
ALLELUIA

Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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Sunday mornings:

10:00am Worship (In-person & virtual options)

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Welcome, and thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Holy Communion happens at every service and is open to all baptized.

Restrooms are located in the fellowship hall; exit the sanctuary through the back and follow the stairwell downstairs.

Masks and hand sanitizer are located in the back of the sanctuary should you need either.

Questions? Contact Desirae, Parish Admin, at dcontreras@concordiafaith.org

Easter Concert

The Concordia Choir, vocal soloists, pianist/conductor Paul Dykstra and Midtown Strings quartet will perform Vivaldi's magnificent "Gloria" this Easter Sunday. The Gloria is an Easter cantata comprised of 12 movements. It is a joyful hymn of praise ranging from festive brilliance to deep reflection. It was originally composed for an all-girls orphanage in Venice in 1715, but the work lives on in its sheer beauty and musical prowess.

Gloria in excelsis Deo - Glory to God in the highest!

Gloria Antonio Vivaldi

Gloria
Et in terra pax
Laudamus te
Gratias agimus tibi
Propter magnam gloriam
Domine Deus
Domine, Fili unigenite
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei
Qui tollis pecatta mundi
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris
Quoniam tu solus sanctus
Cum Sancto Spiritu

Musicians

String quartet: Midtown Strings

Vocalists: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Ferrell, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski

Concordia Choir: Dan Lantvit, Rich Gaul, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Keyboards: Paul Dykstra



The Resurrection of Our Lord

Buried throughout Lent, the "Alleluia" is resurrected as a symbol of our joy and of our Lord's victory over death. Our Alleluia banners are unveiled, and "Alleluia" returns to our verses, psalms, hymns, greetings, and conclusion.

Easter celebrates Christ's resurrection as a sign of our own resurrection. Christ is raised from the dead by the power of God to end the reign of death and to give a sign of life eternal to all believers. We are a resurrected people, chosen to live by hope in God's power over death. Liturgy alone cannot
convey this "fact" to our lives or bring the gospel to our reality. This day can only celebrate what is the central and deepest truth of Christian faith: ***"Christ is Risen."***

This oldest of celebrations immediately became the pattern and type of all Christian festivals and celebrations. Sunday, the first day of the week,
gradually replaced Sabbath observances as the chief worship of Christians. The Lord's Day became a Holy day, and every Sunday became a celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Prelude *Prelude on 'Jesus Christ is Risen Today'* by Paul Fey
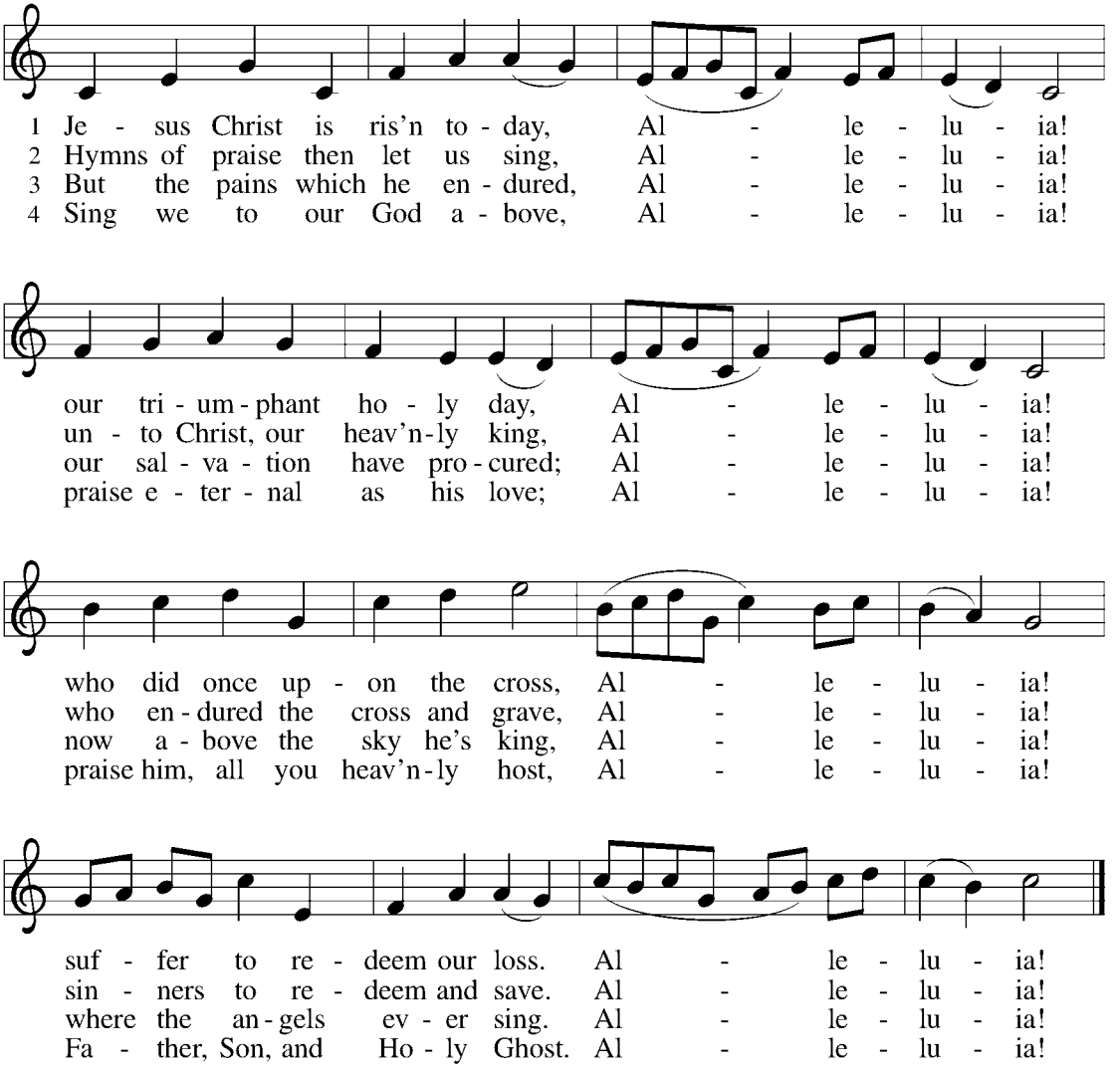
Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

