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Third Sunday of Easter

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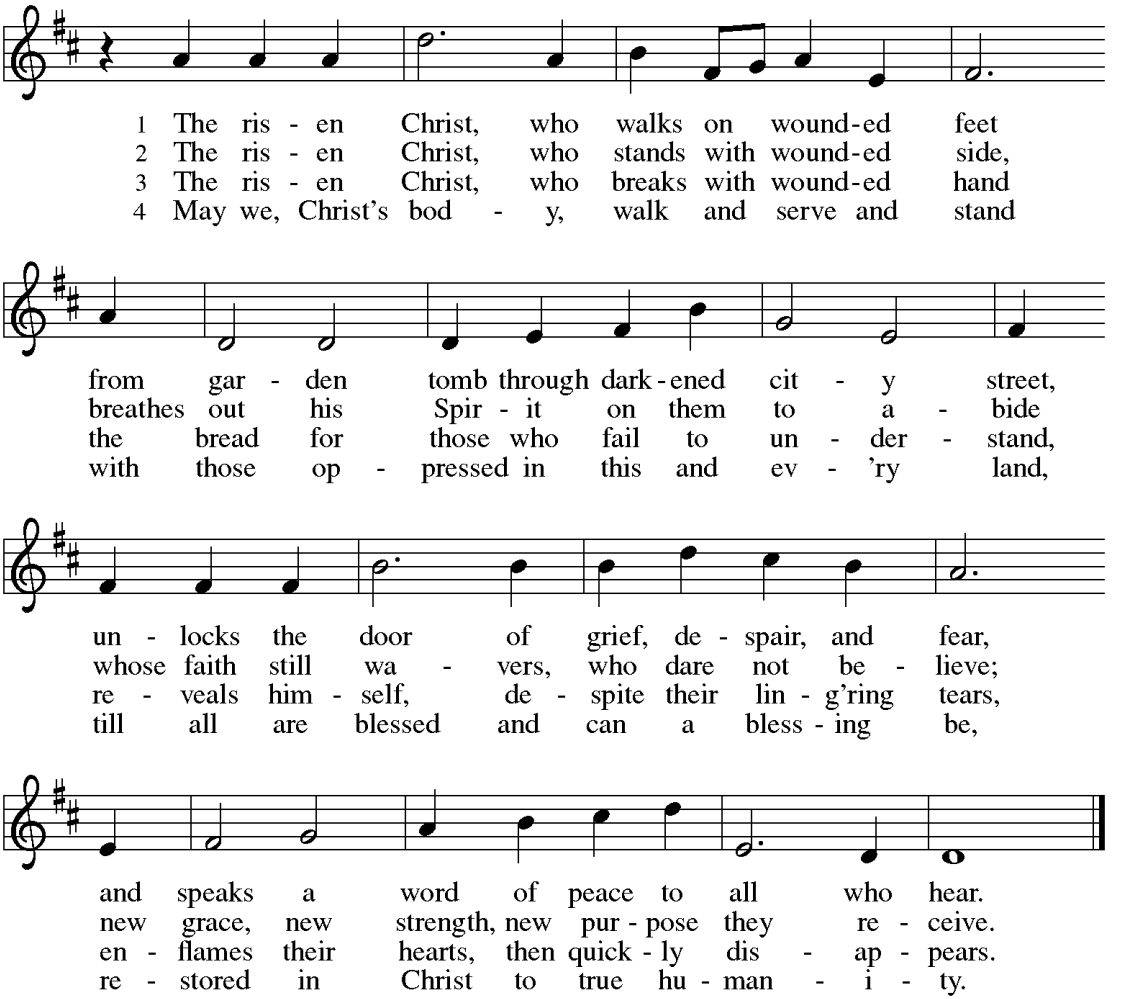
Prelude

