educational background, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, physical and mental ability, age, or economic condition.

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING DIALOG

(written by former pastor Rev. Walt Johnson)

P: We are gathered in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. We gather to be fed by the Word and nourished in the Holy Meal—as has been our privilege for sixty-four years.

C: We meet in gratitude to God for the gift of Christ Jesus and for the renewing power of the resurrection.

P: We thank the Spirit of God for leading and walking with us through all the past years; through times of joy, growth and vitality in mission, and through difficult seasons of stress and discouragement.

C: We are grateful to the Lord of the Church for calling and equipping faithful pastors, lay-leaders and tireless volunteers to support our ministries over the years.

P: We especially honor God for the work of Lutheran Campus Ministry, which had its beginning in our midst.

C: We are thankful that this congregation has also been led to reach out to all sorts and conditions of God's children—seekers and faithful disciples from every walk of life.

P: Let us ask God to lead us into the days and years ahead with Resurrection Hope—building on what has been, with a vision of what can be, and confident that God's every promise will be fulfilled.

C: Send us, loving God, into your future—empowered by forgiving grace, encouraged by your promise that all things will work together for good for those who love the Lord.

*ENTRANCE HYMN

Christ's Risen, Christ's Risen

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Christ's Risen, Christ's Risen

Christ's ris - en, Christ's ris - en, Praise Je - sus, the Lord! Christ
The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry; The
But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose, And
O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ
Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice; Pro -

o - pened death's pris - on, the in car - nate, true Word. Break
Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree. In
death, hell, and Sa - tan Christ van - quished, our foes. The
rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door. For
claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice. Laud,

forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song And
Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer, For
con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high; Christ
all our trans - gres - sions Christ's blood does a - tone; Re -
hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain; With

earth, sea, and moun - tain, their praise - es pro - long.
Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
lives, yes, Christ lives, and will nev - er - more die.
deemed and for - giv - en, we now are God's own.
Fa - ther and Spir - it Christ ev - er shall reign.

*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



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

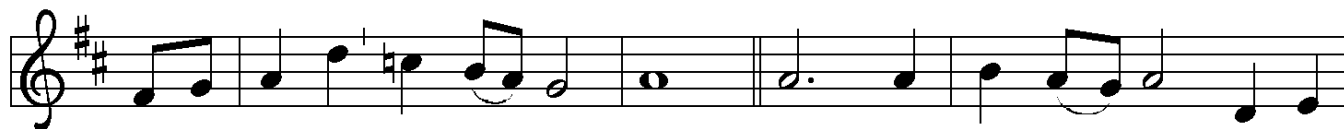


strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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,

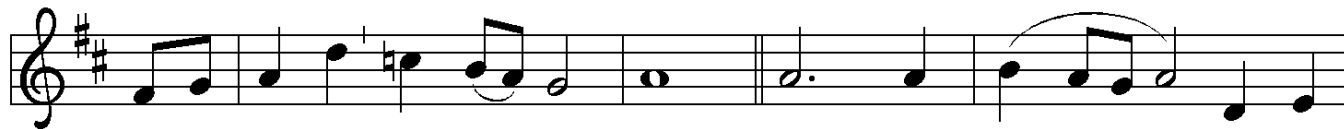


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain

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. Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

Acts 4:32-35

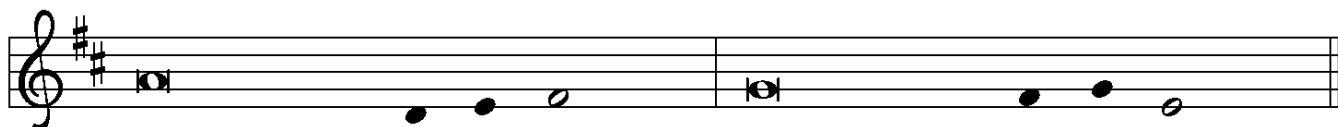
Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in

common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 133



How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing
down up- | on the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down
upon the collar | of his robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down
upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the
blessing: life for- | evermore.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with the Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from Jesus Christ and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with God while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God

who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous, and who is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: 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 St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the temple authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 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.”

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.” 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” 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.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may continue 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 Our Lord!