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Processional Hymn **ELW #365 "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today*"**



P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.
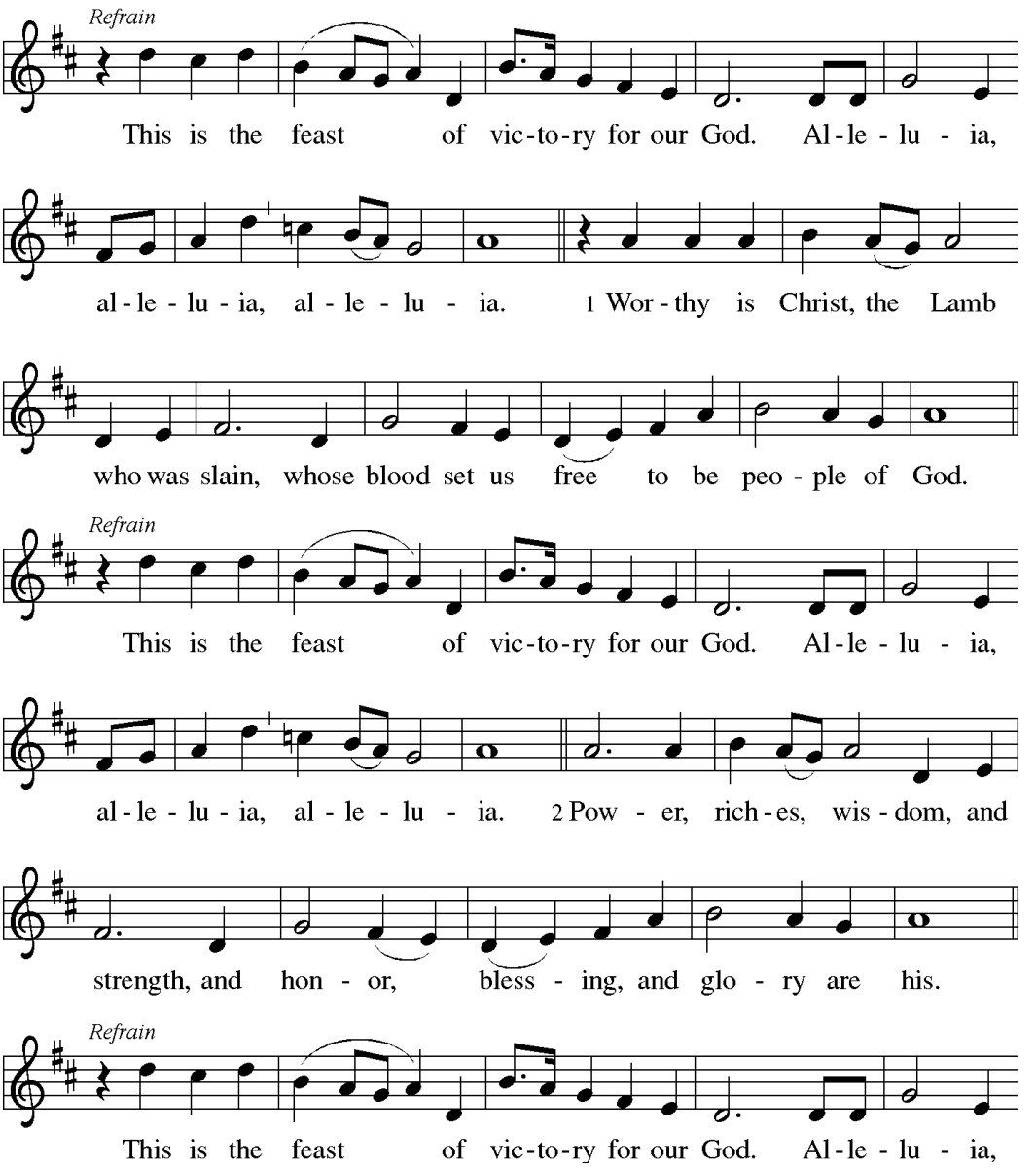
Prayer of the Day