Acclamation

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

Processional Hymn

ELW #390 "*The Risen Christ*"
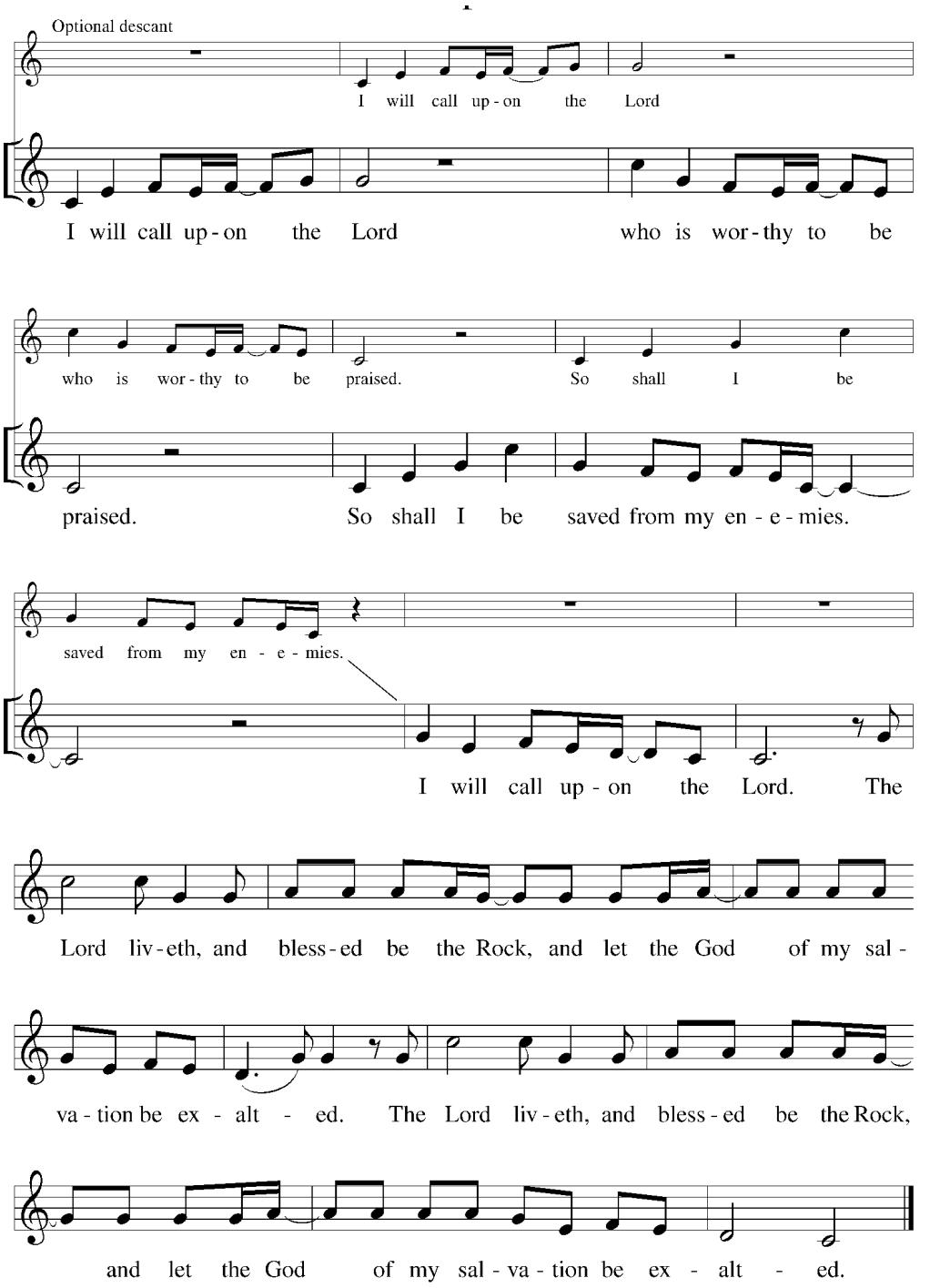


P: The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.
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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I will call up - on the Lord. The
Lord liv - eth, and bless - ed be the Rock, and let the God of my sal -
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First Reading — Acts 3:12-19

[12]Peter 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 him walk?[13]The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. [14]But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, [15]and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. [16]And by faith in his name, 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.

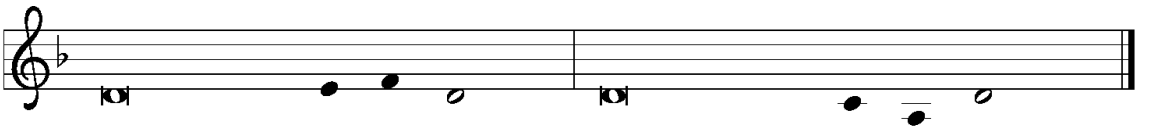
[17]"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. [18]In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. [19]Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 4

chanted antiphonally; congregation chants bold text
choir sings refrain



[1]Answer 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?"

[3]Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

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Psalm continued….

