

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025

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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.

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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.

Easter Cantata

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
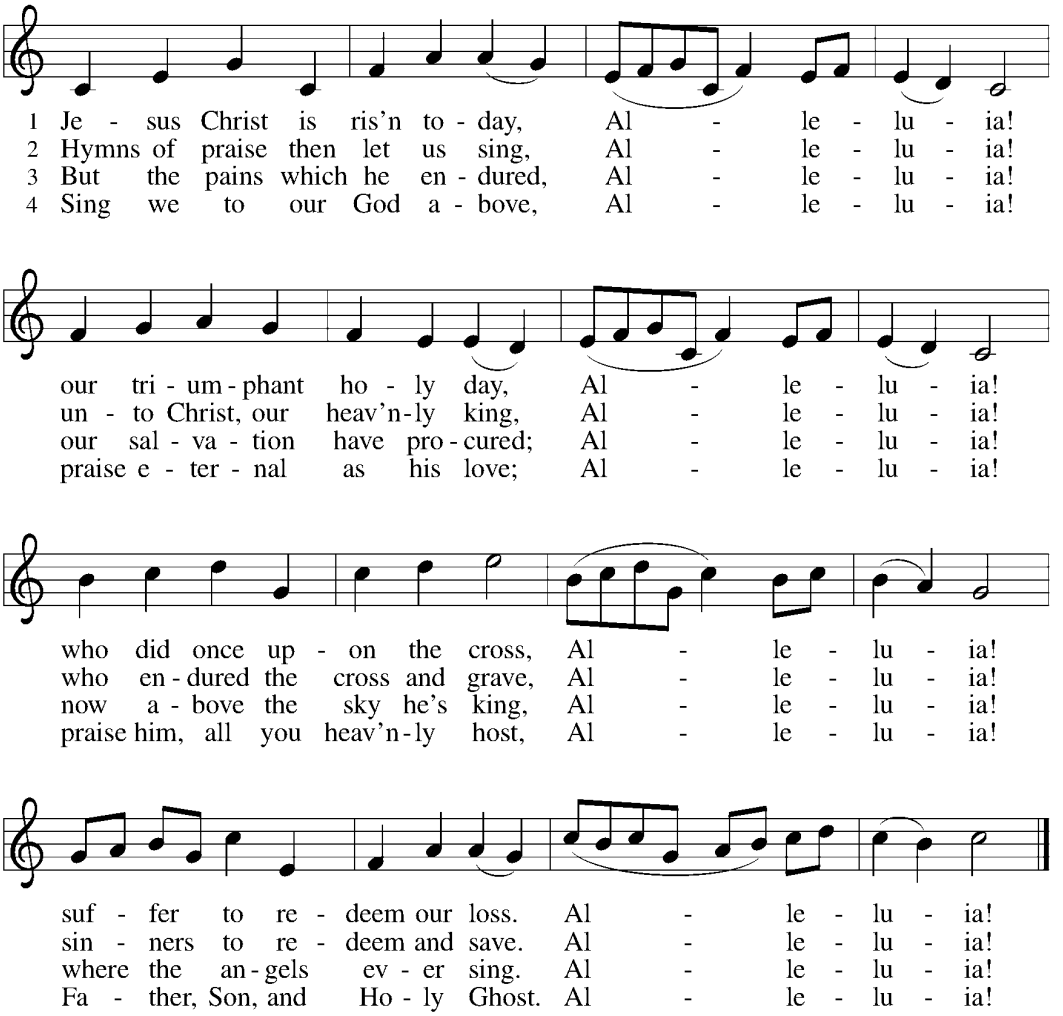
Acclamation

