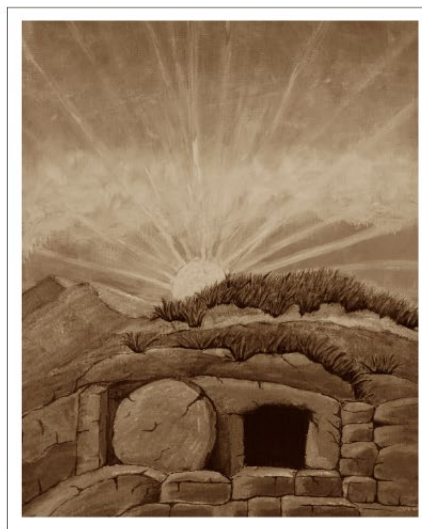
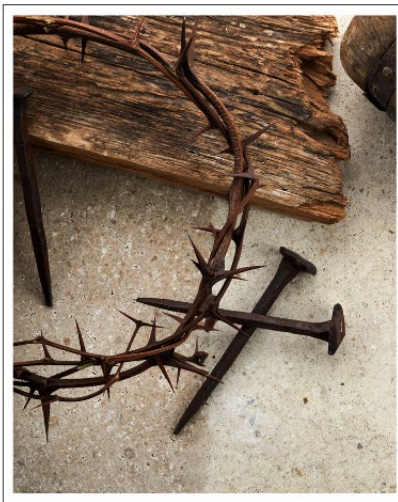


# Grace Lutheran Church

A member parish of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



## *Great Vigil of* Easter

March 30, A✠D 2024

7:00 pm

# About Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church (LCMS)

As **confessional** Lutherans, we seek to be faithful to Christ, uphold the Scriptures as the inerrant Word of God, and prove faithful heirs of the Lutheran Reformation, confessing the faith and practice according to The Book of Concord. We believe when we are gathered here, we are in the presence of the Triune God. We believe the spoken and preached Word brings God to us. We are **sacramental**, for we believe that when we celebrate the Eucharist, we receive the actual Body and Blood of Christ in our hands and in our mouths. We are **liturgical**, so our worship is not “relaxed” or “casual” for we are in the presence of the Living God: "...let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire." (*Heb 12:28-29 ESV*) Yet we are not consumed, for Christ has carried our sin and gives us His righteousness.

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## MINISTRY STAFF

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| Pastor:               | Rev. Christopher D. Hall |
| Parish Musician:      | Marjorie Hall            |
| Youth Director:       | Josh Craig               |
| Office Administrator: | Alexis Wasson            |
| Lay Assistant:        | Stan Diacon              |

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△—Please Stand

⌋ —Please kneel or sit

✠ — Sign of the cross may be made

*Please Gather in the Courtyard*  
~ **SERVICE OF LIGHT** ~

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

Let us pray: O God, you are like a refiner's fire, and your Spirit kindles the hearts of your faithful people with the fire of your love. Bless this flame and those who keep this Easter Vigil so that, burning with desire for life with you, they may be found fit to take part in that festival of Light which has no ending, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

*(The Pastor traces the cross on the paschal candle)*

**P** Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and Omega. *(The Pastor traces the Greek Letters on the paschal candle)*

*(The Pastor traces the year on the paschal candle)*

**P** His are time and eternity; his are glory and dominion, now and forever.

*(The Pastor places the wax nails into the paschal candle)*

**P** By his wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

*(The paschal candle is lit with the New Fire)*

**P** May the light of Christ who rises this night in glory scatter the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*All may light their candles from the paschal candle.*

*Children under 10 please use electric "candles" to avoid wax messes on pew cushions.*

Let us pray: Almighty God, pour out your abundant blessing on this lighted candle, so that all who share this night in your holy mysteries may be filled with your grace and spiritual blessings. Once we were in darkness, but since we have become the Lord's people, we are in the light. Help us to live as people who belong to the light, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**△ THE PROCESSION**

*The people follow the Paschal Candle to the narthex,  
then proceed to their seats in the sanctuary.*

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△ LUX CHRISTI

**P** The light of Christ



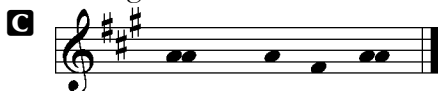
Thanks be to God.

