

EASTER SUNDAY
A SERVICE OF THE WORD AND TABLE
MARCH 31, 2024



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

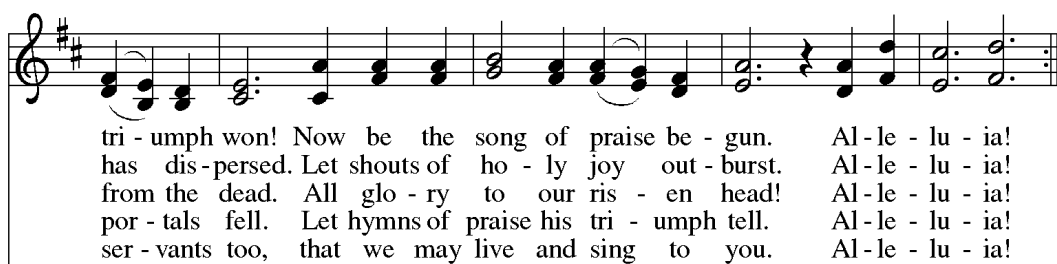
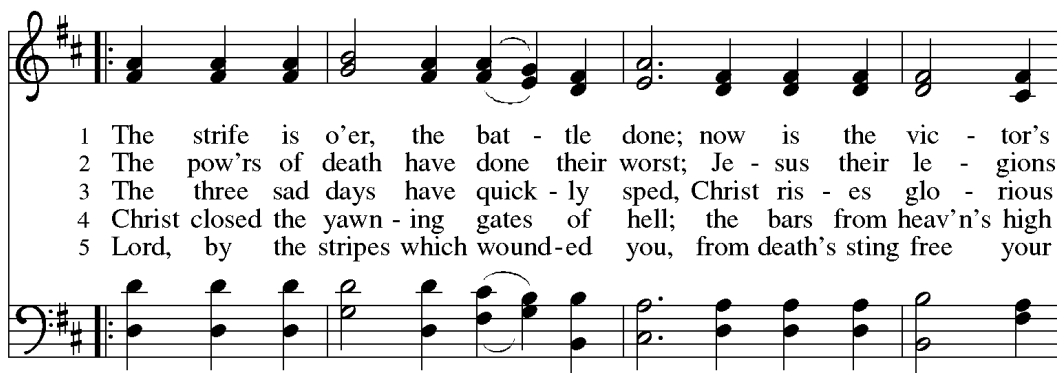
Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the wellspring of grace and our Easter joy. **Amen.**

Immersed in the promises of baptism...now and forever. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

The Strife Is O'er

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

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1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.

2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.

3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:

Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;

Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.

on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.

Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.

For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. **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. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9

A reading from Isaiah.

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Acts 10:34-43

A reading from Acts.

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL: John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to St. John. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So 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." ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME AND SERMON

Pr. Megan Hoewisch

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!

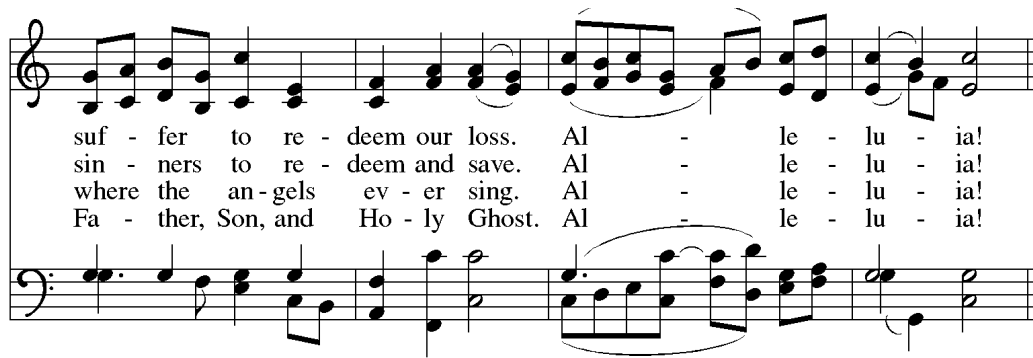
ELW 365



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each prayer petition, the congregation responds: Receive our prayer.

PEACE

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

You can place your offering in the plate as it's passed around, give online at FLCHavre.org, or send your offering to PO Box 66, Havre, MT 59501.

OFFERING HYMN

Doxology

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God. 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. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

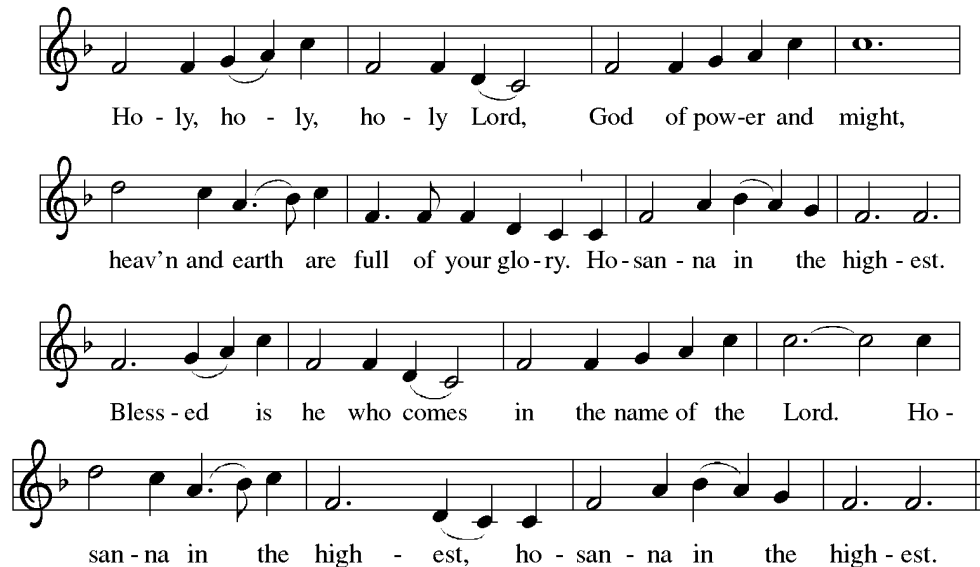
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right . . . and join in their unending hymn

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

. . . let us pray as Jesus taught us:

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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.

