

**RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**Second Sunday of Easter
April 14, 2024
10:00 AM**

WELCOME!

Welcome to Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church, we are glad you are here!

*If you are a visitor, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor and feel at home among us. There are two abbreviations used for hymns and service elements in this bulletin: **ELW** stands for **E**vangelical **L**utheran **W**orship, which is the red hymnal in the book holder attached to the pew in front of you, and **ACS** is **A**ll **C**reation **S**ings, which is the blue songbook.*

Following the worship service, please consider joining us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs. An usher can direct you to the elevator.

INTRODUCTION

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.



ORDER OF SERVICE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

The Strife is O'er (Gelobt Sei Gott) Andrew Gant

At the ringing of a bell, the assembly stands and faces the font. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

WELCOME

Christ is risen, Alleluia!

Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (ELW p. 97)

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✠ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters

and by your Word you created the world,

calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.

Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.

At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,

making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,

and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.

Shower us with your Spirit,

and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna! (ELW 383)



1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.
Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, see, a spread - ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de - mon - ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing bring a taste of love un - known.
Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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GREETING (ELW p. 138)

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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: This is the Feast of Victory (ELW p. 139)

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.
al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, 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 (ELW p. 142)

Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this man walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified Jesus, the servant of God, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though Pilate had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the holy and righteous one and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what had been foretold through all the prophets, that the Messiah of God would suffer. ¹⁹Repent, therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

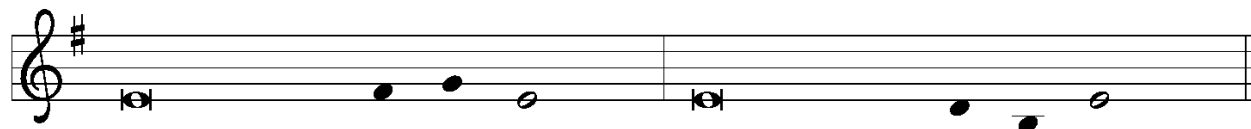
PSALM: Psalm 4

The Psalm is sung responsively by whole verse.

Refrain



Tone



- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**
- ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

A reading from First John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know God. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when Christ is revealed, we will be like Christ, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in Christ purify themselves, just as Christ is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that Christ was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in the Son sins; no one who sins has either seen or known the Son. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as Christ is righteous.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 102)

The assembly sings the Alleluias, the cantor sings the verse, the Alleluia are repeated.

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

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

Repeat alleluia

Blessed are those who ¹ have not seen* and yet have come ¹ to believe. (*John 20:29*)

GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹Yet for all their joy they were still disbelieving and wondering, and he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUTH MESSAGE

Angie Brooke

SERMON

Rev. Harry Therwanger



HYMN OF THE DAY: With High Delight Let Us Unite (ELW 368)



1 With high de - light let us u - nite in
 2 True God, he first from death has burst forth
 3 Let prais - es ring; give thanks, and bring to



songs of great ju - bi - la - tion. You pure in heart, all
 in - to life, all sub - du - ing. His en - e - my now
 Christ our Lord ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed by



bear your part, sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To
 van - quished see; his death has been death's un - do - ing. "And
 word and deed to ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So



set us free for - ev - er, he is ris'n and sends to
 yours shall be like vic - to - ry o'er death and grave," says
 shall his love give us a - bove, from mis - er - y and



all earth's ends good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 he, who gave his life for us, life re - new - ing.
 death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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 Music: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune
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CREED: Nicene Creed (ELW p. 104)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Stand

The response for today's intercessions is "Answer us when we call."

The presiding minister concludes the prayers:

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.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The assembly may greet one another with a sign of Christ's Peace by bowing, waving, or offering another appropriate gesture and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERTORY

A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays, Jean Berger



OFFERING AND SETTING THE TABLE

While the table is set for Holy Communion, members of the assembly may prepare to bring their offering forward when ushers invite them to come to the chancel where baskets are available to receive your gift. Communion ministers will sanitize and cleanse their hands prior to handling the gifts of bread and wine.