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△ THE EASTER PROCLAMATION (EXSULTET)

**A** Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

**P** The Lord be with you.



And al-so with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.



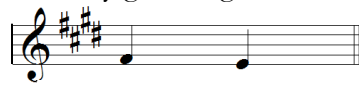
We lift them to the Lord.

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



It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary... one God, now and forever.



A - men.

*We are seated to listen to stories of God's redemptive work. Ushers will collect extinguished candles.*

## ~ SERVICE OF READINGS ~

- P** In this most holy night our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

### THE CREATION

Genesis 1:1-2:3

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P** Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord  
**C** **Amen.**

### THE FLOOD

Genesis 7:1-5,11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P** Let us pray: O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

### ISRAEL'S DELIVERANCE AT THE RED SEA

Exodus 14:10-15:1

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**  
**P** Let us pray: O God, you once delivered your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them in safety through the Red Sea, thereby giving us a picture of our Baptism. Grant that we may ever be faithful to your baptismal promise, live in its grace, and show forth to all people your desire that all should be made the children of Abraham; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

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*While the canticle is sung, the Pastor with the paschal candle gathers at the font*



All you works of the Lord, | bless the Lord—\*  
praise Him and magnify Him for- | ever.\*  
You angels of the Lord, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

You heavens, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you waters above the heavens, | bless the  
Lord;\*  
all you powers of the Lord, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

You sun and moon, | bless the Lord;\*  
you stars of heaven, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you showers and dew, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

All you winds of God, | bless the Lord;\*  
you fire and heat, | bless the Lord;\*  
you winter and summer, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

You dews and frost, | bless the Lord;\*  
you frost and cold, | bless the Lord;\*  
you ice and snow, | bless the Lord: **Refrain**

You nights and days, | bless the Lord;\*  
you light and darkness, | bless the Lord;\*  
you lightnings and clouds, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

Let the earth | bless the Lord;\*  
you mountains and hills, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you green things that grow on the earth,  
| bless the Lord: **Refrain**

You wells and springs, | bless the Lord;\*  
you rivers and seas, | bless the Lord;\*  
you whales and all who move in the waters,  
| bless the Lord: **Refrain**

All you birds of the air, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you beasts and cattle, | bless the Lord;\*  
all you children of men, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

O Israel, | bless the Lord;\*  
you priests of the Lord, | bless the Lord;\*  
you servants of the Lord, | bless the  
Lord: **Refrain**

You spirits and souls of the righteous, | bless the  
Lord;\*  
you pure and humble of heart, | bless the Lord;\*  
let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy  
| Spirit: **Refrain**

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# ~ SERVICE AND REMEMBRANCE OF HOLY BAPTISM ~

*The congregation faces the baptismal font*

## △ BAPTISMAL ADDRESS AND PRAYER

### △ RENUNCIATION OF DEVIL

- P** Do you renounce the devil?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce him.**  
**P** Do you renounce all his works?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**  
**P** Do you renounce all his ways?  
**C** **Yes, I renounce them.**

### △ CONFESSION OF FAITH

- P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**  
**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?  
**C** **Yes, I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✠ everlasting.**

### △ RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Judah Hannah*

- P** How are you named?  
**R** **Judah.**  
**P** Judah, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ forehead and upon your ✠ heart to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.  
**P** Judah, do you desire to be baptized?  
**R** **Yes, I do.**

*The pastor pours water three times on the head of each candidate while saying:*

- P** Judah, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** **Amen.**

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*The pastor places his hands on the head of the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C** Amen.