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

First Reading Acts 10:34-43
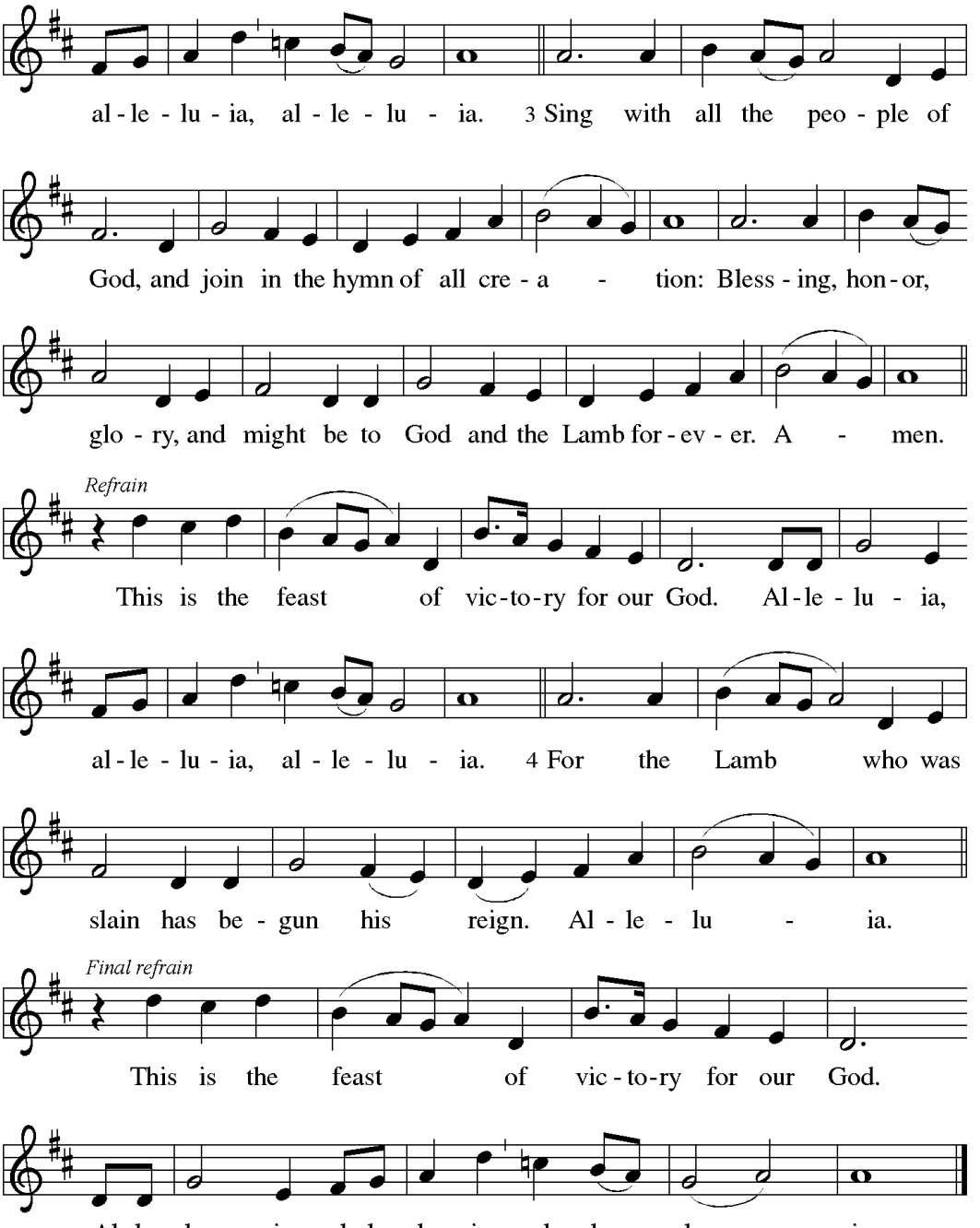
[34]Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, [35]but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. [36]You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. [37]That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:
[38]how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how
he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for
God was with him. [39]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; [40]but God raised him
on the third day and allowed him to appear, [41]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. [42]He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that
he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. [43]All the
prophets testify about him 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.

Hymn of Praise



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Hymn of Praise continued...



Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
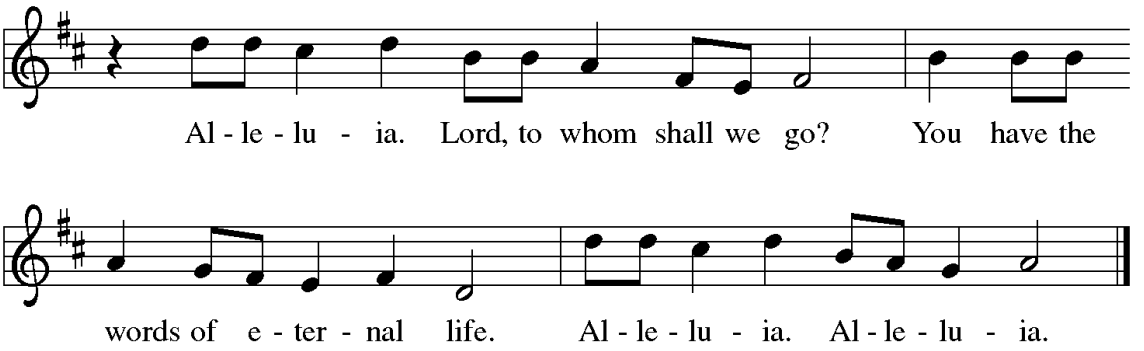
[1]Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I
proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, [2]through
which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I
proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

[3]For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that
Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, [4]and that he was
buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures,
[5]and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. [6]Then he appeared to more
than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive,
though some have died. [7]Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles.
[8]Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. [9]For I am the least
of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of
God. [10]But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not
been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was
not I, but the grace of God that is with me. [11]Whether then it was I or they, so
we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



P: The Holy Gospel according to St Mark.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel — Mark 16:1-8

[1]When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. [2]And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. [3]They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" [4]When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. [5]As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. [6]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. [7]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." [8]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 the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat Acclamation)

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day

ELW#361 "*The Day of Resurrection!*"
to the tune of ELW #805

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

Apostle's Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Easter Prayers of Intercession

A: We are united to Christ in his death and resurrection through our baptism. As members of his risen body, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

A: Let us pray to the Lord.
C: Hear us, risen Lord.