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing

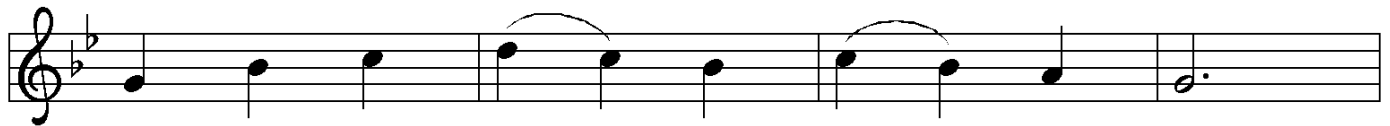
Verses 1, 4-9



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters, let us sing
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,
4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;
Insert stanzas 5-8 if desired.
9 On this most ho - ly day of days,



with heav'n - ly hosts to Christ our king:
the faith - ful wom - en went their way
who sits and speaks un - to the three,
a - mong them came their mas - ter dear,
be laud and ju - bi - lee and praise:



to - day the grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!
to seek the tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!
"Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!
and said, "My peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!
to God your hearts and voic - es raise. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



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

- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard,
that they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.
Alleluia!
- 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see,
and look upon my hands, my feet;
not faithless, but believing be."
Alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
and yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.
Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French tune, 15th cent.

*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: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. Guide us as consumers

of agricultural products in supporting ethical and sustainable enterprises to the extent we can. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. We especially pray for those who work in hunger relief and disaster relief around the world. Continue to give discernment to the many humanitarian aid workers who find themselves in risky places and forced to make unthinkable decisions about how and when and where to distribute aid. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism, excessive policing, ableism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We especially pray for all those who find themselves incarcerated, especially at the

Putnamville Correctional Facility, the Indiana Women's Prison, the Edinburgh Correctional Facility, and the many other carceral spaces in Indiana. Replenish the wells of compassion and gentleness for those who staff these spaces. Renew the patience and hope of those who find themselves incarcerated. Be near to those charged with supporting formerly-incarcerated people making their way back into ordinary life. Guide all of us in becoming the community we need to be to support people in need. We also pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain especially, Elif, Paula, Doug, Yvonne, Barbara, Steve, Brenda, Jim, Ted, Bob, Kent, Mark, Bill, Don and Marilyn, and Harry. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Give them rest—real, restorative rest—in the Easter season. Guide the hearts and minds of those serving on church leadership boards as they fill clerical,

staff and volunteer positions in churches across our synod. Open each of our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you especially Dietrich Bonhoeffer and all whose lives have been given in faithfulness to the gospel. Grant us your peace amid our fears. Grant comfort and strength to Kent Unger and his family as they mourn the death of his sister, Marsha.

God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through 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. 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.



8:30 a.m. only

ORGAN OFFERTORY

Matthew Benkert

11 a.m. only The Call (Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughn Williams

David Belbutoski

*OFFERTORY HYMN

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

Scat - ter the dark - ness, break the gloom; Sun, re -
Bear - ing the stan - dard from on high As the
Ban - ners of tri - umph, be un - furled! Trum - pets,

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veal an emp - ty tomb Shin - ing with joy for all our
Lamb of God to die; He who for us, so cruel - ly
sound through-out the world! Cry - ing and sighs, give way to

6

sor - rows, Hope and peace for all to - mor - rows, Life un - e -
 treat - ed, Lives a - gain; our foes de - feat - ed! Where is your
 sing - ing: Life from death, our Lord is bring - ing! Let there be -

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clisped by doubt and dread: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
 sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!
 gin the ju - bi - lee: Christ has gained the vic - to - ry!

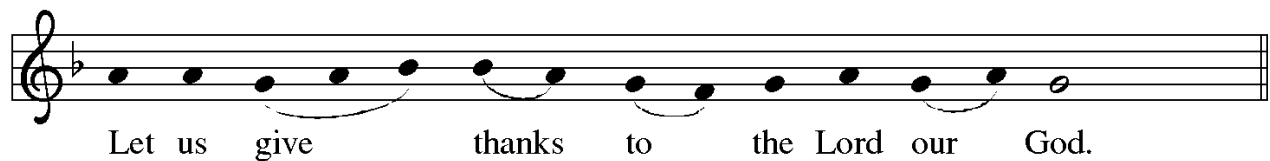
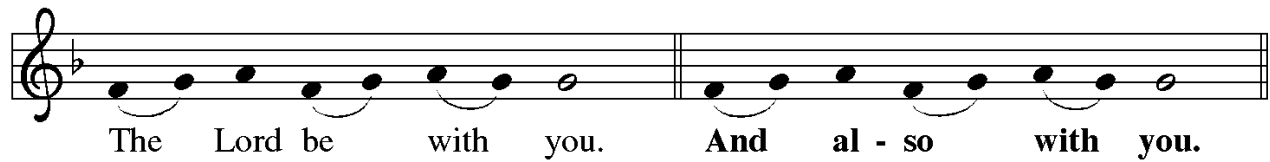
***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: 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



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:



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. Blessed is the one who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
You prepare before us a table of goodness and
mercy.

