

# **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH**

A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

... We Are God's People and the Sheep of God's Pasture ...

Psalm 100:3

## **LARGE PRINT EDITION**



**April 20<sup>th</sup> – Easter Sunday – Resurrection of Our Lord**

**ALL ARE WELCOME AT GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH.**

**God makes no exceptions. In the spirit of Jesus Christ, we offer trust and respect to all, including those who may experience alienation, distrust, or rejection. We rely on the healing, unconditional love of God to shape our community in the name of the Good Shepherd.**

***Welcome guests! There is more information for you on the back of the bulletin.***

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Evangelical Lutheran Worship – **ELW** (red book)

All Creation Sings – **ACS** (purple book)

Page numbers (P.) in front of the red hymnal, (#) in back of ELW/ACS  
congregational responses in **bold**; rise in body or spirit when indicated by \*

## GATHERING

**PRAYER BELL – PRELUDE:** Spring, mvt. I – Antonio Vivaldi

*The prelude is a time when we allow the musical offering to quiet our hearts and minds as we prepare for worship.*

## WELCOME

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN:** ELW 365 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

The image displays the musical score for the hymn "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (ELW 365). It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and includes a piano accompaniment. The score is presented in two systems. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system. The music is in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: 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!

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

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!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

**\*GREETING:**

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

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

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.*

<sup>34</sup> Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> 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. <sup>39</sup> 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; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> 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. <sup>42</sup> 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. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM LITANY:**

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever.  
**Together we declare: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord is our strength and our song;  
**the Lord has become our salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
**This is God’s handiwork, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God’s victorious rule over all.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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## GOSPEL HYMN: ELW 172 Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -

Hal - le - lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics 'Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-jah'. The score is divided into three systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables across measures. The final system ends with a double bar line.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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## **\*GOSPEL READING: John 20:1-18**

*This morning began with confusion: the stone was moved and the tomb was empty. Disciples arrive, then angels, and finally Jesus himself. Out of the confusion, hope emerges, and a weeping woman becomes the first to confess her faith in the risen Lord.*

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup> and 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. <sup>13</sup> They 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.” <sup>14</sup> When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus 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.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus 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.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary 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 MESSAGE**