[4]**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;**
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R
[5]Offer 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.
[7]You 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

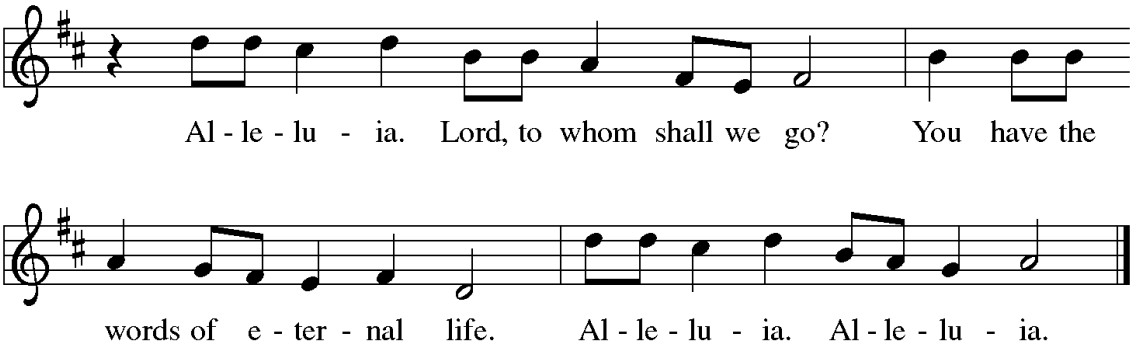
[1]See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. [2]Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed,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

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

L: Word of God. Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



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

The Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

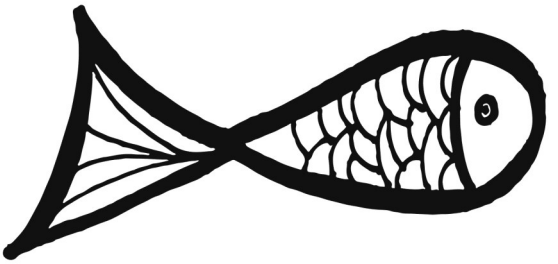
[36b]Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." [37]They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. [38]He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39]Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is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

[44]Then he 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." [45]Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46]and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.
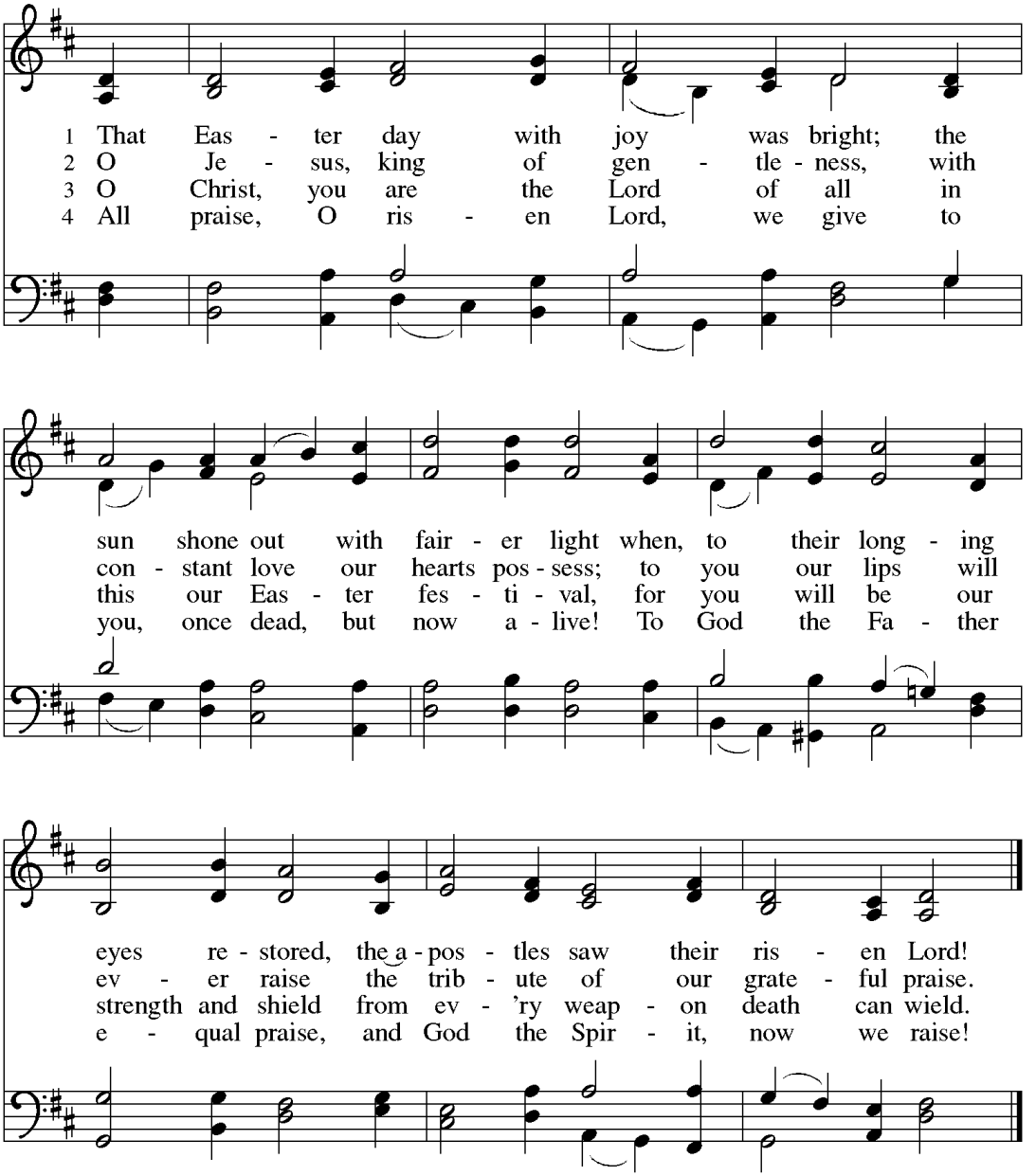
Gospel Acclamation (repeat Acclamation)