P: You are the Author of life and calls us to
witness to your Good News.

P: You are the Great Physician and all healing comes from you. You are the stone, rejected by the builders, which has become the cornerstone. You are the name by which we are saved. Your welcome extends beyond any borders we might establish.

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: Joined into one body, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: With the crowds and believers, pour out your Spirit on us. With the early church, let your great grace rest upon us. With Justus and Matthias, call us to be your witnesses. With Philip, catch us up in your Spirit. With the Ethiopian eunuch, send us on our way rejoicing.

P: With your holy ones of all times and places, With the dew upon the mountains, In the pastures of plenty and the valleys of despair, Alongside the still waters and the roaring sea, With the floods that clap their hands And the hills that sing together for you, As trees planted by the watercourses, we praise you blessed and holy Trinity, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*LORD'S PRAYER

*Speak this prayer in your preferred language.
The pastor will continue when all versions are
complete. Turkish 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.**

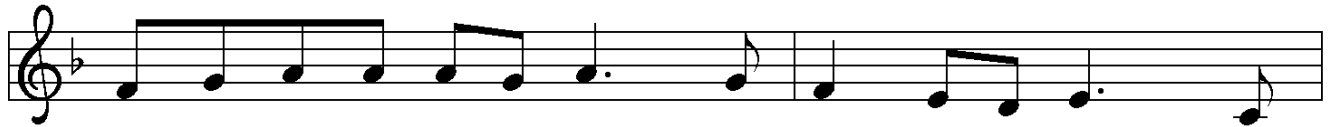
Göklerdeki Babamız,
Adın kutsal kılınsın.
Egemenliğin gelsin.
Gökte olduğu gibi, yeryüzünde de senin
istediğin olsun.
Bugün bize gündelik ekmeğimizi ver.
Bize karşı suç işleyenleri bağışladığımız gibi,
Sen de bizim suçlarımızı bağışla.
Ayartılmamıza izin verme.
Bizi kötü olandan kurtar.
Çünkü egemenlik, güç ve yücelik sonsuzlara
dek senindir! amin

*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.

AGNUS DEI



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



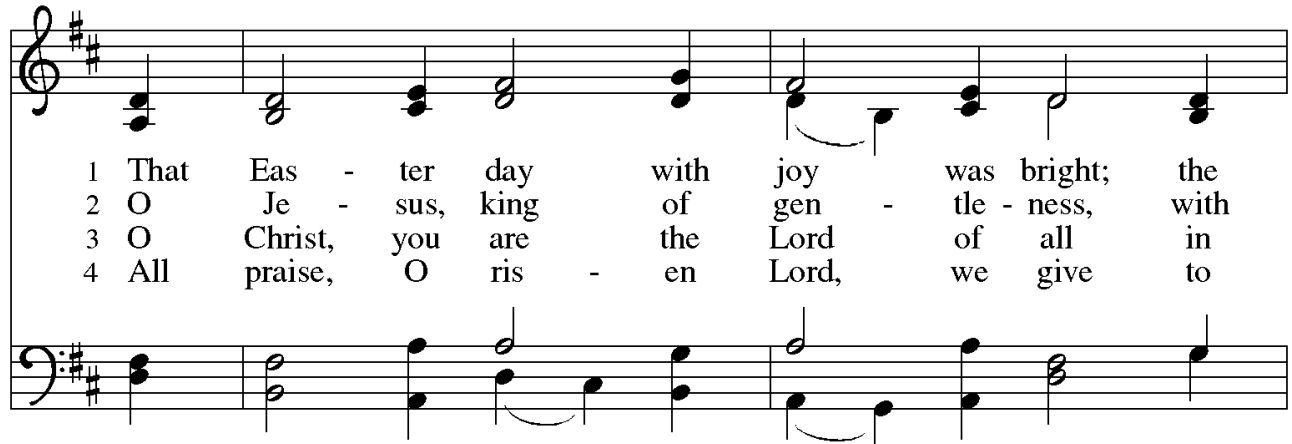
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