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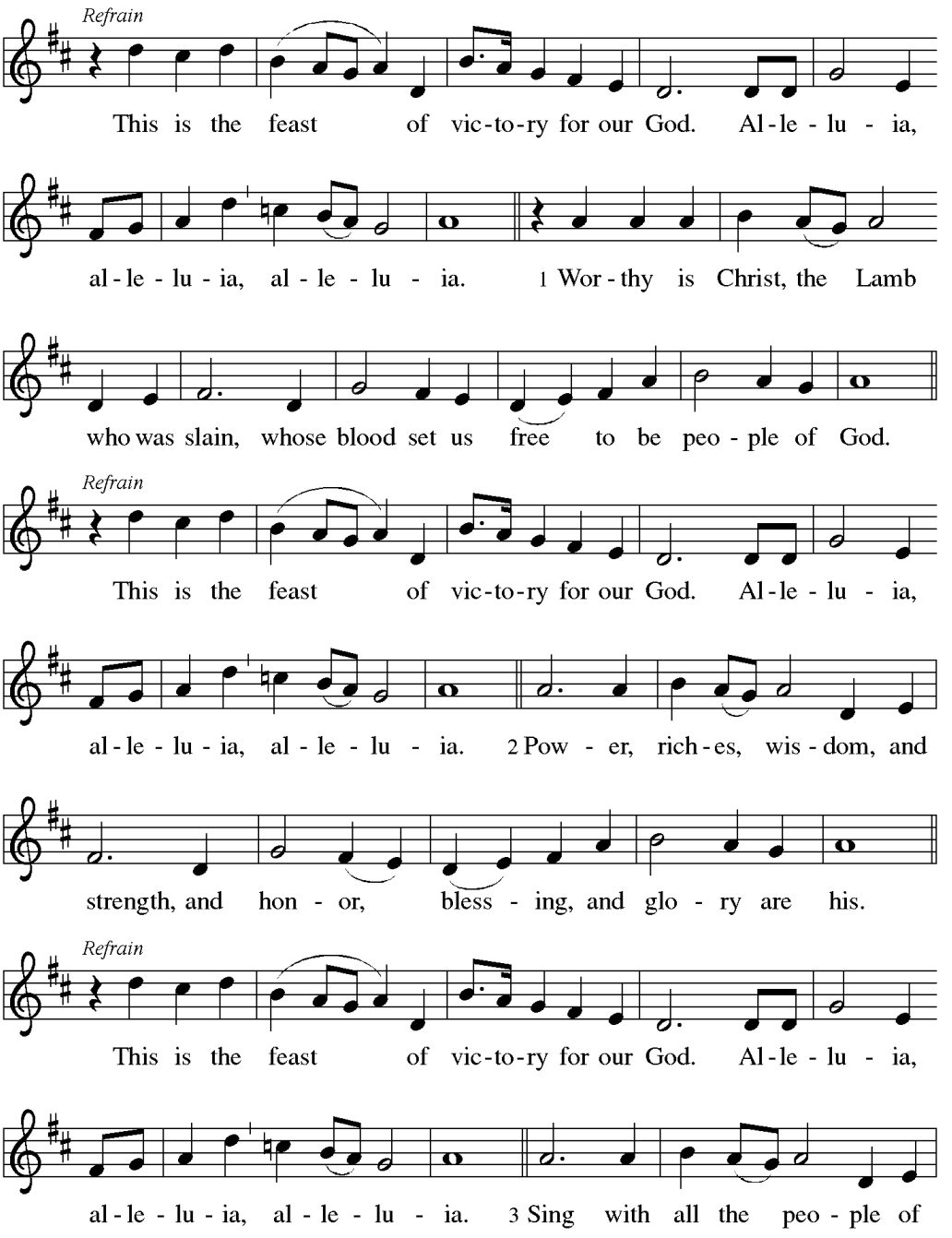
O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives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