[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.



Sermon **Rev. Nicholas Zook**

Hymn of the Day **ELW#384 "*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*"**



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, Dan, Mike, family of Alice, 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
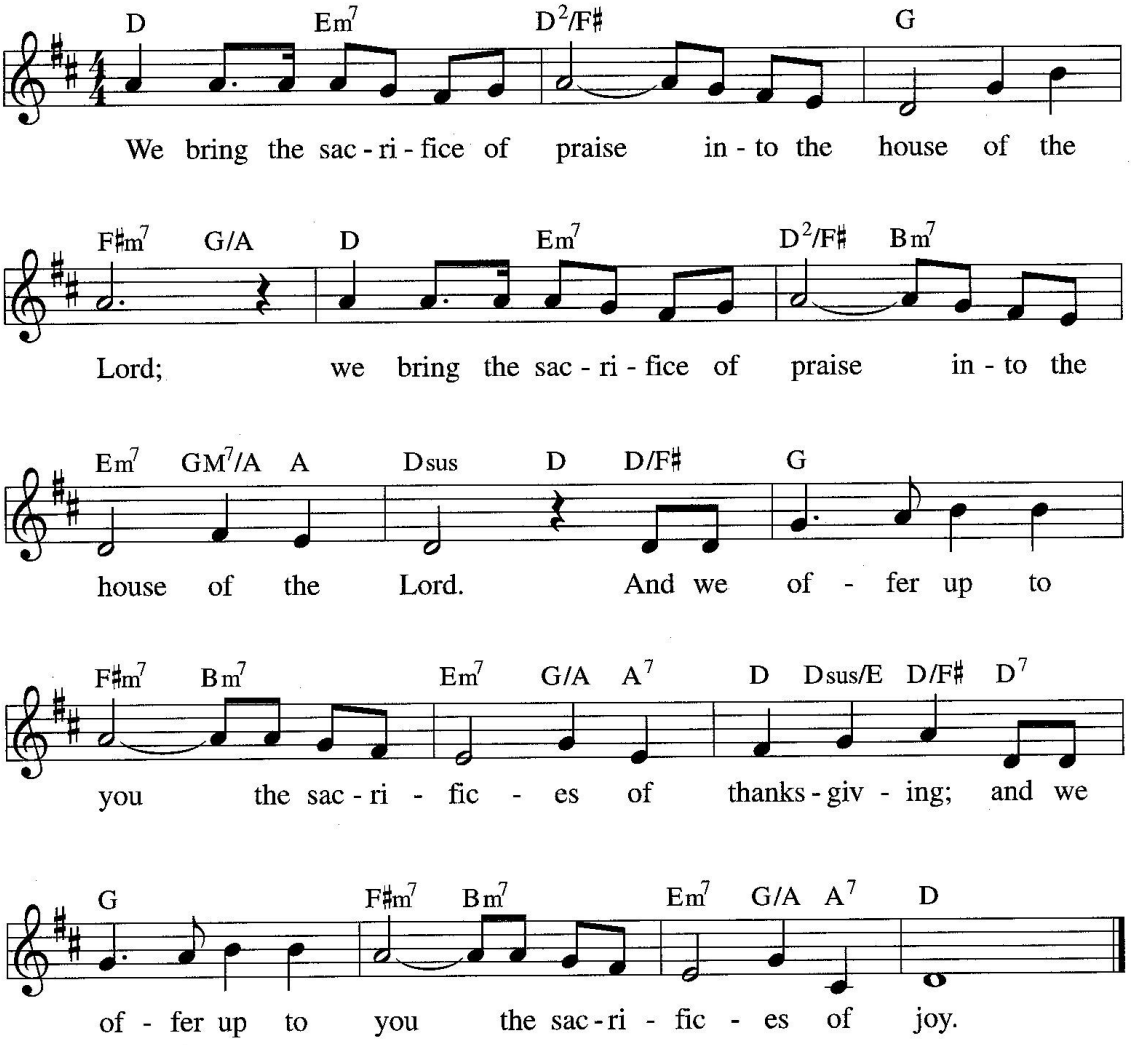
We encourage you to use this time for reflection & gratitude as we prepare for communion.

