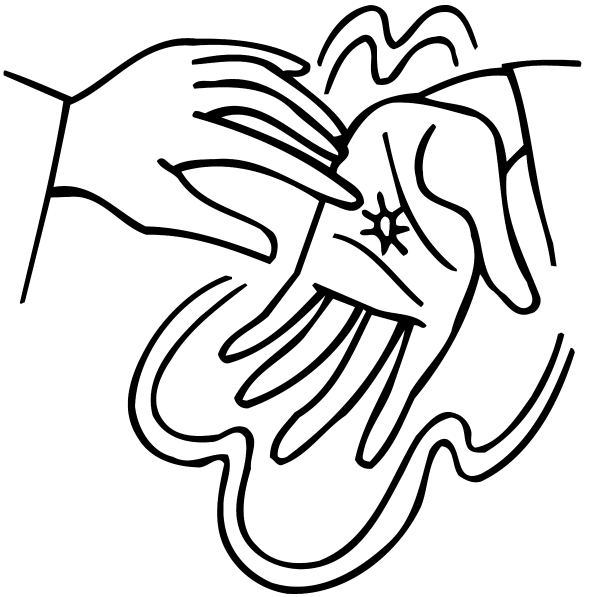
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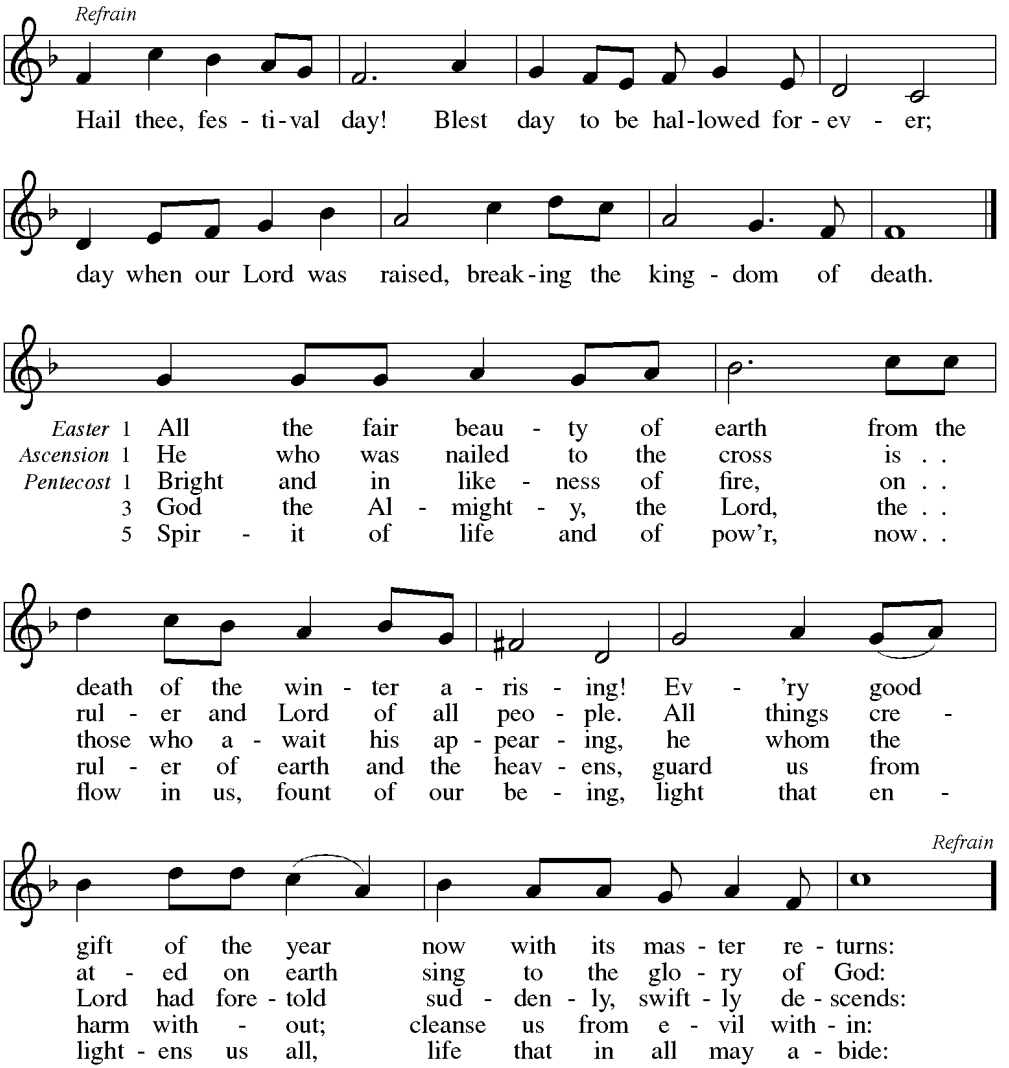
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Prelude