First Reading Acts 10:34-43
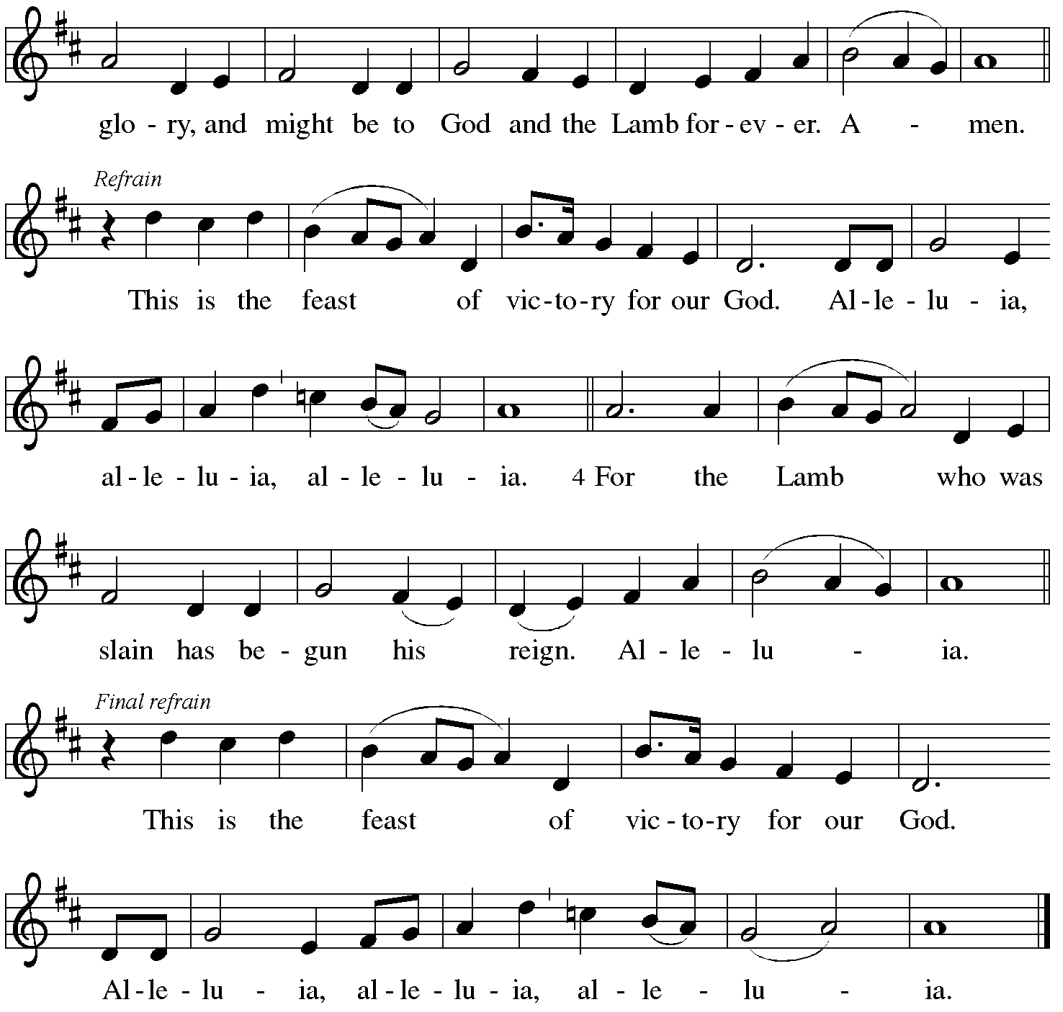
34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, 35 but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he sent to the people of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message 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