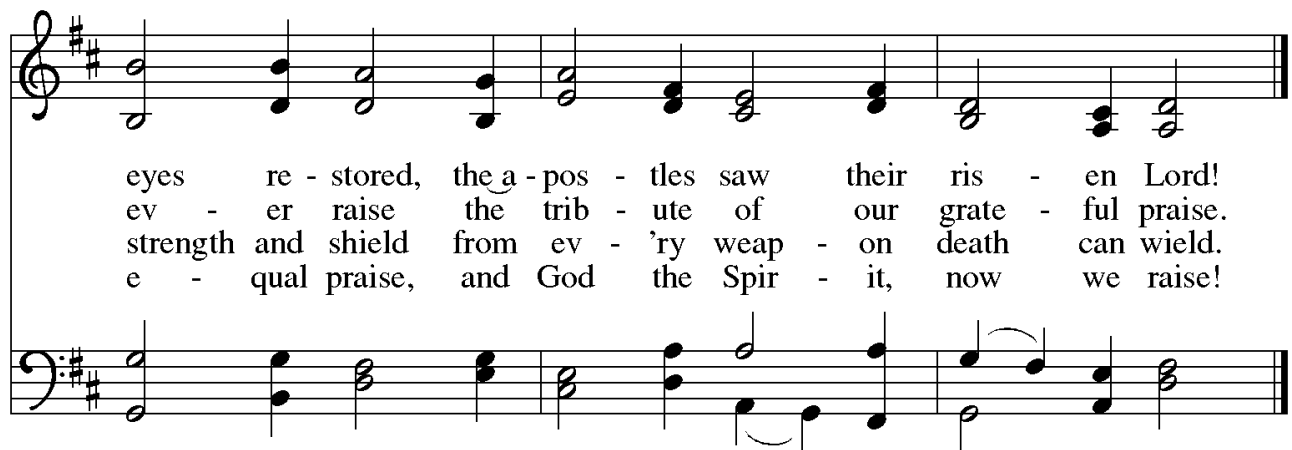
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

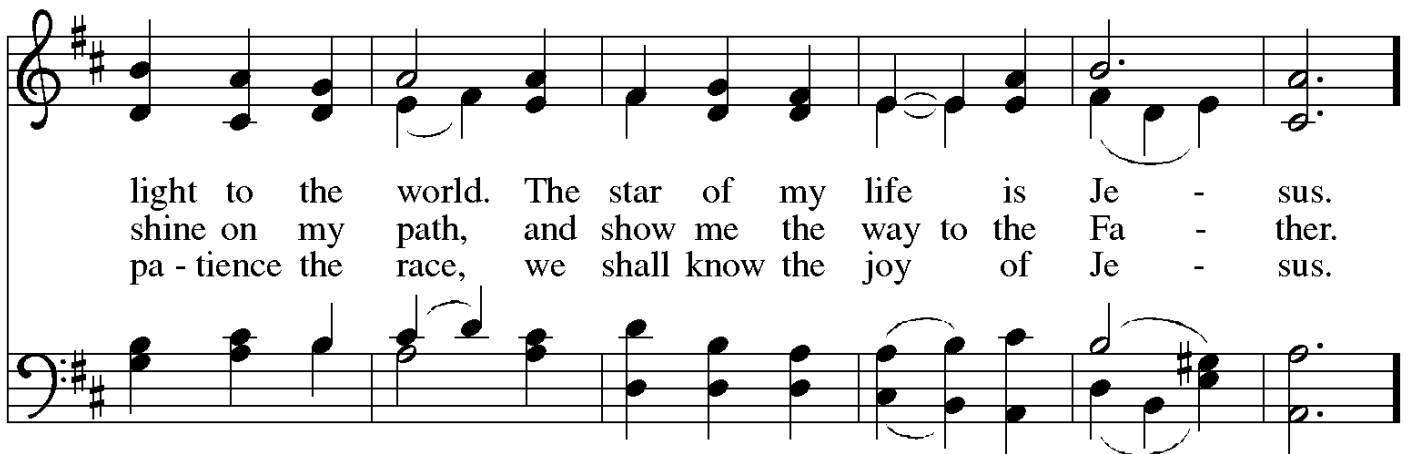
I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration.