OFFERING PRAYER

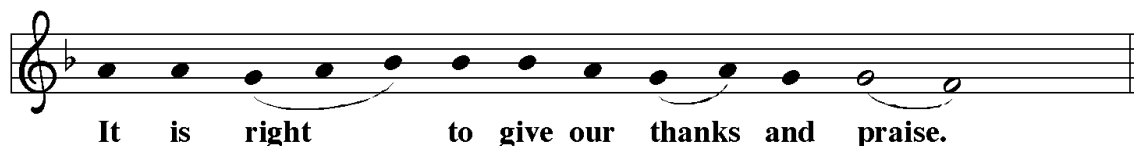
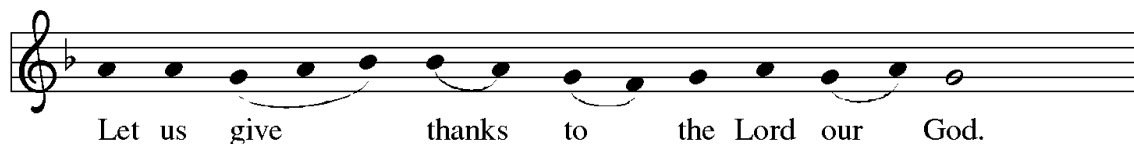
Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

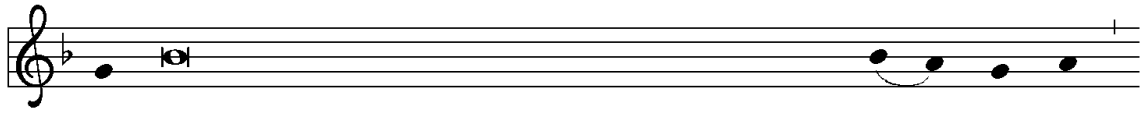
GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (ELW p. 144)

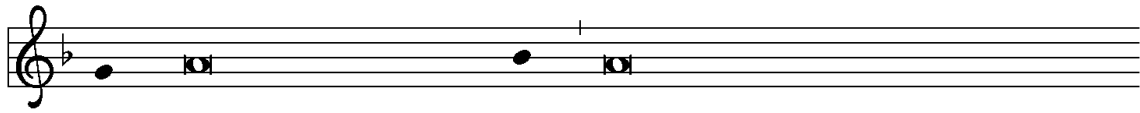




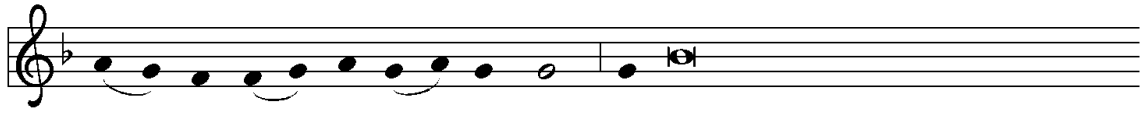
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



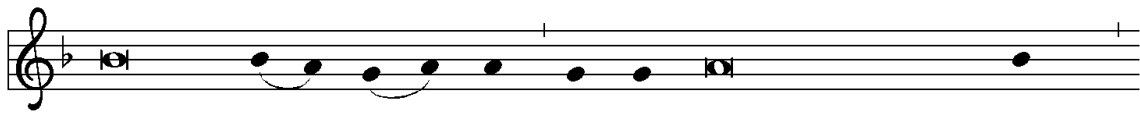
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself



to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,



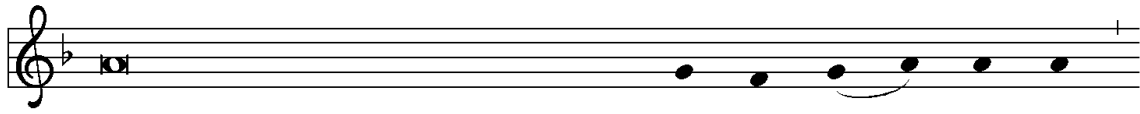
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.



And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the



res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,



and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (ELW p. 144)

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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen, amen, amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

The assembly may be seated. At the direction of ushers, baptized and communing members of the assembly wishing to commune will proceed to the front of the nave, maintaining appropriate physical distance. To receive the bread, place your hands palms up and level so that the presiding minister may place the bread in your open palm. Using a receptacle, such as a small juice glass which you have brought from home, hold it firmly that the assisting minister is able to pour wine from the common cup into your individual glass. For health safety reasons, please do not dip the bread into the wine. You may elect to commune by receiving the bread only. Gluten free hosts are also available. Once you have received the bread and wine, return to your places by the side aisles, while maintaining appropriate physical distance from your neighbors. You may elect to come forward for a blessing, simply cross your arms, placing your palms on your chest.