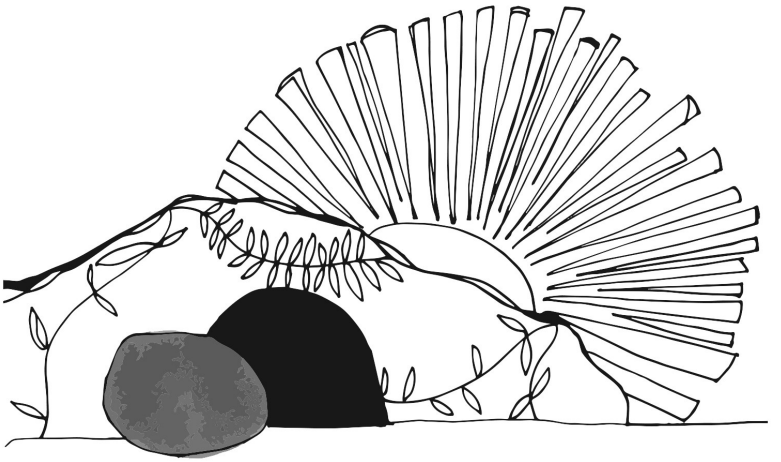


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Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
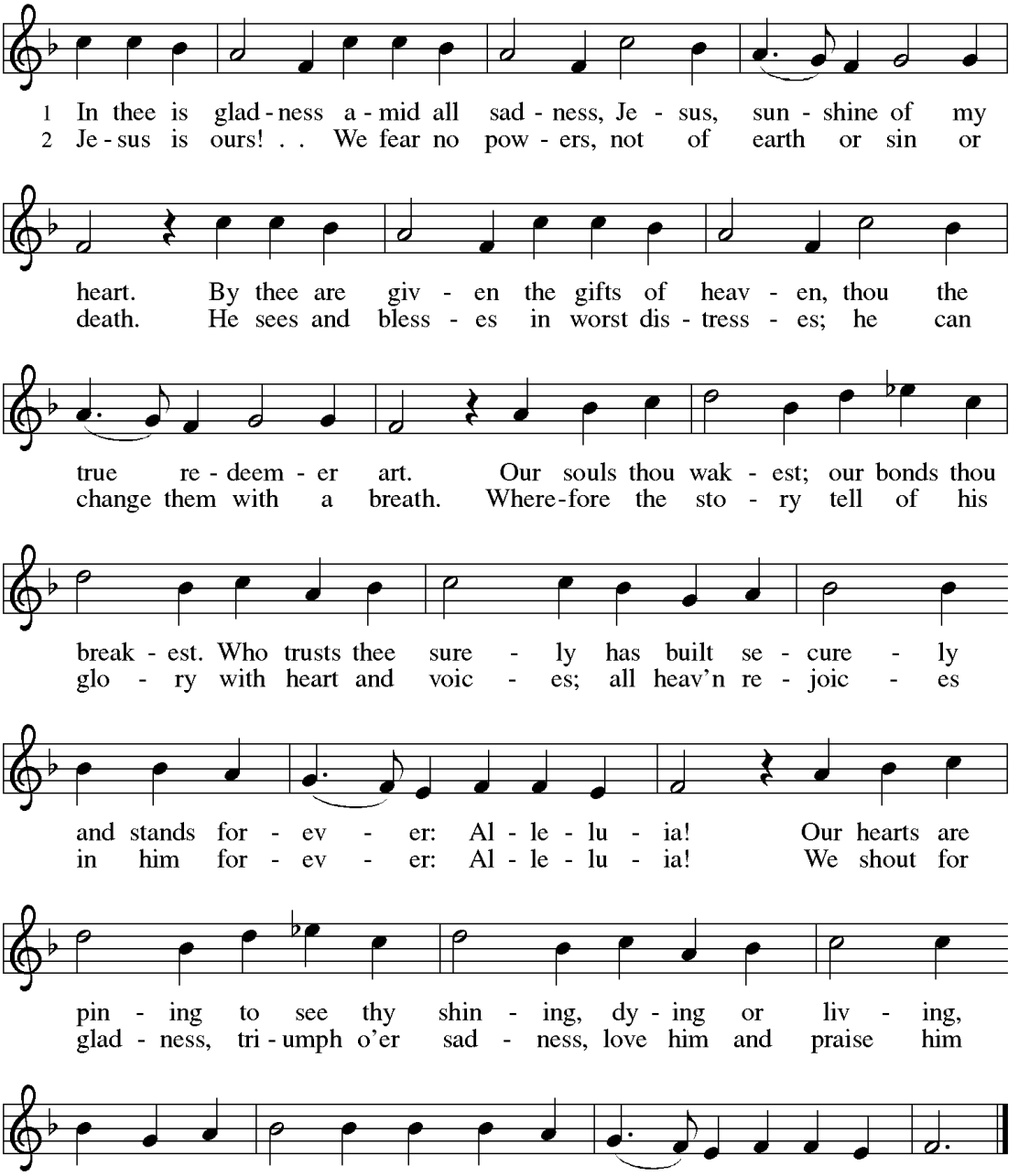
19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be
pitied.
20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who
have died. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the
dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be
made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his
coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over
the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every
authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his
feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.
L: Word of God. Word of Life.
C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

ELW #867 "*In Thee is Gladness*"