The Offering

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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.

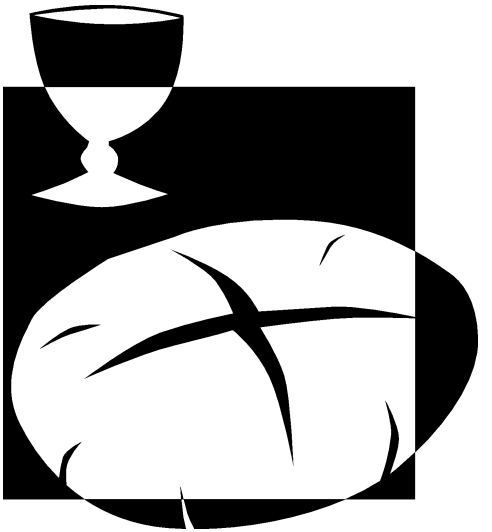
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

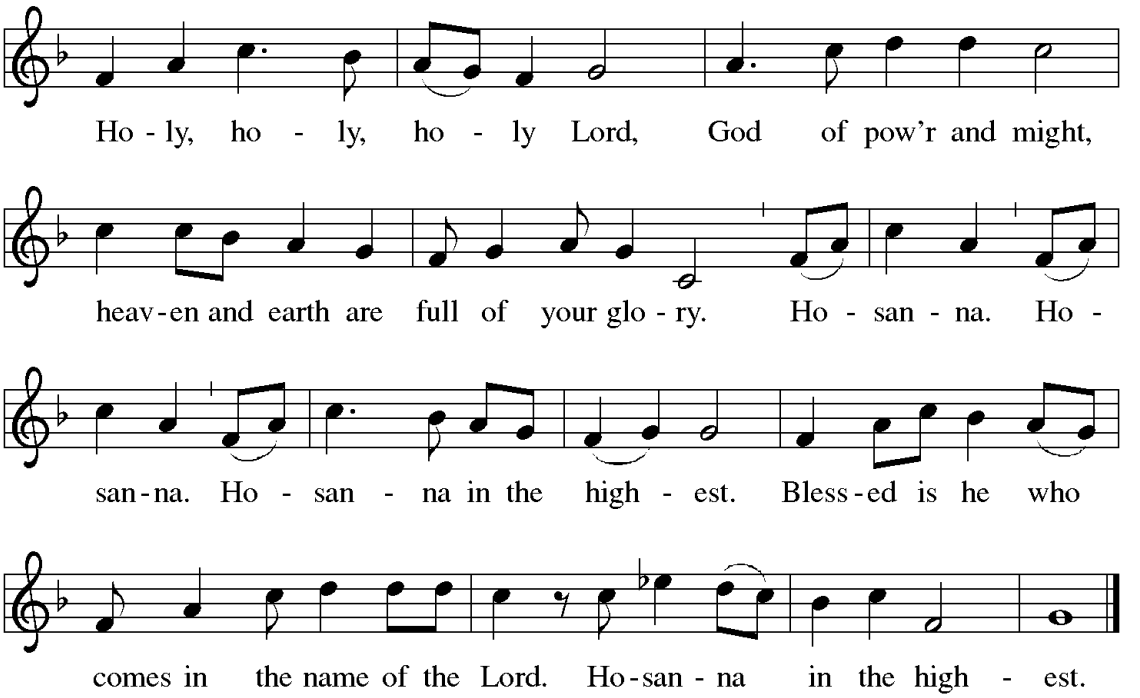
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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



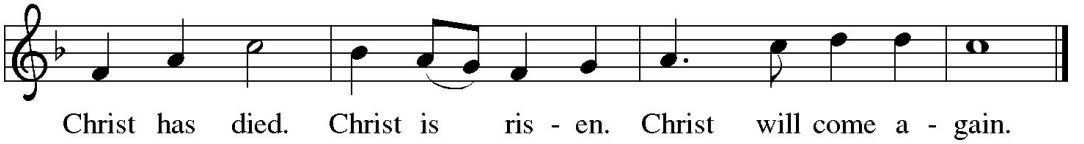
P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

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:
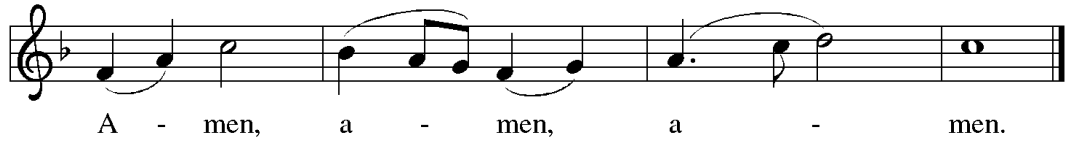