We rejoice that 5 of our youth have taken instruction in Holy Communion. To celebrate, these 5 and their families will commune first. Join us after Worship downstairs in the Parish Hall for cake and refreshments. We will also present the 5 with certificates to commemorate their First Communion. As a community of faith, we congratulate them and continue to encourage them to learn and grow in their faith.

COMMUNION

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.

LAMB OF GOD (ELW p.146)

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.

HYMN DURING COMMUNION: TOUCH THAT SOOTHES AND HEALS (ACS 939)



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and
 peo - ple, first and last. Know with - in each act of
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

Refrain



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

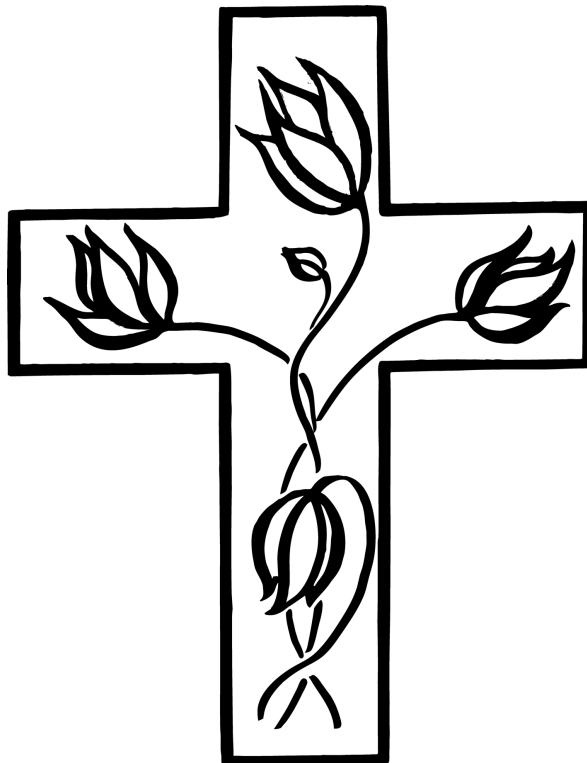
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.



SENDING HYMN: The Strife is O'er (ELW 366)

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832–1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525–1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY:

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds, Mark Sedio



*Please join us for refreshments and fellowship in the Parish Hall, downstairs.
An usher can direct you to the elevator.*

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 21:

Acts 4:5-12

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day because they were proclaiming the news of the resurrection to the people. In today's reading, Peter is filled with the Holy Spirit so that he can proclaim salvation in Jesus' name to the religious authorities.

Psalm 23

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

1 John 3:16-24

Jesus' death on our behalf is the clearest demonstration of divine love. This is the very love we share with others, not just through our words but especially through our deeds. In sharing such love we fulfill God's commandments.

John 10:11-18

In language that recalls the twenty-third psalm, Jesus describes himself as the shepherd who cares for his sheep. He is willing to die for them, and he is able to overcome death for them.

Notes on the music for today

HYMN OF THE DAY: With High Delight Let Us Unite, ELW 368

Text: Georg Vetter (1536-1599). Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART, medieval European tune

This hymn text by Georg Vetter was included in the Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengeseng* (Ivancice, 1566). Martin H. Franzmann (1907-1976) translated it, and his translation was included in the *Worship Supplement* (1969). It has passed through *Lutheran Book of Worship* (1978) to *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* with little alteration.

This is a jubilant Easter hymn. It gives expression to the explosive song spawned by the freedom from and death of death obtained by Christ's death and resurrection. This expression is achieved by a complex but deliciously audible inner and outer rhyme scheme allied to the meter. Franzmann skillfully maintained it in the English translation.

Georg Vetter was a Bohemian Brethren pastor, born in Moravia, who studied at the University of Königsberg and the University of Tübingen. He was ordained in 1567 and served as a pastor at several churches, not without resistance to his authoritarianism. A leader among the Brethren, in 1587 he made a Czech version of the Genevan Psalms with Claude Goudimel's settings, and he played a leading part in the Kralice translation of the Bible, which, for the Czech world, was comparable to Martin Luther's translation for the German one.