verse 1



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

The Gospel — Luke 24:1-12

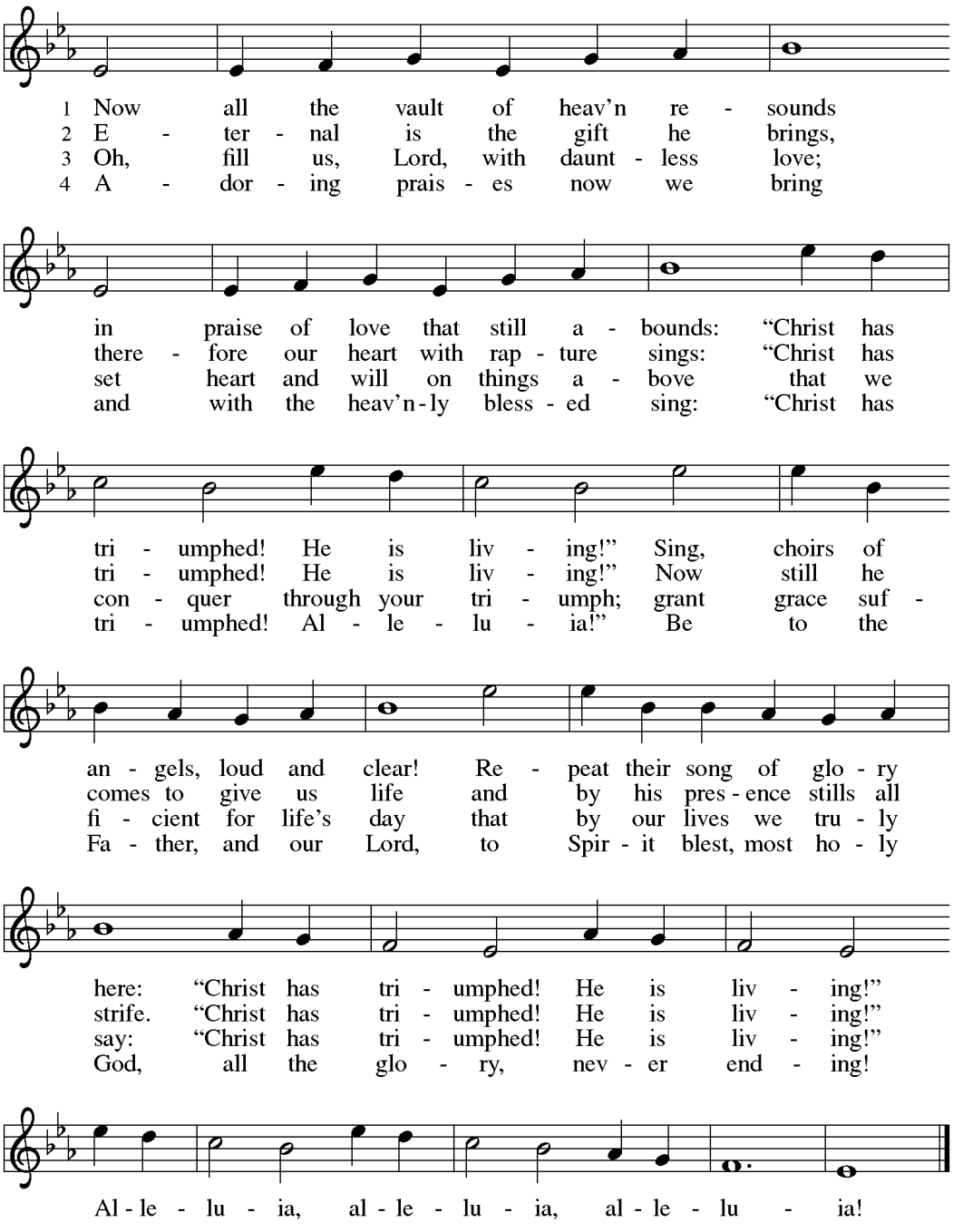
1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb,
taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from
the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were
perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5
The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said
to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has
risen. 6 Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of
Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise
again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they
told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene,
Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this
to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not
believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he
saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had
happened.
P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Acclamation verse 2

Sermon — Rev. Nicholas Zook



Hymn of the Day ELW #367 "*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*"



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, Raymond, Donna, Pastor Don, Kenneth, Sherri, Pastor Dan, Pam, Ian, Pastor Deanna, 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.

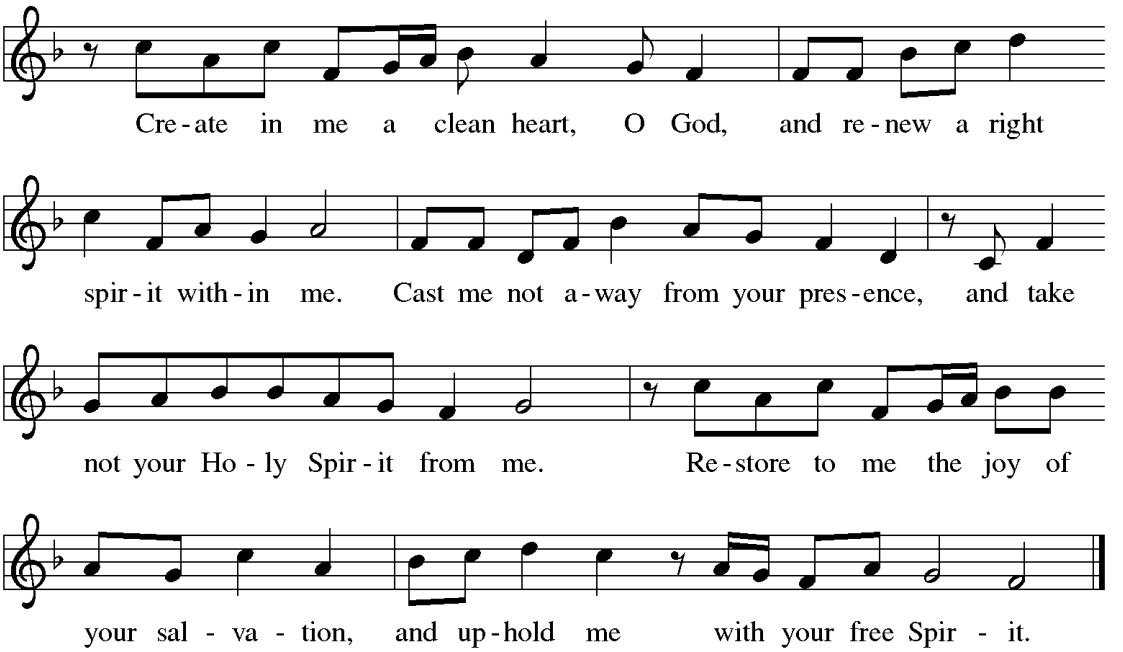
Offertory Anthem "*Christ We Do All Adore Thee*" by Theodore Dubois

The Offering

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

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Offertory Hymn ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"



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.