Acclamation

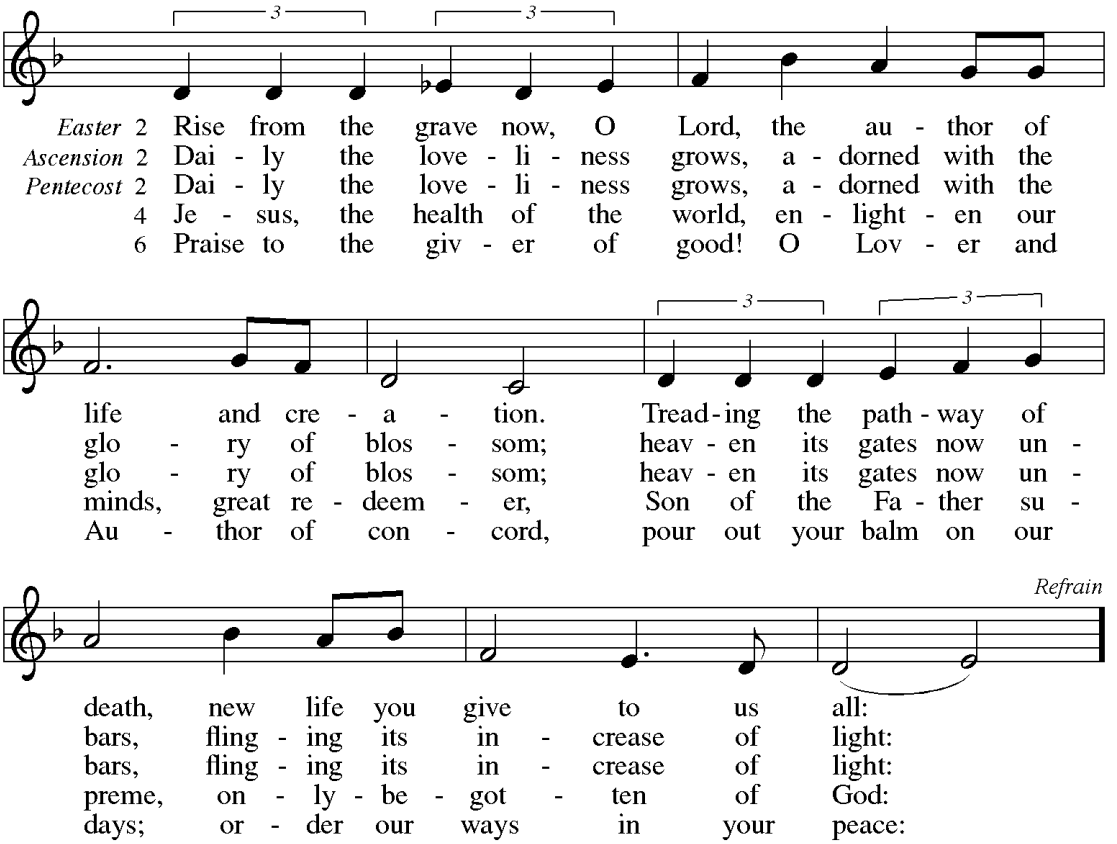
P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen.
C: He is Risen indeed. Alleluia!