A: Holy God, you raise up leaders in your church who preach salvation through the death and resurrection of Christ. Inspire us to go and tell this good news throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, we pray for the resurrection of our world when Christ will rule and the establishment of your kingdom will bring an end to war, violence, injustice and death. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, as Christ's presence in our community, you call us to love and serve our neighbors. Bless the ministries of Concordia Church and Concordia Place with the spirit of our risen Lord that your saving grace may fill the lives of all we serve. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you wipe away the tears of all who cry to you in distress. Bring healing to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, and comfort those who struggle and seek your presence, especially Lupe, Sandy, Lucas, Alice, Dan, Mike, and those whose names we speak silently or aloud [*pause for names*] ...Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

A: Holy God, you have swallowed up death forever through the resurrection of your Son. Speak to those who mourn with the promise of new life in Christ with those they love. Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and hopes, and fill us with the risen life of Jesus Christ, your Son.
C: Amen.

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

You are invited to share the sign of peace with others.

Offertory Anthem

"*An Easter Call to Praise*"
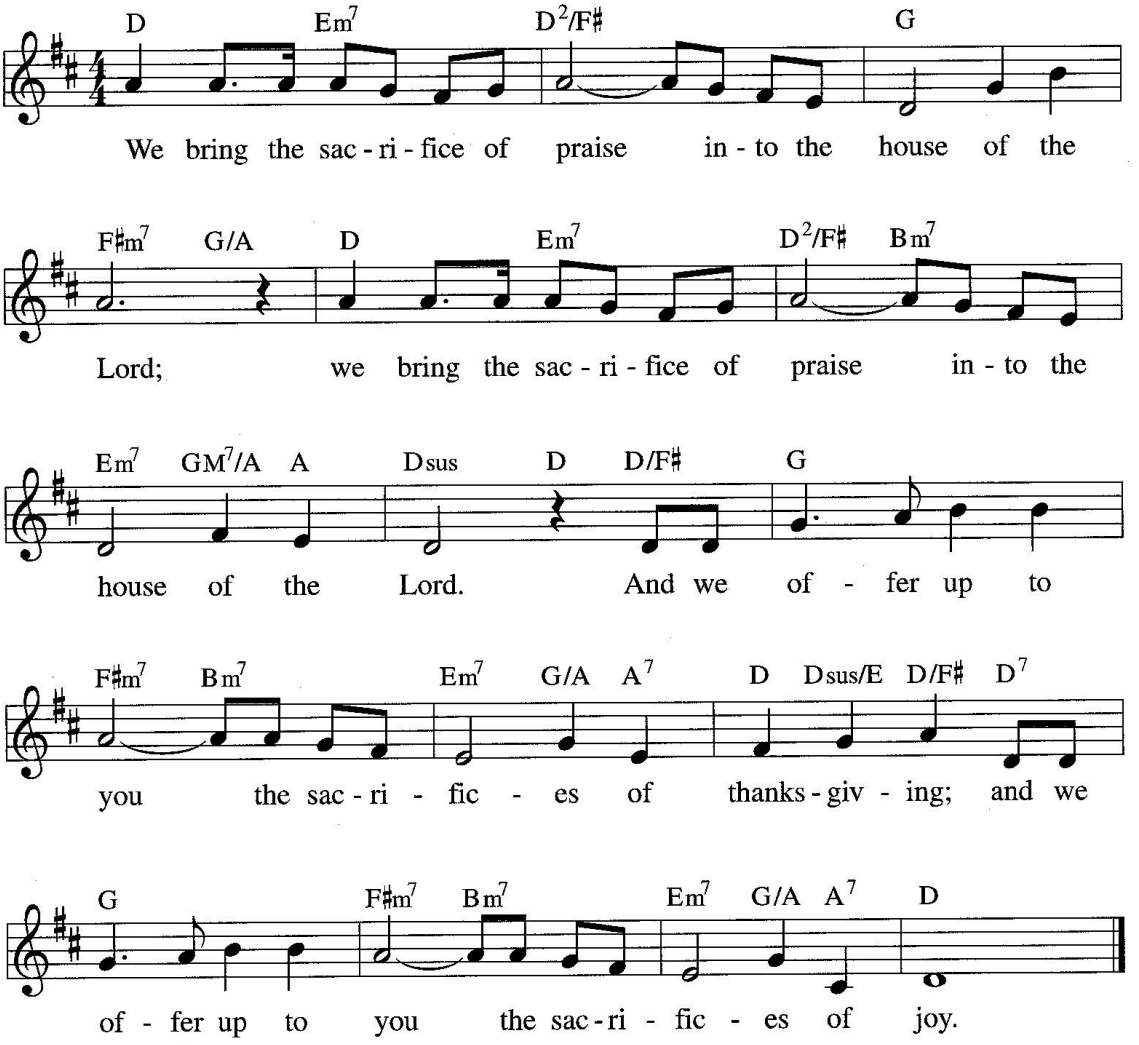
The Offering

We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

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Offertory Hymn W&P #150 "*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise"*



Offertory Prayer

A: 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.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving

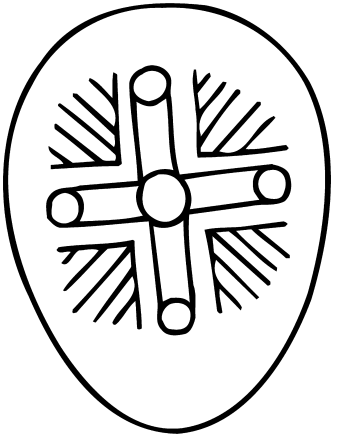
P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

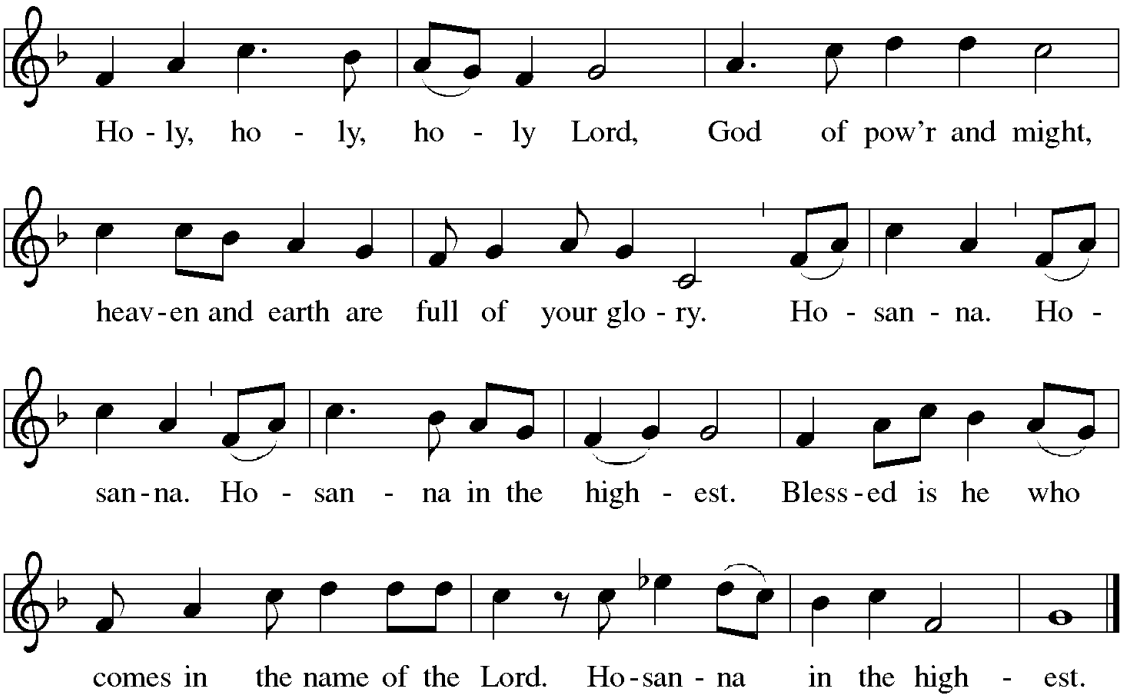
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should and at all times……. we praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Sanctus
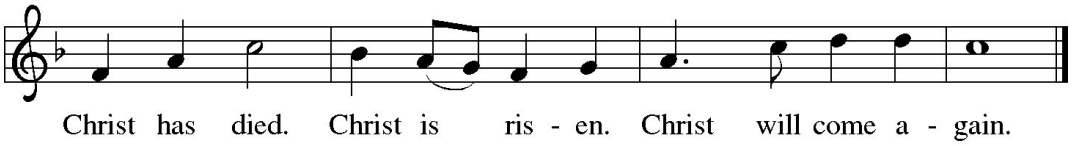


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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: With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C:

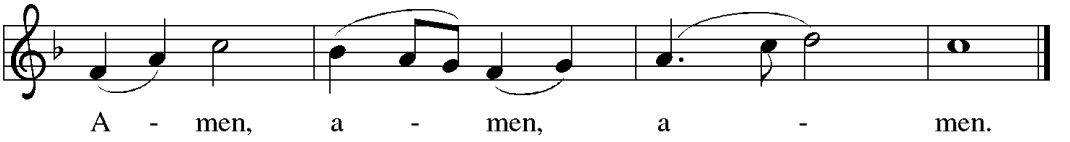


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

P: We praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

C:





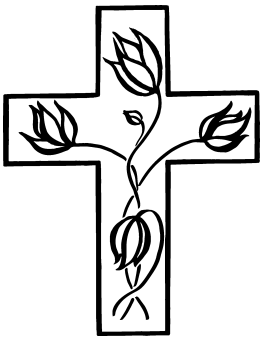
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