C: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Holy Eucharist
The Great Thanksgiving

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

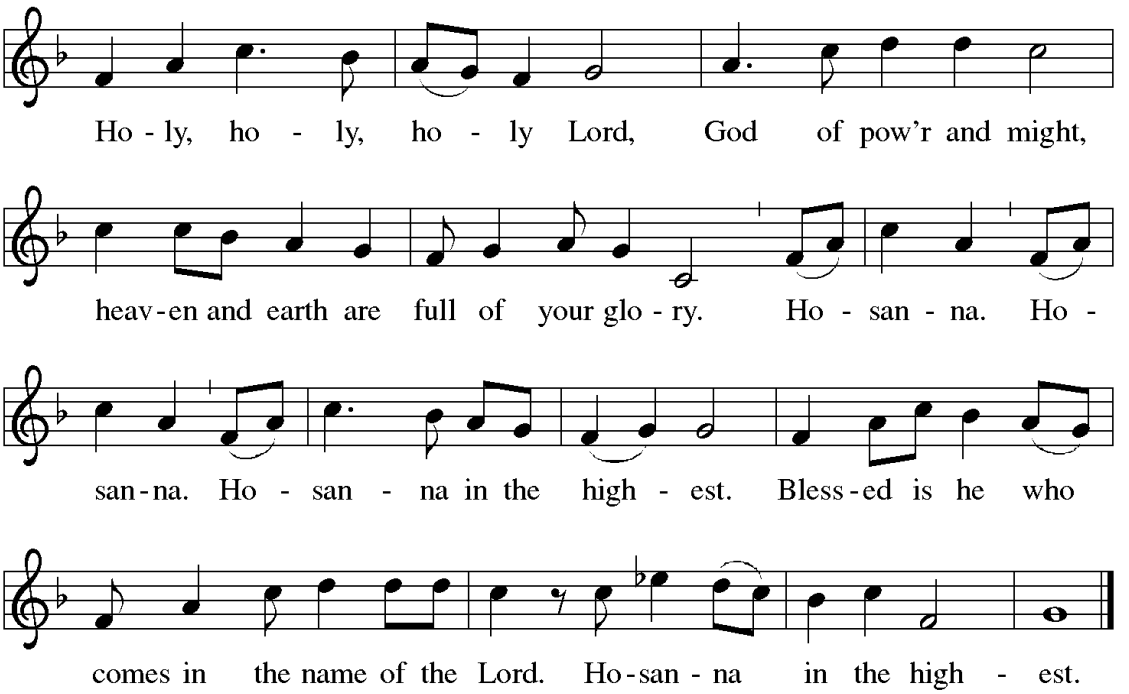
P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

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
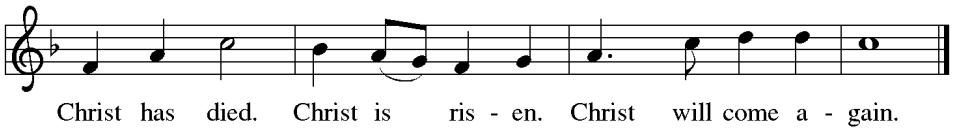


P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

P: In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, 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:

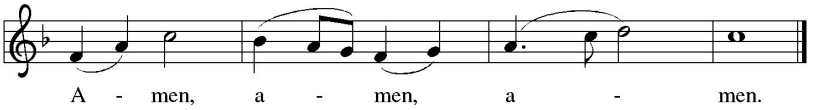


P: O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

C: Come, Holy Spirit.

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

C:



The Lord's Prayer

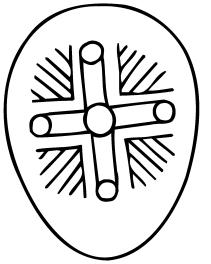
P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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.