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

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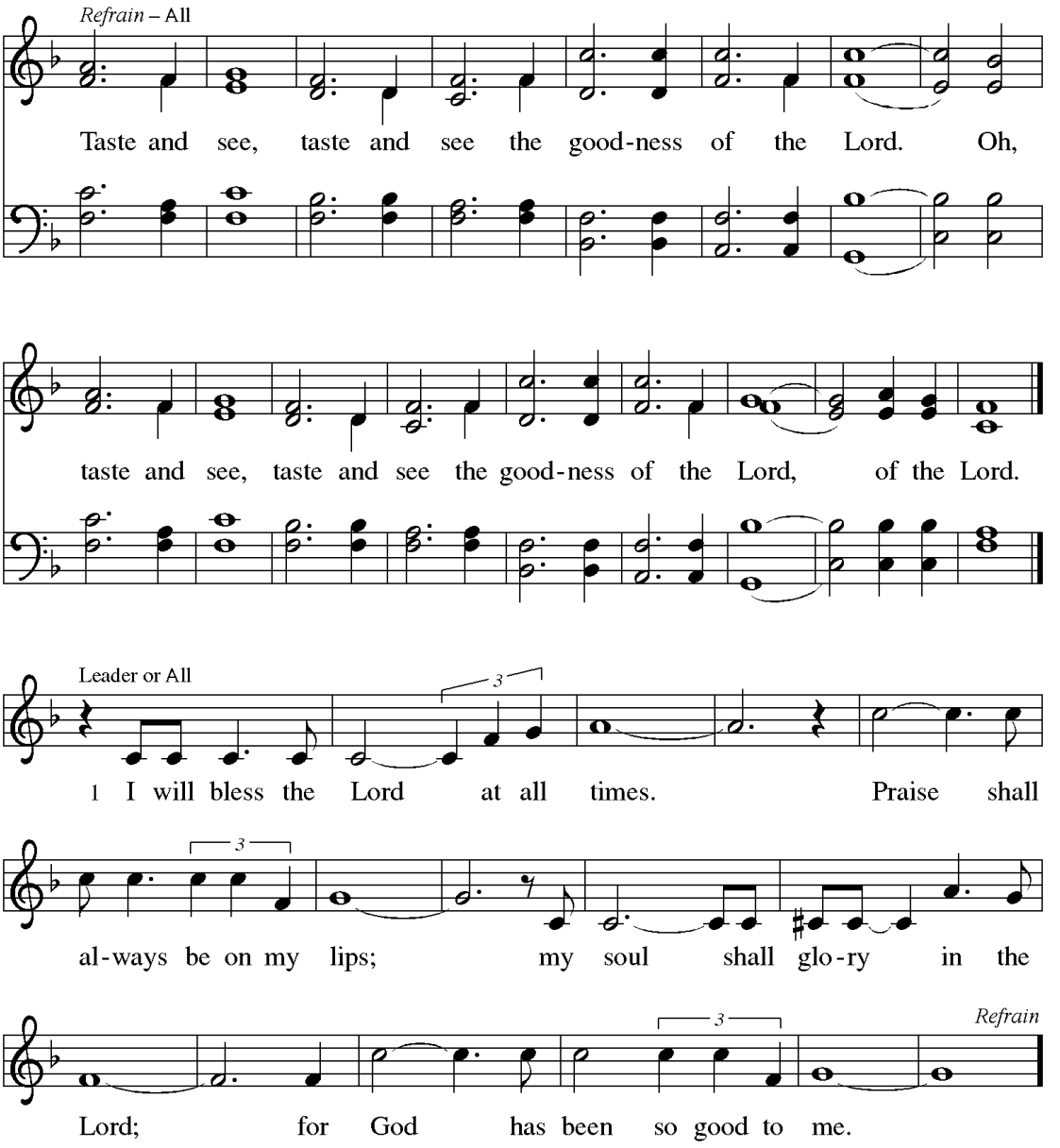
We invite all who are baptized in Christ to come forward for communion. All are welcome at the Lord's table. Parents of young children are asked to let the pastor know if they want their child to receive communion or a blessing.