Communion Invitation
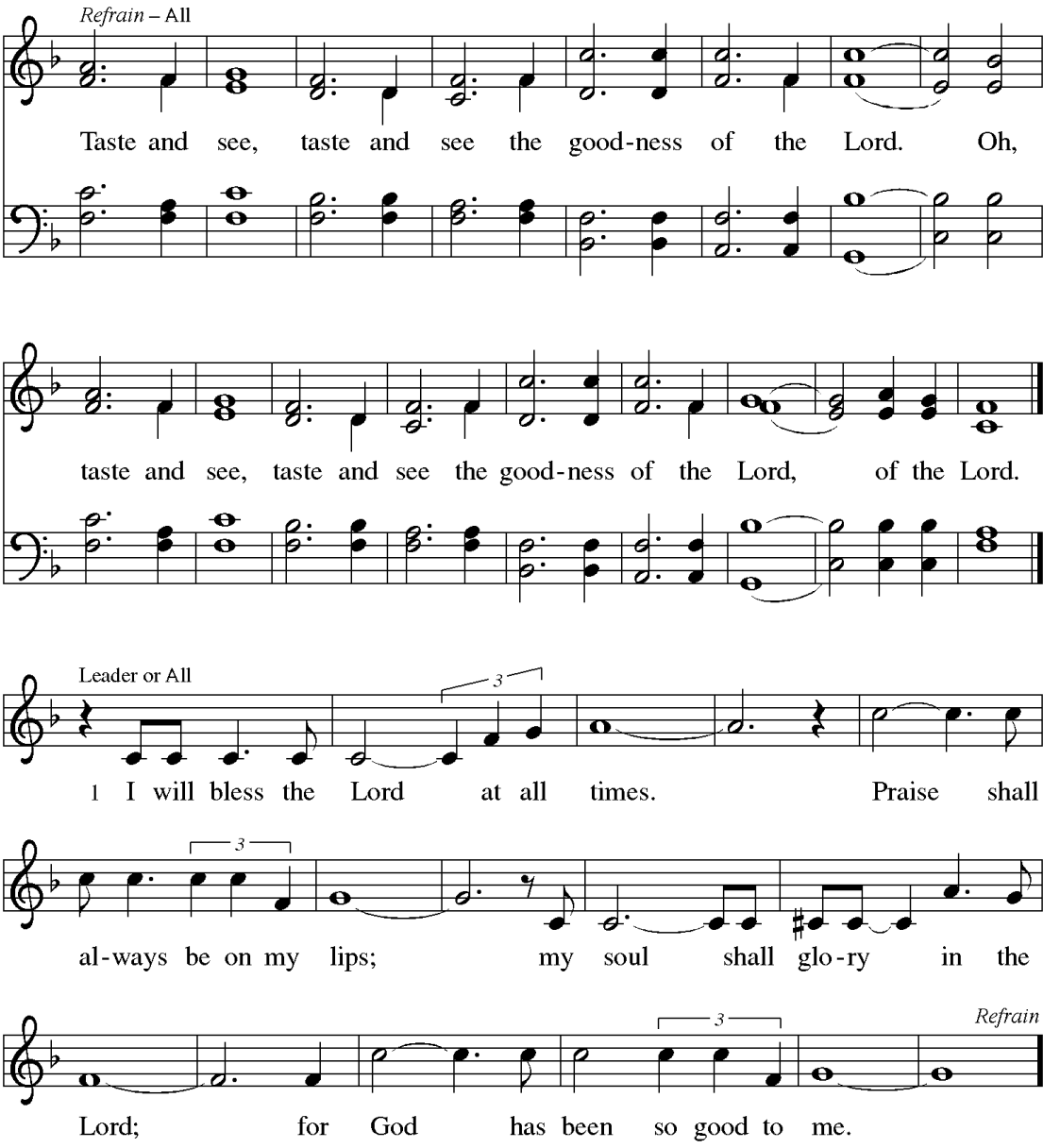
We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion is served by continuous table around the altar, and you are asked to take a place as openings appear.
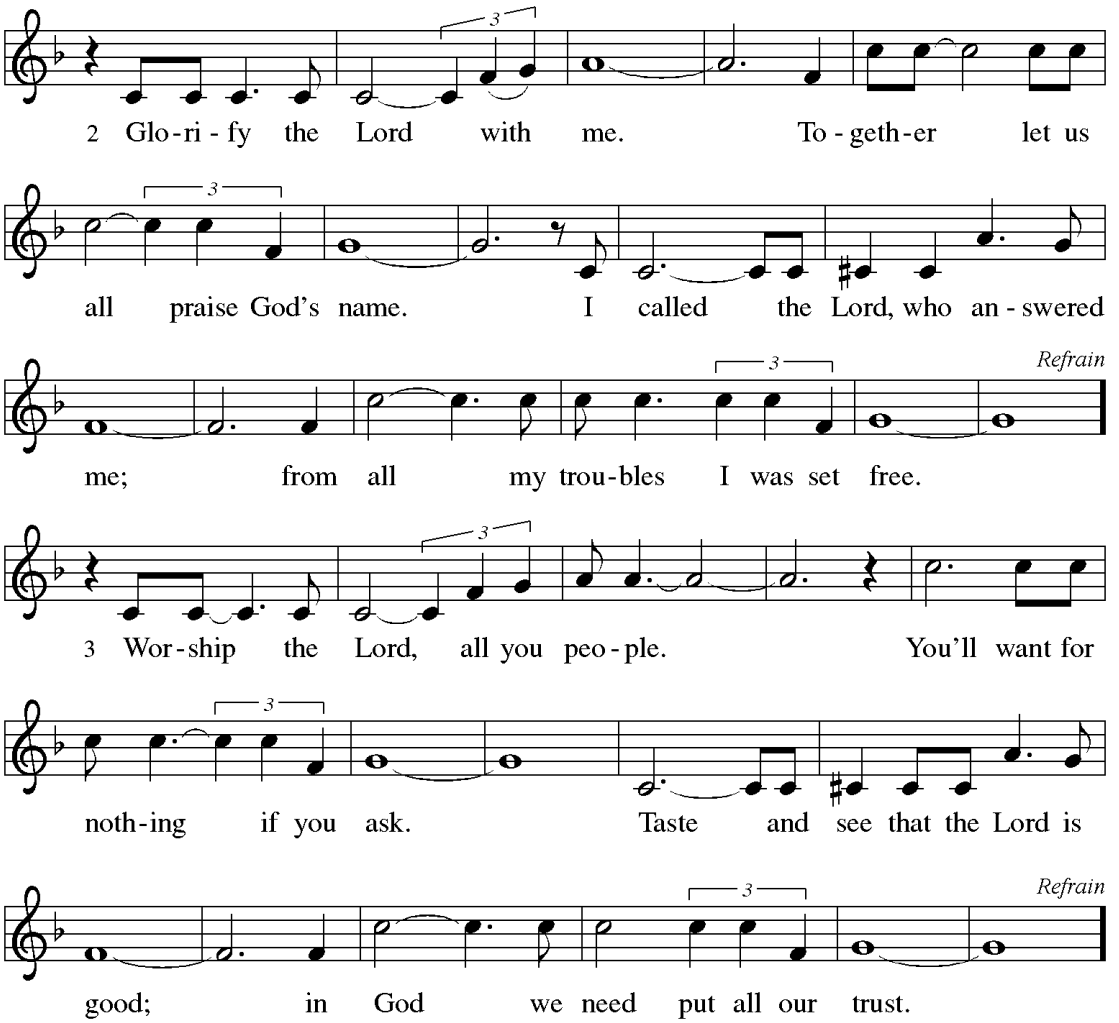