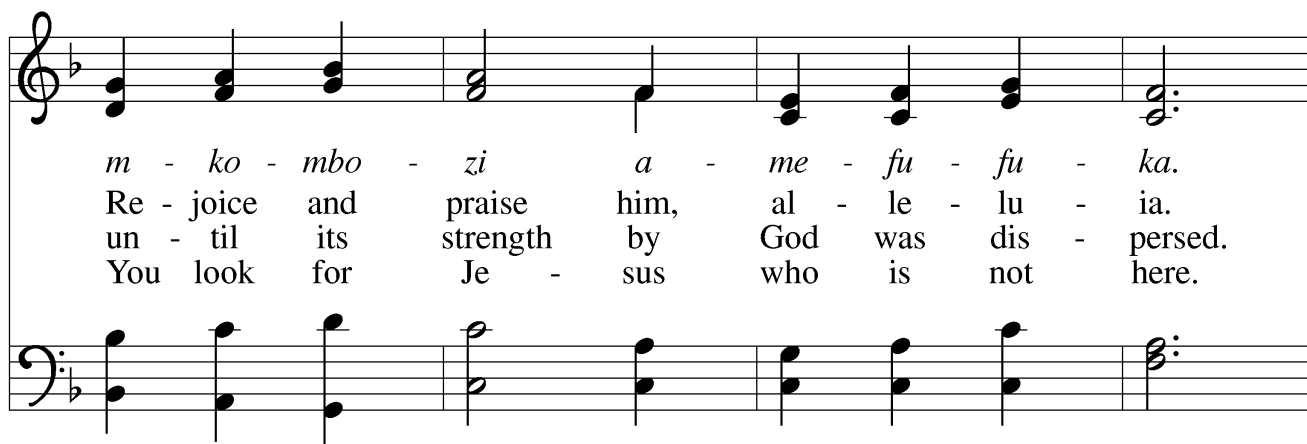
## **SERMON**



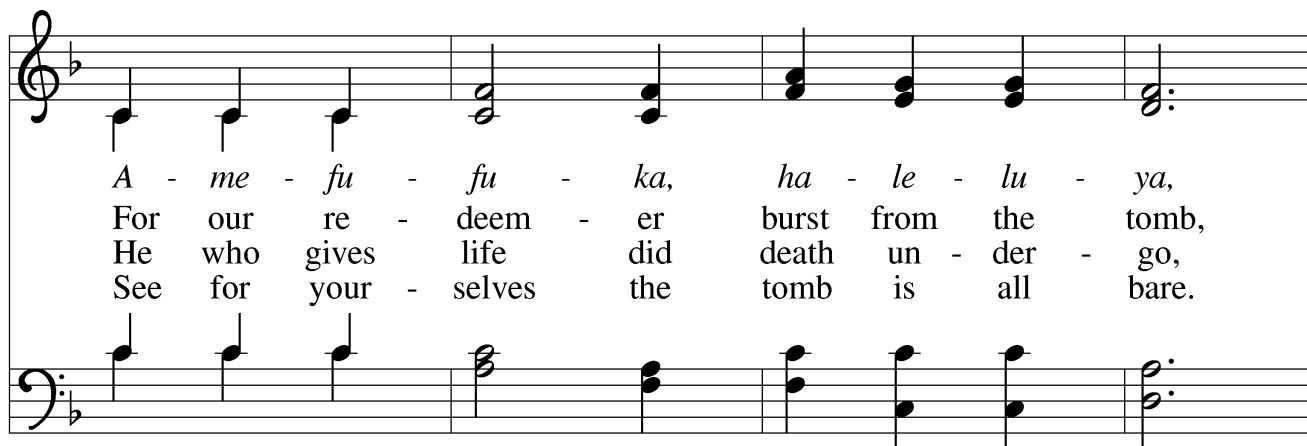
**\*HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 364 Christ Has Risen, Alleluia**



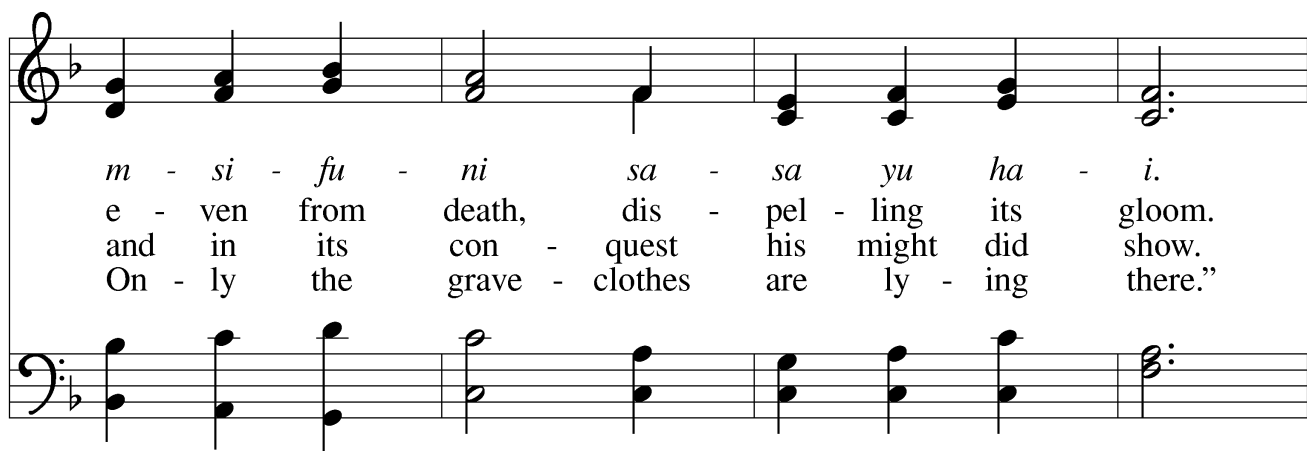
*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa - yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave. He has arisen this world to save. Jesus’ redeeming labors are done. Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain*
- 5 Christ has arisen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king. *Refrain*

**\*PRAYER LITANY:** Claiming the promises of the resurrection, let us pray.

Risen Christ, when darkness overwhelms **may your dawn beckon.**

When fear paralyzes **may your touch release.**

When grief torments **may your peace enfold.**

When memories haunt **may your presence heal.**

When justice fails **may your fire ignite us.**

When apathy prevails **may your compassion renew.**

When courage leaves **may your spirit inspire.**

When despair grips **may your hope restore.**

And when death threatens **may new life arise.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus, who makes all things new. **Amen.**

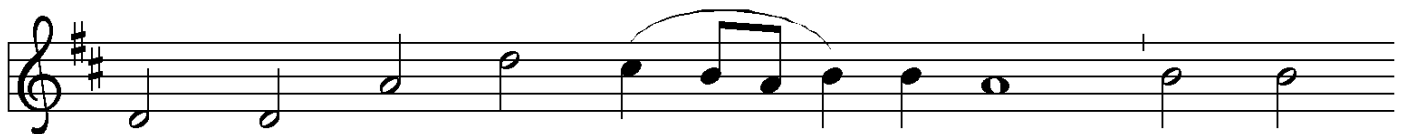
**\*PEACE OF CHRIST:** The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*We share peace by waving to those worshipping online or through the public access channel and then with those in the sanctuary.*

## MEAL

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:** In Resurrectione Tua, Domine – William Byrd

**\*OFFERTORY SONG:** ELW #362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing (verses 1, 2, 7, and 8)



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to  
2 Praise we Christ, 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 wound - 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!