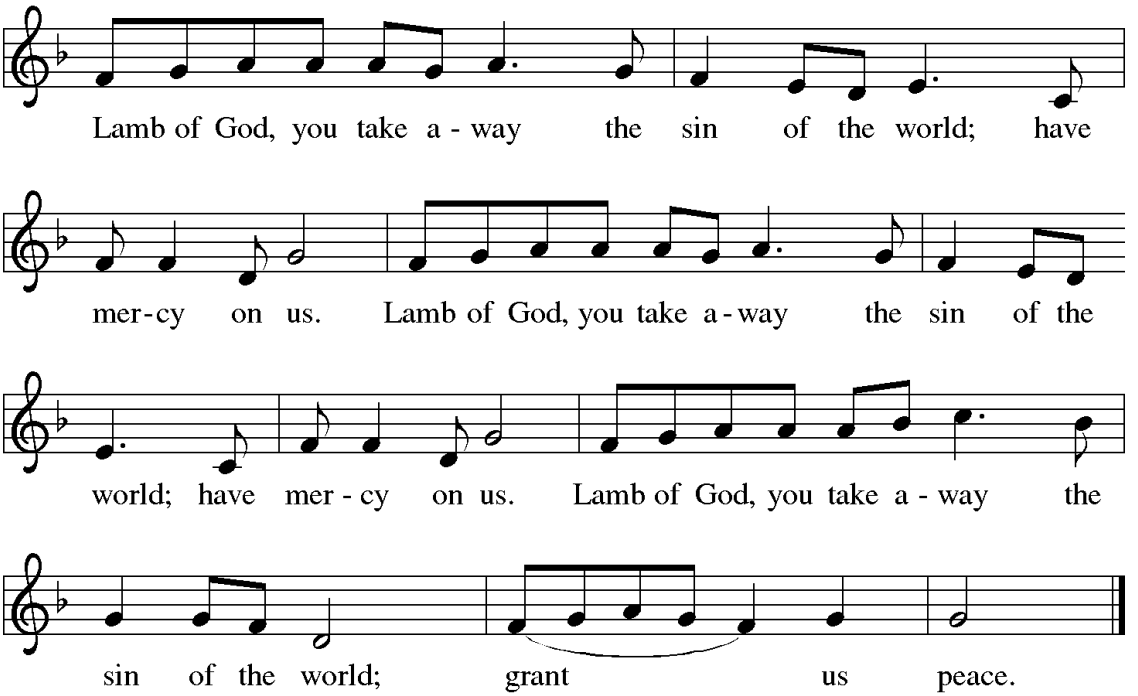
Communion Invitation

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 *"Lamb of God"*



Post Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen.
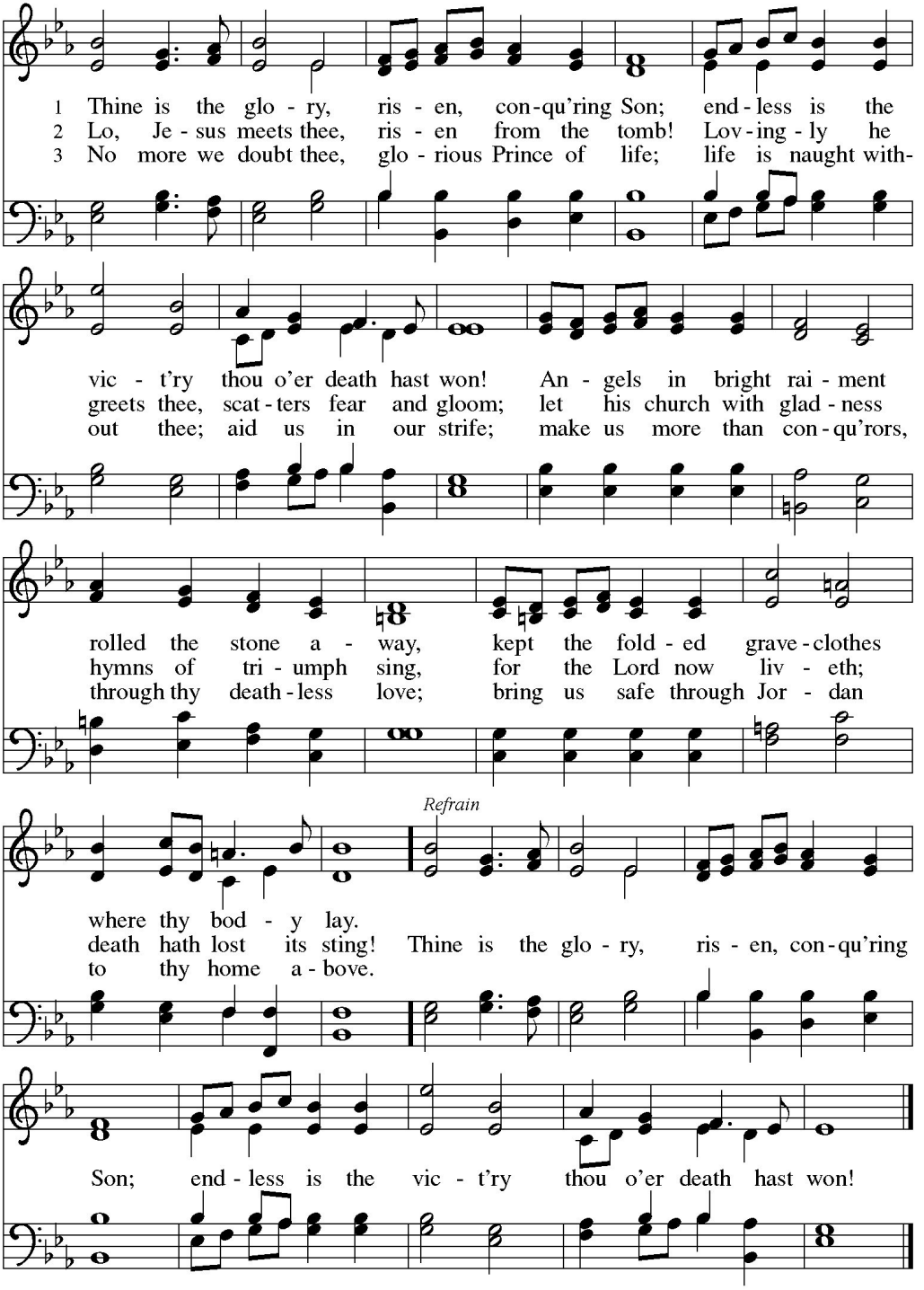
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Lead us in our Lenten pilgrimage: that our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