Processional Hymn ELW #394 "*Hail Thee Festival Day*"



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Opening Hymn con't ELW #394 "*Hail Thee Festival Day*"



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: 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.


Optional descant
I will call up - on the Lord
I will call up - on the Lord who is wor - thy to be
who is wor - thy to be praised. So shall I be
praised. So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.
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First Reading — Acts 4:32-35

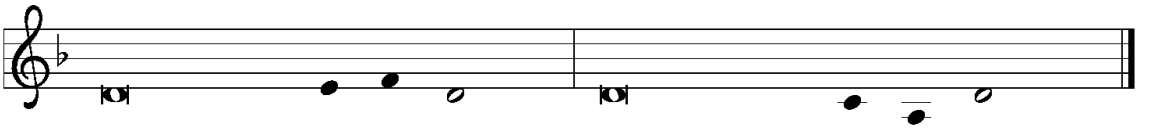
[32]Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. [33]With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. [34]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. [35]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

chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text
choir sings refrain



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

[2]**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. R

[3]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. **R**

Second Reading 1 John 1:1—2:2

[1]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—[2]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—[3]we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. [4]We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

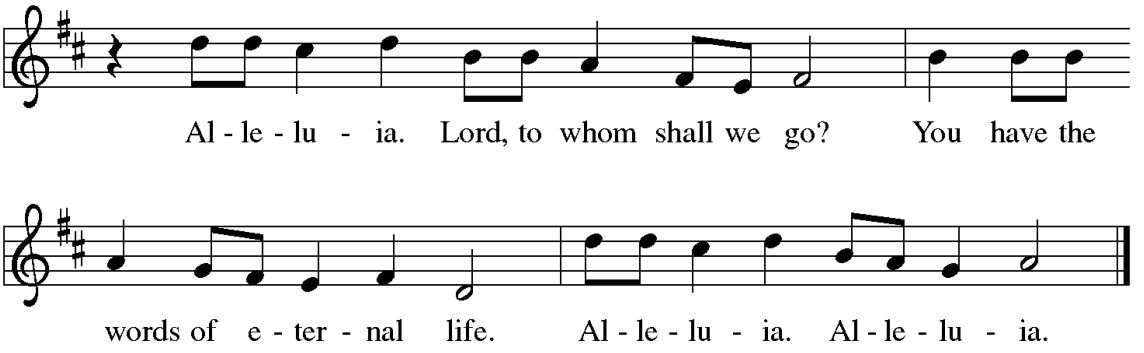
[5]This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. [6]If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; [7]but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. [8]If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9]If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10]If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

[2:1]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; [2]and he 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



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

The Gospel — John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of
the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus
came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this,
he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they
saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has
sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said
to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are
forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."
24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them
when Jesus came. 25 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."
26 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." 27 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." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 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."
30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are
not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come 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 the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (repeat Acclamation)

Sermon — Christina Formeller

Hymn of the Day ELW#386 "*O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing*"



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!

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.

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.



Offertory Anthem

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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.

Closing Hymn ELW #376 "*Thine is the Glory*"



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

Today's celebrants:

We thank Christina Formeller for leading worship and delivering the message today.
Lector: Marne Turner
Song Leaders: Marisa Buchheit, Benjamin Burney, Avery Sujkowski
Choir members: Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck
Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Pastor Zook is away on vacation and 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 at 12pm
- 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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Gospel Acclamation — **"*Alleluia*" Setting 3**

Hymn of the Day — **ELW #386 "*O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing*"**

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

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

Sanctus — **Setting 3**

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