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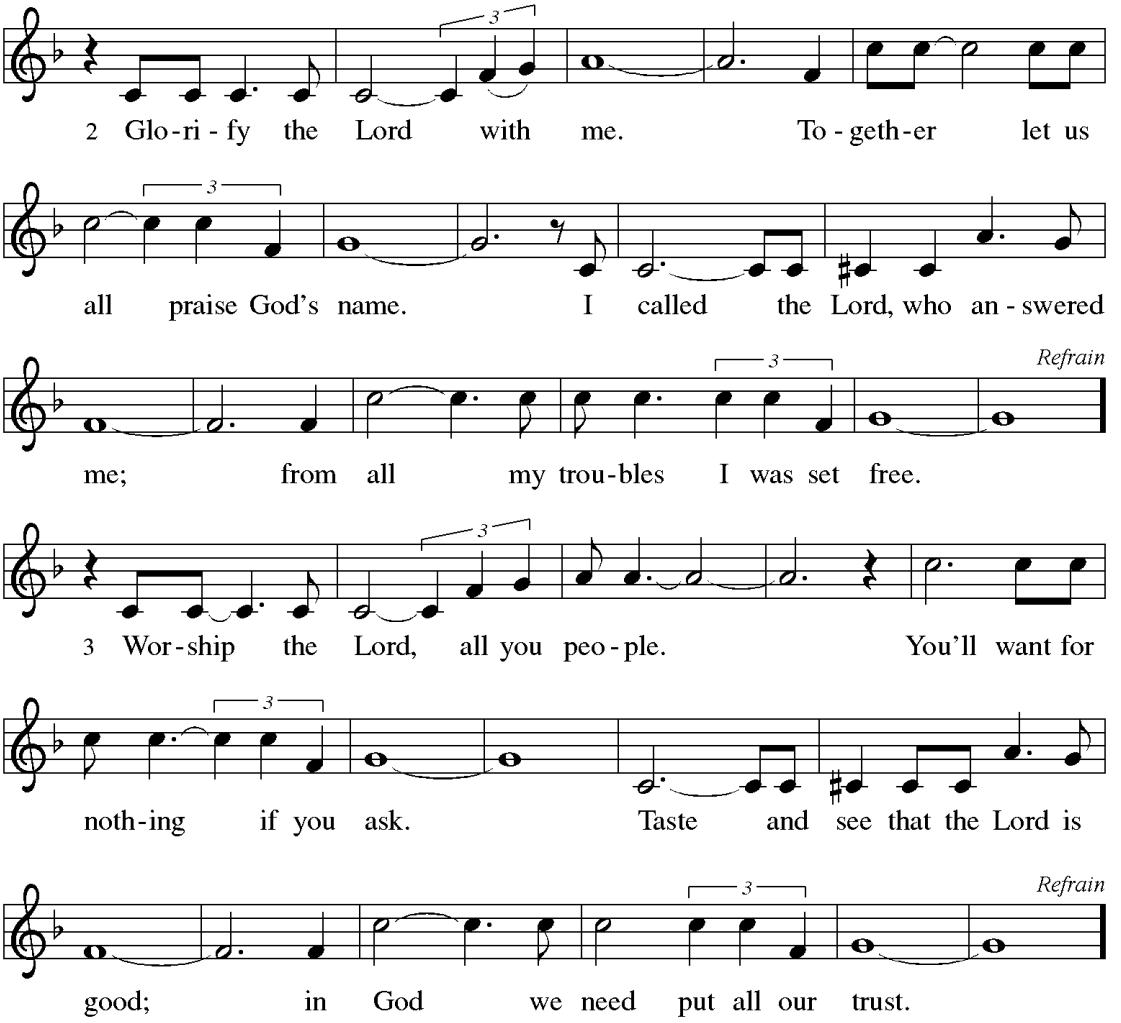


Communion Hymn

ELW 493 "*Taste and See*"



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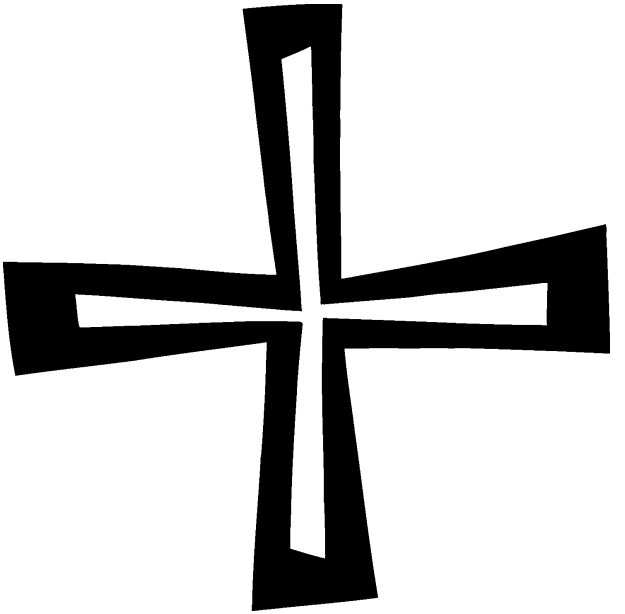

2 Glo-ri-fy the Lord with me. To-geth-er let us
all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an-swered
Refrain
me; from all my trou-bles I was set free.
3 Wor-ship the Lord, all you peo-ple. You'll want for
noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is
Refrain
good; in God we need put all our trust.