Communion Hymn

ELW 493 "*Taste and See*"



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Post Communion Blessing
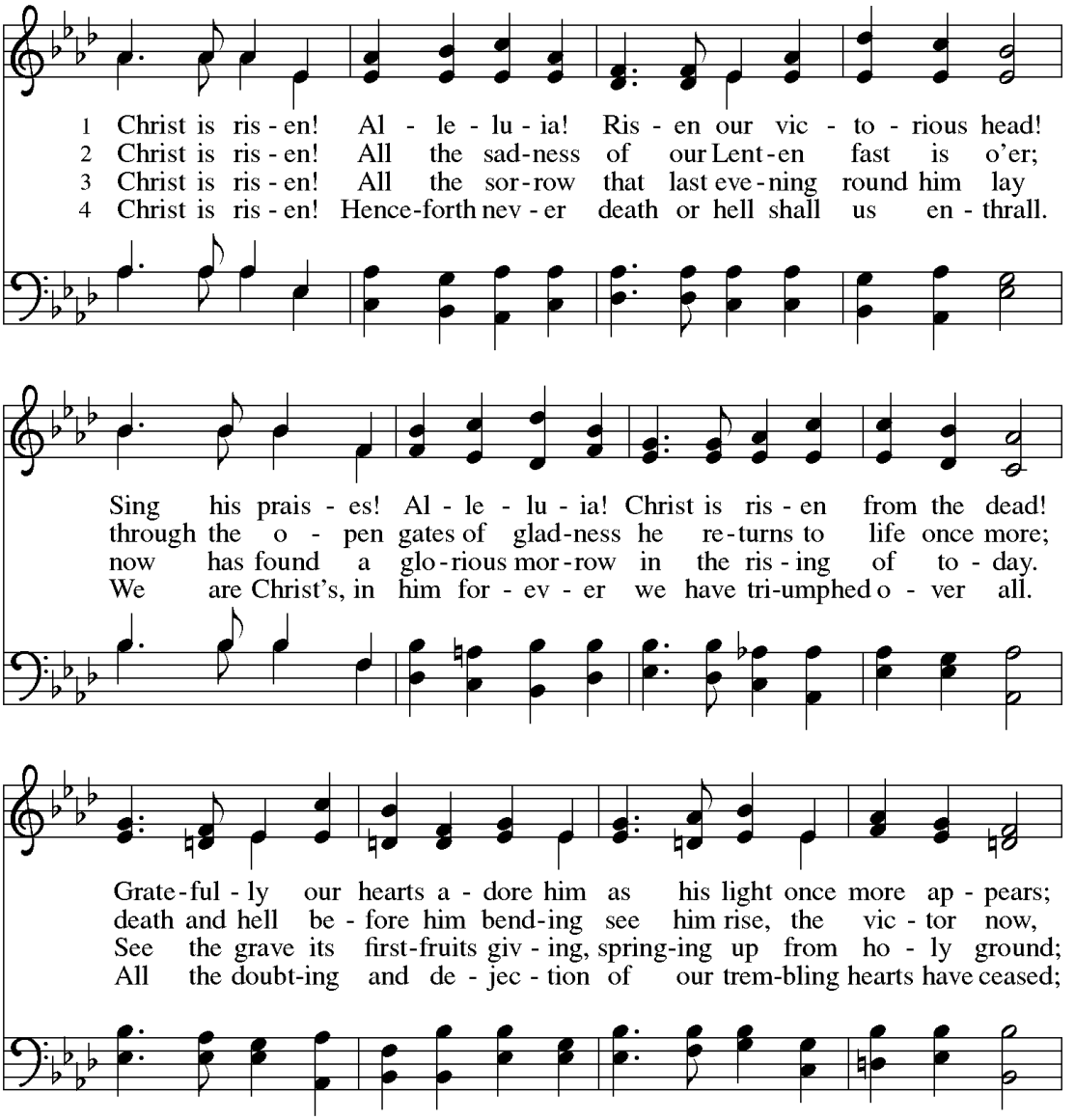
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