***EUCHARISTIC 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: 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 bold love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

+ SENDING +

***BENEDICTION**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

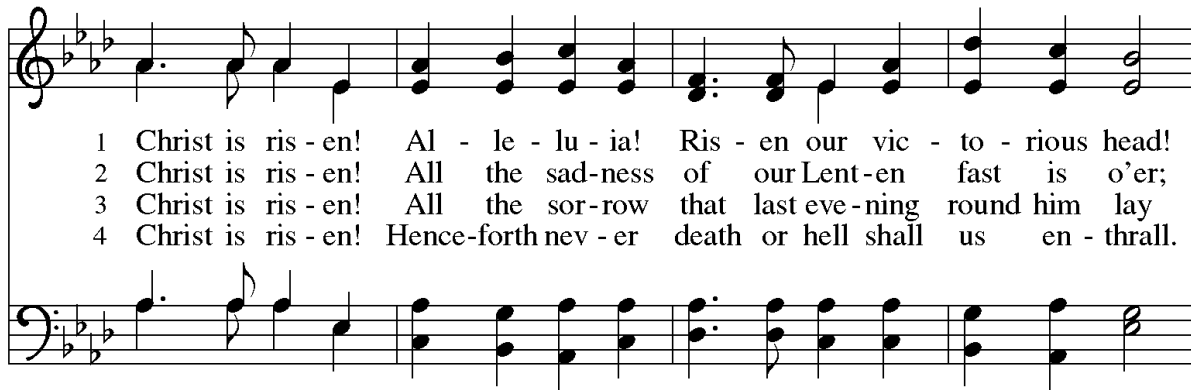
C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

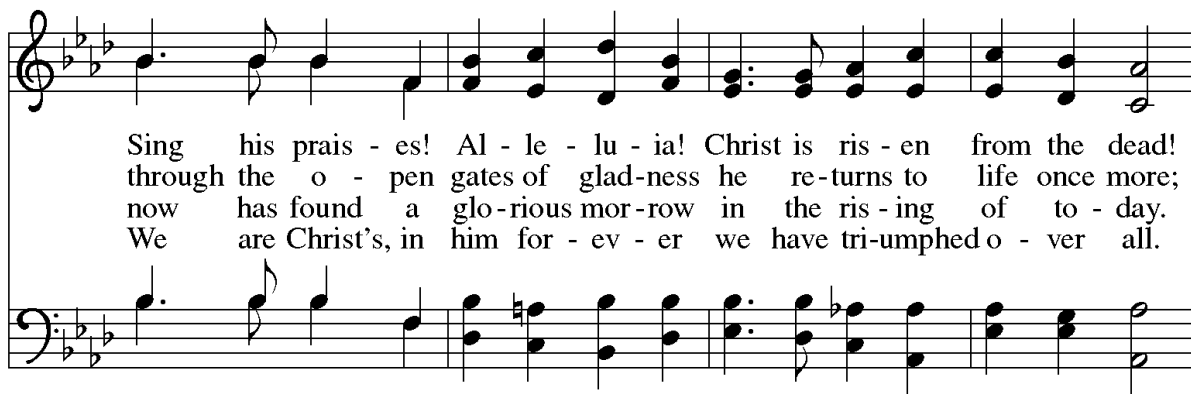
C: Amen.

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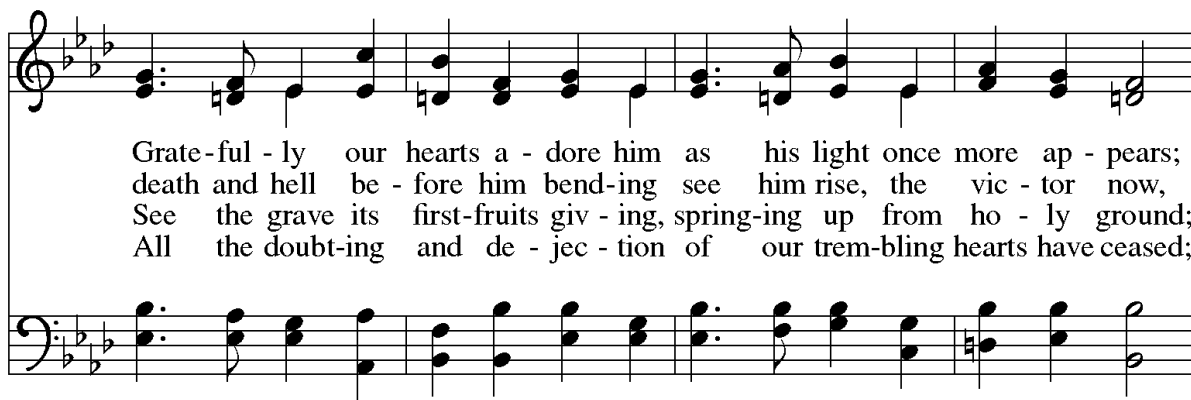
Christ is Arisen! Alleluia!



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

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!