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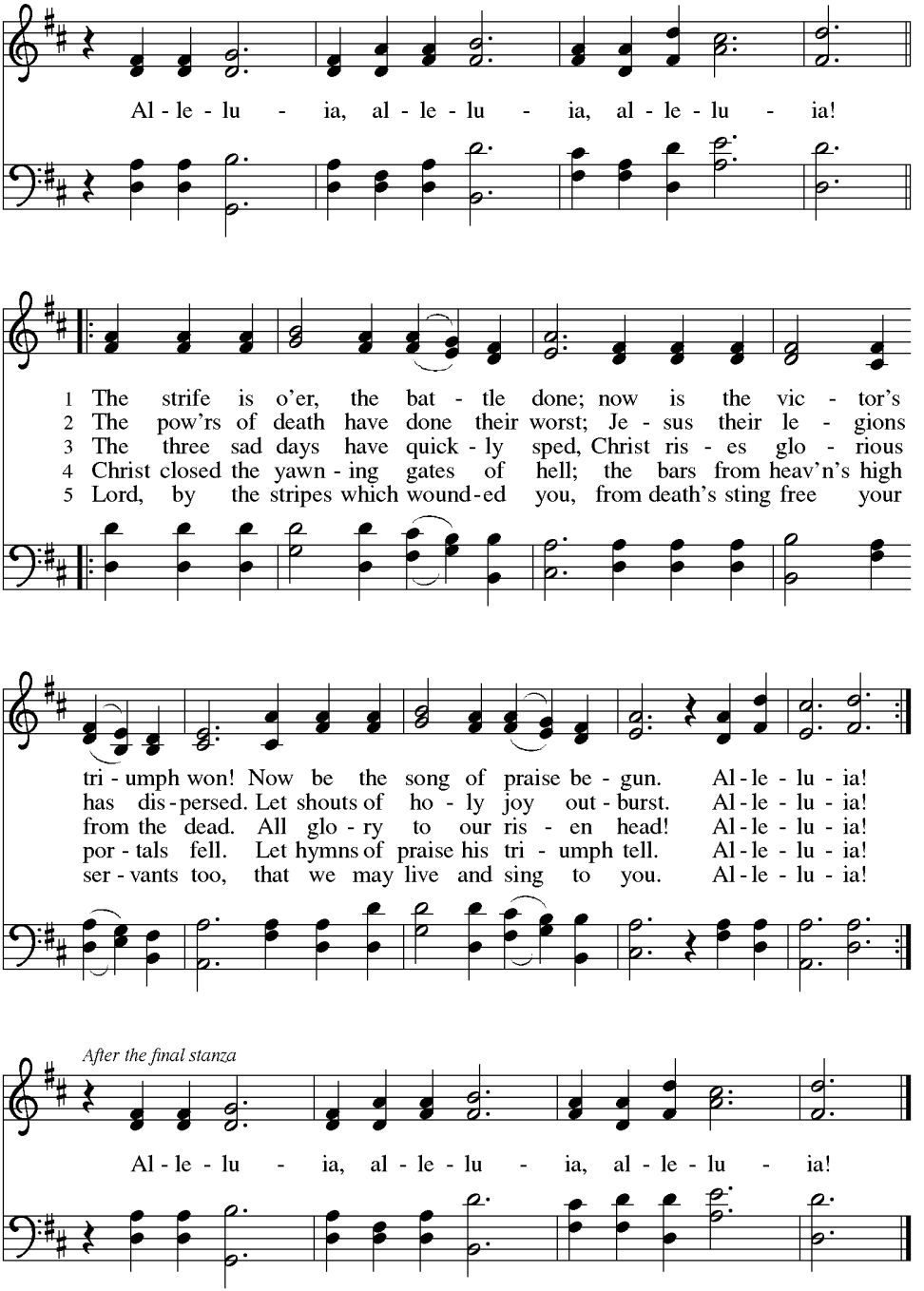
P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

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.
C: Amen.



Closing Hymn ELW #366 "*The Strife O'er, the Battle Done*"



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:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook
Deacon:
Lectors: Linda Storbeck & Dan Formeller
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

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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Hymn of Praise — **"*This is the Feast*" Setting 3**

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

Hymn of the Day — **ELW #384 "*That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*"**

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

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

Sanctus — **Setting 3**

Communion Hymn — **ELW #493 "*Taste and See*"**

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34
Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.
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Closing Hymn — **ELW #386 "*The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*"**

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

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