Martin Franzmann was an eloquent Lutheran pastor, teacher, and hymn writer. Born into a pastor's family in Minnesota, he studied at Northwestern College in Watertown, Wisconsin (BA, 1928), Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Thiensille (graduated, 1936), and at the University of Chicago in classics for over twenty years (from 1929 to 1951). He was professor of New Testament at Northwestern College from 1936 to 1946, held the same post at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis from 1946, 345 and moved to England in 1969 as tutor at Westfield House, Cambridge—the seminary of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of England. After having served the church as a beloved teacher and only sometimes a preacher (albeit a remarkable one), he was ordained in England there and then. Well before he went to England, in 1934 and 1935 he served as a pastoral assistant and teacher in the parish school with Pastor Arthur Klatt at St. Peter's Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. At Klatt's encouragement he began translating and writing hymns. His hymns, with four sermons, are collected in Leaver's *Come to the Feast* (1994). He was not a prolific hymn writer (Leaver's book gives twenty original hymns and nine translations) but a potent one.

Splendid music for a great text, this tune is one of the great hymn tunes of the Reformation. MIT FREUDEN ZART is a tune with breadth. It spans an octave and gives congregations a wonderful ride over its arch. It works very well with this text because its melodic pieces within its overall bar form match the text's metric structure and rhyme scheme.

OFFERTORY: A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays, Jean Berger (1909-2002)

Jean Berger, the German-Jewish composer born as Arthur Schlossberg, fled Nazi Germany in 1933 and changed his name to Jean Berger. In 1962, while teaching at University of Colorado at Boulder, he was inspired to translate and compose a musical setting of this poem written by Maria Brubacher in 1825 into a bookplate which he discovered in a book about Pennsylvania German bookplates. This piece is a beautiful reflection of God's love and mercy.

*A rose touched by the sun's warm rays
All its petals gently does unfold.
So you when touched by God's great mercy
Let joy and gladness win your soul.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY: The Strife is O'er (Gelobt Sei Gott) Andrew Gant (1963)

Although the tune GELOBT SEI GOTT is most often associated with the text "Good Christians, All, Rejoice and Sing", the title of this organ voluntary by Andrew Gant references the occasional pairing of this tune with an anonymous text which first appeared in the Jesuit collection, *Symphonia Sirenum Selectarum* in 1695. The text was translated by Francis Pott in 1859, and published in five stanzas. These stanzas appear in most modern hymnals. Each verse follows a similar pattern. We first proclaim some aspect of Christ's victory over death, and then add our emotional response to this victory.

There is also something very profound and triumphant about the text. There is a sense of finality and the finality is the finality of newness. It is the realization that we are continually being made new, that Creation is continually being restored, and that every day we are called to life anew with Christ. Alleluia.

Andrew Gant is Director of Music in Chapel at Selwyn College, Cambridge. He also directs the Light Blues vocal ensemble and is Musical Director of the Thursford Christmas concerts. He has worked extensively as an arranger for both radio and television.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY: *All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (Lasst Uns Erfreuen)*, Mark Sedio (1954)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN derives its opening line and several other melodic ideas from GENEVAN 68. The tune was first published with the Easter text "Lasst uns erfreuen herzlich sehr" in the Jesuit hymnal *Ausserlesene Catlwliche Geistliche Kirchengesänge* (Cologne, 1623). LASST UNS ERFREUEN appeared in later hymnals with variations in the "alleluia" phrases.

Mark Sedio serves as Cantor at Central Lutheran Church in downtown Minneapolis. In addition he has held teaching positions both at Augsburg University and Luther Seminary. Sedio is an active recitalist, clinician, conductor and composer, having presented hymn festivals and workshops throughout North America and Europe. Over 125 of his compositions for organ, piano, choral and instrumental ensembles are available from a number of publishers. A number of his hymn tunes, texts and harmonization appear in various denominational hymnals and supplements. A love of foreign language acquisition and linguistics combined with interest in folk music and styles has led to a keen interest in global church music. In 2008, the faculty of Luther Seminary (St. Paul) granted him the title of Musician Emeritus for his service in various musical capacities from 1982 through 2008. He holds a B.A. in music from Augsburg University and an M.A. in choral music from the University of Iowa. He has studied in the M.Div. program at Luther Seminary and the liturgical studies program at St. John's University. A charter member of the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians, Sedio served on the organization's founding board and as its first Director of Ecclesiastical Concerns. He chaired the worship committee for the 2008 national convention of the American Guild of Organists.

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**April 14, 2024
10:00 AM**

Harry Therwanger

Presiding Minister

Glen Mason

Assisting Minister

Mark Linton

Reader

Darwyn Banks

Cantor

Mark Linton and Ted Mortensen

Communion Assistants

Dave Oaks

Lock-Up, starting April 14

**Attendance: April 7, 10:00 AM – 70
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*The flowers in the chancel are given by Sarah and Mark Linton in loving memory of our niece,
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