The image shows a musical score for a refrain. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!' and '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

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

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

*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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Today's readings are selected from the Revised Common Lectionary. The texts for the scripture readings are from the *New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition*, emendations are provided by the pastoral staff of St. Thomas.

At A Glance: This Week at St. Thomas Sunday April 7

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11 a.m. Worship

12 p.m. LuMin Chili Cookoff

Monday April 8

Office Closed

Tuesday April 9

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday April 11

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday April 14

8:30 a.m. Worship/Livestream Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

9:45 a.m. Gather Bible Study

11 a.m. Worship

2:30 p.m. Bach Cantata Project

4 p.m. Pie with the Pastors



Next Steps

Looking for a way to get involved at STLC? Try this next step:

Communion Steward

Assist with individual cups at communion, saying, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." This role is great for teenagers or adults.

Contact the church office if you are interested in this next step. parishadmin@stlconline.org

Condolences

The St. Thomas community offers condolences to the family of Marsha Unger Stohler, sister of Kent Unger, upon her death, which occurred on April 1. Rest eternal grant her, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon her.

Announcements

Office Closed Monday April 8

The church office is closed Monday, April 8, in celebration of the eclipse.

Annual Program Meeting

The Annual Program Meeting of St. Thomas Evangelical Lutheran Church will be **Sunday, April 21 following the 11 a.m. worship service** (around 12:15 a.m.). Annual Committee Reports are due to the church office by April 9. The agenda will include ratification of the constitution, the election of council members, and celebrations of the year's ministry. If you are interested in serving on Council or the Nomination Committee, please speak with one of the pastors or a current member of council. Those who wish to join the meeting on Zoom may do so here:

<https://bit.ly/3JIP7D2>

Bloomington Bach Cantata Project

We welcome the BBCP on **Sunday, April 14, at 2:30 p.m.** for their final performance this season, "Gott ist mein König" BWV 71, directed by Daniel R. Melamed.

Word in the Woods

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it!
(Psalm 24:1)

Join us for Word in the Woods as we enjoy God's creation, build relationships, and contemplate scripture together. Meet us at Griffy Lake boathouse for a 2.5-mile hike which closes with Holy Communion. We will gather on **Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m.** Please contact the church office if you plan to join us!

Trivia Night Returns!

Trivia master Rance Fawbush has generously agreed to be our guide through another evening of trivia (who knows what topics?) on **Saturday, April 20, at 7 p.m.** in Community Hall. Gather your teams, bring a drink or snack to share, and come join the fun.

GATHER AROUND THE TREE OF LIFE

Vacation Bible School
at St Thomas

May 28-30
9am-3pm
aftercare available
students entering K-6th
<https://bit.ly/3TTwUon>



pie with the pastors



conversations for new members and curious visitors

Sunday, April 14, 4 p.m.

*The Adult Choir of St. Thomas Lutheran Church
with friends and guest musicians presents*

REQUIEM IN D MINOR, Op. 48
by Gabriel Fauré

with selections from

OTČE NÁŠ (*The Lord's Prayer*)
by Leoš Janáček

Kathryn Davidson, Choir Director
Matthew Benkert, Director of Music

4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024
A reception will follow the concert.

St. Thomas Lutheran Church - 3800 East Third Street
Bloomington, Indiana 47401 - www.stlconline.org

St. Thomas Lutheran Church is wheelchair accessible.
This concert is sponsored by St. Thomas Worship & The Arts.



Prayers for those with health and safety concerns

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

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 to join the prayer chain or make a request for prayer.

The altar flowers this week are given
in honor of those who work with
our Community Partners.

Today's Worship Leaders

Altar Care: Shirley Minge, Nancy Nye

Bread/Wine: Vicki Polansky

Coffee Crew: Kathleen Boggess, Kaye Hill

Prayer Writer: Janine Drake

A/V Tech: Johnathan Frank

8:30 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Kathleen Boggess

Lectors: Carol Seaman, Debbie Selk

Ushers: Susan Kinzer & Spencer Anspach

Communion Steward: Carol Seaman

Greeters: Randy Nye

Council Coordinator: Randy Nye

11 a.m. service

Assisting Minister: Robin Hershberger

Lector: Chris Ogan, Nancy Mathews

Acolyte: Julianna Drake

Lord's Prayer Leader: Lucy Meier

Ushers: Dean Arnold, Arno Risner

Communion Steward: Gretchen Moehlmann

Greeters: Drew & Melissa Watters

Council Coordinator: Justin Rust

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shares and celebrates God's grace with all people!**