ELW #376 "*Thine is the Glory*"



Announcements

Dismissal

P: Go forth into the world to serve God with gladness; be of good courage; hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor all people; love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
C: Thanks be to God.

A: Go in peace. Remember your baptism.
C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Today's celebrants:

Pastor: Rev. Nicholas Zook

Deacon: Kim Baratta & Christina Formeller

Lector: Linda Storbeck

Greeters: Bob Beach & Bob Chandler

String quartet: Midtown Strings

Soloists: Marisa Buchheit, Jade Dasha, Avery Sujkowski

Chorus: Benjamin Burney, Richard Gaul, Dan Lantvit, Mary-Ann Lupa, Betsy Ries, Wilma Stevens, Linda Storbeck

Organist & Choir Director: Paul Dykstra

Upcoming Events

April 27th: Baptism of Emily & Caroline McMillion

May 11th: Executive Team meeting at 11am in church office
Second Sundays concert at 11:30am

May 18th: Council meeting at 11am in the gym

June 8th: Annual meeting of the church at 11am in the sanctuary

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EASTER BLESSINGS TO YOU

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." Luke 24: 5b

The angels ask, Why are you looking in the wrong place? Easter is about a reversal of expectations. Crucifixion leads to death; death leads to burial in the tomb. Unless, by the mighty act of God in raising Jesus from the dead tragedy is reversed into triumph; despair into joy; even death isn't death any longer.

"If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people the most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died....so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father..." 1 Corinthians 15: 19-24

Expectations are reversed. Death is followed by life. We do not look in the wrong places or live by expectations restricted to this life only. Even at the grave we sing our songs: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Preparations are now underway for the most glorious of celebrations honoring the feast day of our greatest joy: choir and musicians will raise anthems resounding, Easter worship and Alleluia banners will be unfurled, with celebratory activities for children in the gym the hour before worship. Join us in lifting your hearts and voices in our Easter celebrations on April 20th. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor Nicholas Zook



As we approach Easter, we think of Spring, the arrival of warmer days, flowers, more sunshine and outdoor activities. And we think of new opportunities through Concordia Ministries. Whether you indicated your interest in our Music Ministry, our Educational Programs or our New Neighbors Ministry, your support is vital to the sustenance of these ministries.

Your support allows Concordia Ministries to reach more families and expand even deeper into our community and neighborhoods. A financial gift at Easter, to honor someone or to illuminate the memory of someone is a wonderful way to support Concordia Ministries.

Please consider an making Easter offering. By supporting Concordia Ministries, you are supporting our programs and the families that benefit from them.
Happy Easter.

Daniel Formeller, *President, Concordia Church Council*



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Opening Hymn **ELW #365 "*Jesus Christ is Risen Today!*"**

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Gospel Acclamation **ELW #867 "*In Thee is Gladness*"**

Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

Hymn of the Day **ELW #376 "*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*"**

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623
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Offertory Hymn **ELW #186 "*Create in Me a Clean Heart*"**

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923
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Closing Hymn **ELW #376 "*Thine is the Glory*"**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

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