*The pastor may light a baptismal candle from the paschal candle and give it to the newly baptized while saying:*

**P** Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

*The newly baptized may be welcomed with the following:*

**A** In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you a member of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brother in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C** Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Judah the new birth in Holy Baptism and made him a member of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and an heir of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as he has now become Your child, You would keep him in his baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure he may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

### △ Blessing of Congregation

**P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

*During the hymn, Baptismal water will be sprinkled on the congregation  
as a reminder of our own Holy Baptism.*





1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap - tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap - tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap - tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life - long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## ~ FIRST COMMUNION ~

*Catechumens and their parents and their baptismal sponsors may gather at the chancel steps.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism these young people were born again as God's children and received into His Church. As a further gift of His love for us, our Lord Jesus Christ has given His Church the Sacrament of the Altar and invites His children to receive this Sacrament in faith for the forgiveness of their sins. The apostle Paul reminds us, "Let a person examine himself and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup," and "as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes." These candidates have received instruction and have been examined by the pastor regarding their sin and their understanding of the Sacrament of the Altar.

You are about to be admitted to the Lord's Table. Holy Scripture describes the life of the Church and every baptized Christian with these words: "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." You are invited by our Lord to come regularly to hear His Word and receive His Sacrament. You will continue to be instructed and nurtured in the Christian faith and life. You are invited to confess your sins and receive the comfort of Holy Absolution. All this will help you live as the child of God you have been made through Holy Baptism. In testimony of this faith and confession, I now ask you:

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, and in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ, true God and true man, is your Lord?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that you are a sinner?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for you and shed His blood for you on the cross for the forgiveness of all your sins?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

**P** Do you believe that in the Lord's Supper He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins and to strengthen your faith in Him and your love toward others?

**R** *Yes, I believe.*

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✠ — *Sign of the cross may be made*

**P** Do you intend to continue to hear and receive the instruction of your Lord, confess your sins, and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully throughout your life?

**R** *Yes, with the help of God.*

**P** I therefore invite you to the Lord's Supper to receive Christ's precious body and blood for the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Parents, (sponsors), and members of the congregation, the whole Church shares with you the responsibility and concern for the ongoing instruction and spiritual care of these young people. I now ask you, will you intercede for them in prayer and, as much as you are able, give them your counsel and aid that, in communion with the Church, they may grow up to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Jesus Christ? Then answer: We will, with the help of God.

**C** **We will, with the help of God.**

**P** Heavenly Father, whose Son Jesus Christ loved the young and called them to Himself, we ask You to bless these young people. Strengthen them in the faith through the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood so that they may grow spiritually and bring forth the fruits of faith in a life of love towards others to the praise and honor of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts in your confession of faith. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His holy Supper, He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

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## ~ CONFIRMATION & RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS ~

- P** You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said, "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P**: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- R** *I do, by the grace of God.*
- P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in your will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The catechumens kneel to receive the blessing and anointing with the chrism*

- P** The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.
- C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us pray. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons and daughters to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Confirmands stand and gather together again.*

**P** Upon this your confession of faith, I acknowledge publicly that you are [*a member/ members*] of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and of this congregation. Receive the Lord's Supper and participate with us in all the blessings of salvation that our Lord has given to His Church, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** Amen.

## ~ SERVICE OF PRAYER ~

### ┆ LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

**C** hear us.

**P** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

**C** have mercy on us.

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- P** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus Road,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,  
**C have mercy on us.**
- P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,  
**C good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By Your victory over sin and death,  
**C good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the majesty of Your risen body,  
**C good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You,  
**C to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,  
**C grant us, good Lord.**
- P** that we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,

**C** grant us, good Lord.

**P** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

**C** grant us, good Lord.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** have mercy on us.

**P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C** grant us your peace.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Christ,

**C** have mercy.

**P** O Lord,

**C** have mercy. Amen.

## ~ SERVICE OF THE WORD ~

### △ EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Altar candles are lit from the paschal candle and the remainder of the lights are turned on.*

*Bells ring, and the altar is prepared for the sacrament as we sing the Hymn of Praise.*

### △ HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 171

**A** This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia!

**C** Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.  
Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and

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hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are His.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -  
 lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of  
 God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:  
 Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
 for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun His reign.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

△ COLLECT

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray: O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





**C** A - men.

△ **GOSPEL PROCESSION**

We Sing the Praise of Him ~ LSB 429



1 We sing the praise of Him who died, Of Him who  
2 In - scribed up - on the cross we see In shin - ing



died up - on the cross. The sin - ner's hope let  
let - ters, "God is love." He bears our sins up -



all de - ride; For this we count the world but loss.  
on the tree; He brings us mer - cy from a - bove.