COMMUNION

There are gluten-free wafers available in a bowl beside the bread, and white grape juice in the center of the trays. All are welcome at the Lord's table.



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;

you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. **Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**


BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy,
 and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN**The Day of Resurrection!**

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,

the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Thank You to Russ and Diane Getten for sponsoring our KOJM Broadcast this beautiful Easter Sunday in memory of Barbara Peterson.

Easter Sunday Brunch All are welcome to brunch in the Fellowship after service! Many thanks to the Fellowship Committee for their dedication!

Soap Needed: We have been making Personal Care Kits and Baby Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief, as well as Days for Girls Hygiene Kits. All these kits include soap, so our supply is running low. We are in need of full-size bars of Ivory soap, so if anyone would like to donate some, it will be used and appreciated. Just bring it to the church office or the WELCA room.

Thank You to the many people who helped with our Lenten midweek services and our Holy Week services—your participation in 'the priesthood of all believers' enriches our worship!

PRAYER LIST

Grieving Families: Larry Jappe; Edna Reese (Donna Tweeten's aunt); Edith Anderson; Ruth Halverson (Larry Halverson's mother); William "Tim" Chagnon; Carol Chagnon; Joy (Sug) Hokanson; Ed Ostlund; Laurie George; Stu Sorensen (Sue Ost's brother); Pr. Walt Kirkegaard; Keith Nordrum (Sandy O'Leary's brother); Mark Larson; Terry Stevenson (Michael Stevenson's father)

Medical Issues: Clint and Loretta Widdekind (eye surgeries); Ian McKay (thyroid cancer, Linda Hinebauch's grandson); Monica Laeupple; Tammy Edwards (Linda Malley's cousin); Kristin Donovan; Zack Rambo; Helen Hill; John Snider (Gunnar Ageson's girlfriend's father); Lowel Johnson; Mary Wagner; Doris Gullickson (Nancy Erickson's mother); Keith Doll; John Malley; Marilyn Lofing (Vicki Kutzler's sister); Samantha Niess and family; Gavin Pankratz (Judy Solomon's friend); Suzanne Beal (Margaret Hencz's sister); Beverly Peterson (Charlis Carpenter's sister-in-law); Casey Cal Fuson (Linda Grigg's great-grandson); Amy Patrick Thackeray; Hunter Kerkes (Judy Solomon's granddaughter's husband); Ginger Doll (Keith Doll's niece); Kenneth Freshwater (Charlis Carpenter's friend); Reidun "Skram" Erickson (Judy Solomon's friend); Karen Nave; Kristi Hale (Keith Doll's daughter); Tim Holsapple; Judy Solomon; Brooks Adams (Chris and Kathy Gorder's Grandson); Kris Gartner

Those at Home: Lita Moog **Living in Community:** Eagle's Manor: Mary Grandberg;

NMCC: None; **Away:** Anna May Borst

Easter Plants in Memory and in Honor of 2024			
Name	M	H	Name
Allan & Sue Ost	x		Dale Ost
Allan & Sue Ost	x		Stu Sorensen
Ann McKnight	x		Audrey McKnight
		x	Alvin & Esther Martin
Vickie Jacobsen	x		Cliff Jacobsen
Matt Erdel & Pr. Megan		x	First Lutheran Church
Darryl & Cheryl Morse	x		Leo & Cleo Morse
Don, Linda, & Sandi Bitterman	x		Addie Adams, Erin Ramberg
	x		Bonita Griggs, JD Griggs, Jaden Griggs
The Griggs Family	x		Linda Griggs, Earl Duncan, Kennan Duncan
Tom & Cheryl Aevertmann	x		Aevertmann Families
	x		Minor & Audrey McKnight Families
Cheryl McKnight-Aevertmann		x	Schaubs & McKnights
Judy Solomon	x		Linda Swallow
			Warren Warp & Trina Dynneson
The Warps	x		
Marilyn Thackeray	x		Petrina Pogreba, Godmother
Marilyn Thackeray & Louellen Lairy	x		Gary Vaughn
	x		Raymond & Virginia Vaughn
	x		Jerry & Evelyn Dusek
The Dusek Family	x		John, Betty, Chris & Daryl Patera
Clint & Loretta Widdekind	x		Al & Polly Widdekind
Doug & Lorraine Larson	x		Hjalmer, Pearl, & Mark Larson
Kurt & Carla Jenewein		x	Linda & Tim Morgan

Many thanks for the beautiful lilies and tulips!

3-31-24	
Reader	Judy Solomon
Communion Bread	Sue Ost
Communion Set Up	Don & Leslie Hanson
Communion Server	Clint Widdekind
Communion Server	Marilyn Thackeray
Communion Server	Leslie Hanson
Usher	Jim Griggs
Usher	Luke Griggs
Usher	Sidney Griggs
Usher	Sadie Griggs
Coffee Hour	Fellowship
Pianist/Organist	Michael Stevenson