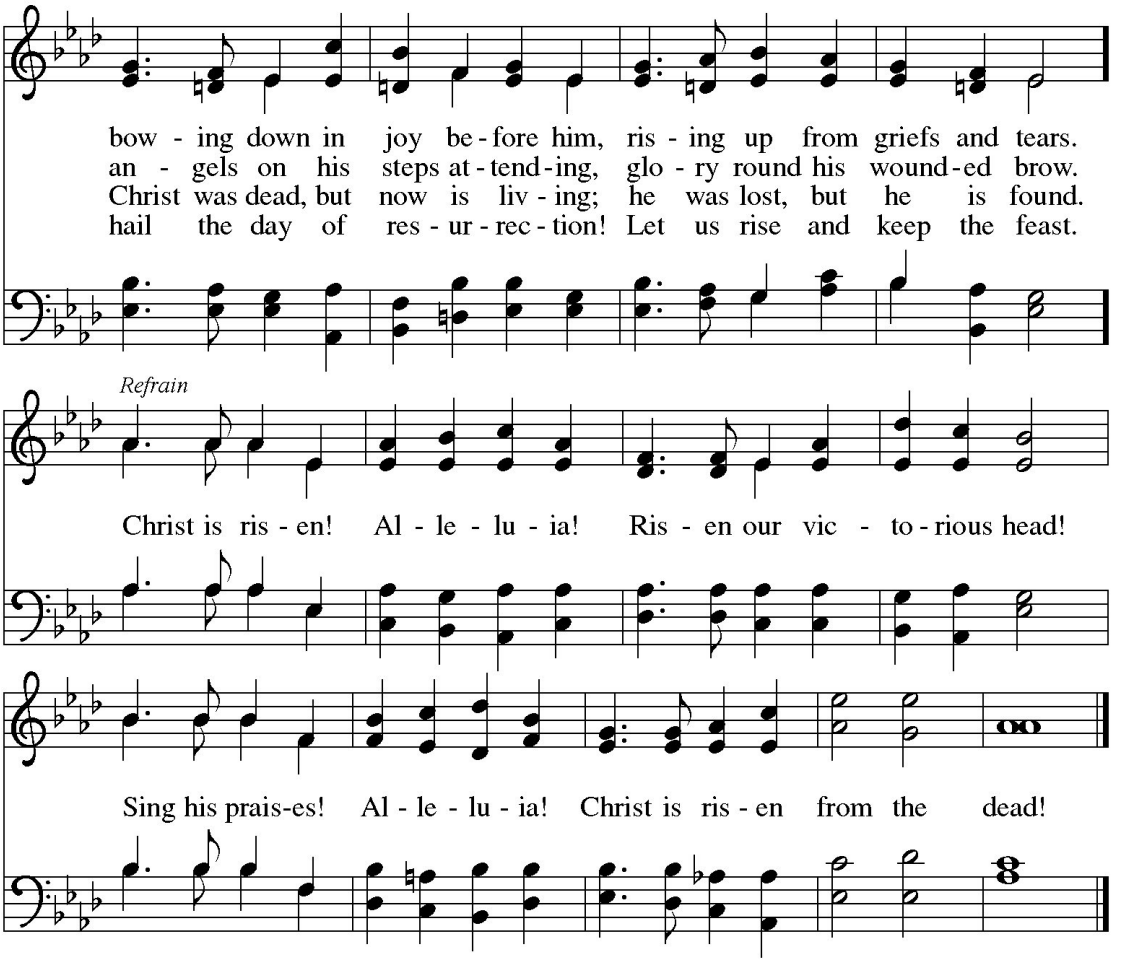
A: Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of heaven to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to Jesus' resurrection that we may show your glory to all the world; through the same Jesus Christ,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

Closing Hymn ELW #382 "*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*"



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Announcements

Blessing

P: May God who has brought us from death to life
fill you with great joy.
Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

Dismissal

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.
Go in peace. Share the good news.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Serve the risen Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude "*Easter Toccata on Easter Hymn*" by Lyra Davidica arr John S Stallsmith

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We thank today's celebrants:

Deacons: Chris Formeller & Leanne Morris **Acolyte**: Eli Morris
Lectors: Marne Turner & Wilma Stevens
Greeter/Usher: John DeCorah & Bob Chandler
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney, Jade Ferrell, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Pastor Zook will be away on vacation April 1st-7th. He will return to the office on Monday, April 8th. Should you have a pastoral care concern while he is away, please leave a voicemail at 773-281-1225 or email Desirae for assistance (dcontreras@concordiafaith.org)

Announcements

Important Dates to note:

- April 14th: Adult study at 9am in church office
  Stewardship Kick-off Sunday
  Second Sundays Concert
- April 25th: Council meeting at 11:15am in gym

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Adult Study—Begins April 14th at 9am

Our next book for the Study group will be on the topic of Life after death, the resurrection and Biblical understandings of eternal life. We will read together **Eternal Life?** by **Hans Kung**, a Roman Catholic Biblical scholar and theologian who published this book in 1982. He only just died in 2021 at the age of 93.

The book is available for purchase on Amazon. Reach out to Pastor Zook (nzook@concordiafaith.org) with any questions.

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Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Hymn of Praise **"*This is the Feast*" setting 3**

Gospel Acclamation **"*Alleluia*" Setting 3**

Hymn of the Day **"*The Day of Resurrection*"**

Offertory Hymn **ELW #150 "*We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*"**

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34
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Communion Hymn **ELW #493 "*Taste and See*"**

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Closing Hymn **ELW #382 "*Christ is Risen, Alleluia!*"**

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–1875, alt.
Music: MORGENLIED, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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