△ **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 20:1-18

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to

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them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**△ GOSPEL PROCESSION**

We Sing the Praise of Him ~ LSB 429

3 The cross! It takes our guilt a - way; It holds the  
 faint - ing spir - it up; It cheers with hope the  
 gloom - y day And sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.

6 To Christ, who won for sinners grace  
 By bitter grief and anguish sore,  
 Be praise from all the ransomed race  
 Forever and forevermore.

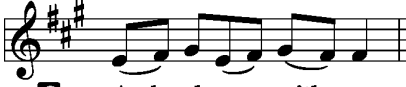
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# ~ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ~

## △ PREFACE

LSB 177

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al-so 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 Him thanks and praise.

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising You and saying:

## △ SANCTUS

LSB 178



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. 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.

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△ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

**P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth... To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

△ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB 179

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **✠** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **✠** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

△ PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

LSB 179

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

**P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father... remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

△ LORD'S PRAYER

LSB 179

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

△ PAX DOMINI

LSB 180

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

△ AGNUS DEI

LSB 180



**C** 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

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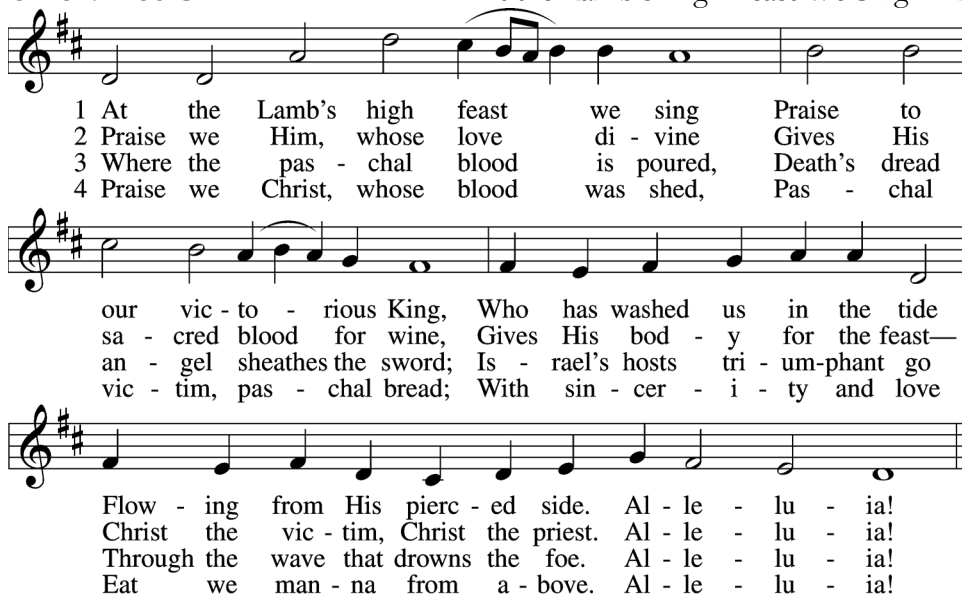
sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of  
 God, You take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us peace, grant us peace.

### STATEMENT ON HOLY COMMUNION

“I am a baptized Christian; I am sorry for my sins; I believe that Christ grants me forgiveness, life, and salvation in the Sacrament; I believe that the Body and Blood of Jesus are truly present in the bread and wine.” If you share the confessions of the LCMS, then you are invited to share with us in the Holy Sacrament. If you have not been instructed in our confessions, are in doubt about the Sacrament, or do not share these same beliefs, then we ask you to speak with our pastor before receiving Holy Communion. We still invite you to come forward to the Lord’s Table with your arms across your chest to receive a blessing. The lighter-colored cups in the middle of the individual trays contain de-alcoholized wine.

### DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing ~ LSB 633



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to  
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di-vine Gives His  
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death’s dread  
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal  
 our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide  
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—  
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael’s hosts tri - um-phant go  
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love  
 Flow - ing from His pier - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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5 Mighty Victim from the sky,  
 Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;  
 You have conquered in the fight,  
 You have brought us life and light.  
 Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
 This alone can sin destroy;  
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 Newborn souls in You to be.  
 Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
 Now no more the grave enthral;  
 You have opened paradise,  
 And Your saints in You shall rise.  
 Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,  
 Savior, by whose death we live,  
 Spirit, guide through all our days:  
 Three in One, Your name we praise.  
 Alleluia!

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## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## This Joyful Eastertide ~ LSB 482

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the  
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

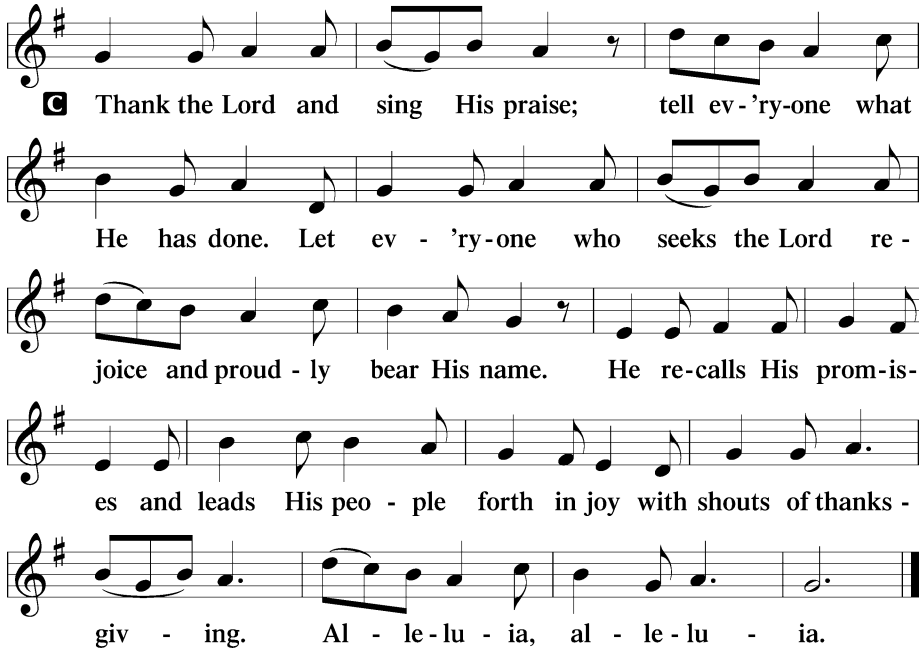
sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:  
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,  
 Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
 ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

△ POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what  
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -  
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-  
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

△ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**P** Let us pray: O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

△ BENEDICAMUS

**P** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

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△ **BENEDICTION**

**P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



△ **CLOSING HYMN**

O Light Whose Splendor ~ LSB 891

1 O Light whose splendor thrills and gladdens  
2 As twilight hovers near at sunset,  
3 In all life's brilliant timeless moments,  
With radiance brighter than the sun,  
And lamps are lit, and children nod,  
Let faithful voices sing Your praise,  
Pure gleam of God's unending glory,  
In evening hymns we lift our voices  
O Son of God, our Life bestower,  
O Je - sus, blest A - nointed - ed One;  
To Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son: one God.  
Whose glo - ry light - ens end - less days.

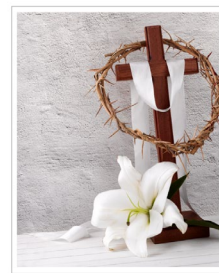
△ **DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace and serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God.

**POSTLUDE**

*Reception to follow in Knippa Hall.*



*The  
Resurrection  
of our Lord*

Please join us tomorrow for The Resurrection of our Lord  
7:00 am ~ Sunrise Divine Service (Courtyard)  
8:30-10:00 am ~ Pancake Breakfast  
9:15/9:30 am ~ Easter Egg Hunts  
10:30 am ~ Divine Service