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!

6 Now no more can death appall,  
now no more the grave enthrall;  
you have opened paradise,  
and your saints in you shall rise.  
Alleluia!

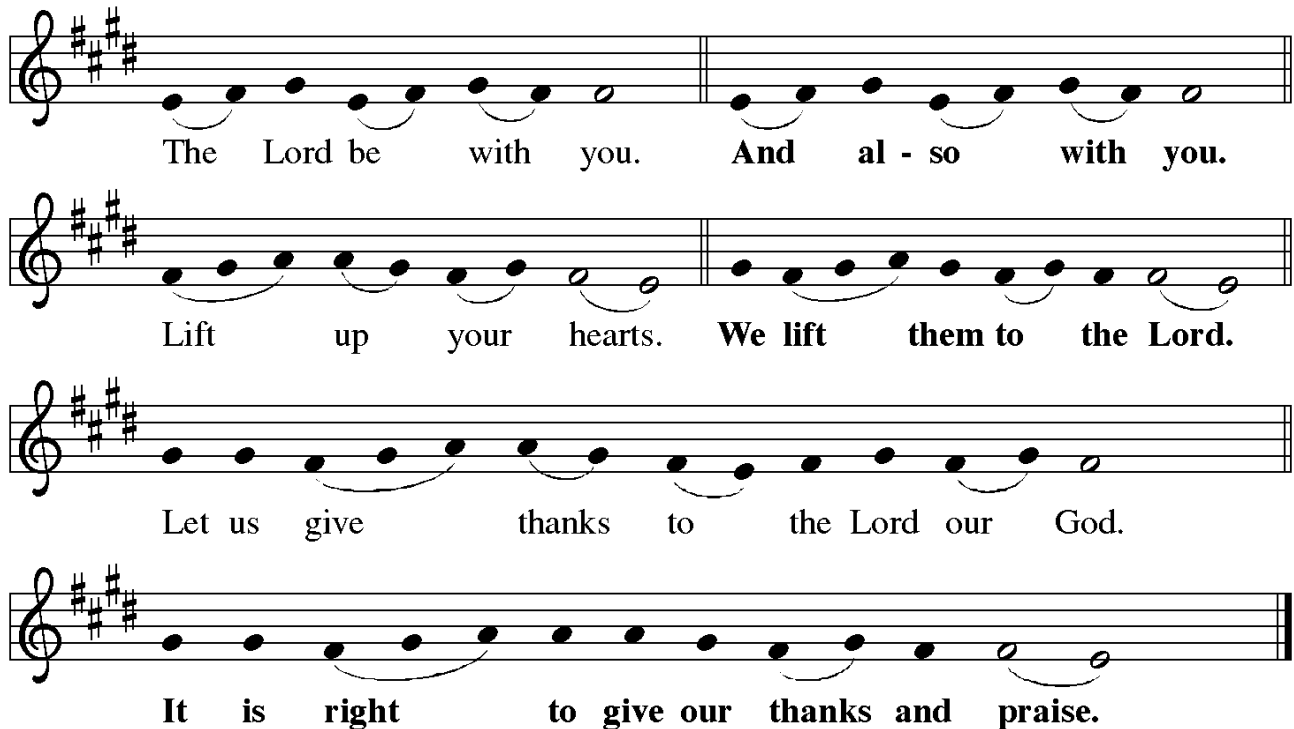
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!  
This alone can sin destroy;  
from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
newborn souls in you to be.  
Alleluia!

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!

**\*OFFERING PRAYER:** Let us pray... **Amen.**

**INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNION:** In the early Church, Christians were forbidden to kneel during the fifty days of Easter Rejoicing. Therefore we will stand to receive communion today.

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING – HOLY, HOLY, HOLY:**



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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... join their unending hymn:

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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION – THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE – LORD’S PRAYER

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *All are welcome at Christ’s table.*

- *Ushers will direct you down the center aisle for standing communion.*
- *Communion is served in the pews for those who wish to remain seated.*
- *If you prefer only a blessing, indicate by placing your hands over your heart.*
- *Gluten and dairy free bread and red wine/white grape juice are available to all.*
- *Egg-free wheat wafers are also available.*
- *Please place your wine and juice cups in the tray as you return to your pew.*

COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 376 Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes  
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*

where thy bod - y lay.  
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring  
 to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

# ELW 391 This Joyful Eastertide

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

sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has  
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall  
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my

sprung to life this mor - - row.  
 wake the dead in num - - ber.  
 pass - ing soul de - liv - er.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934  
 Music: Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.; arr. hymnal version  
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*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our

The first system of the refrain consists of two staves. The treble staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and a common time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some chords. The bass staff begins with a bass clef and the same key signature and time signature. The accompaniment consists of chords and some moving lines. The lyrics "Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our" are written below the staves.

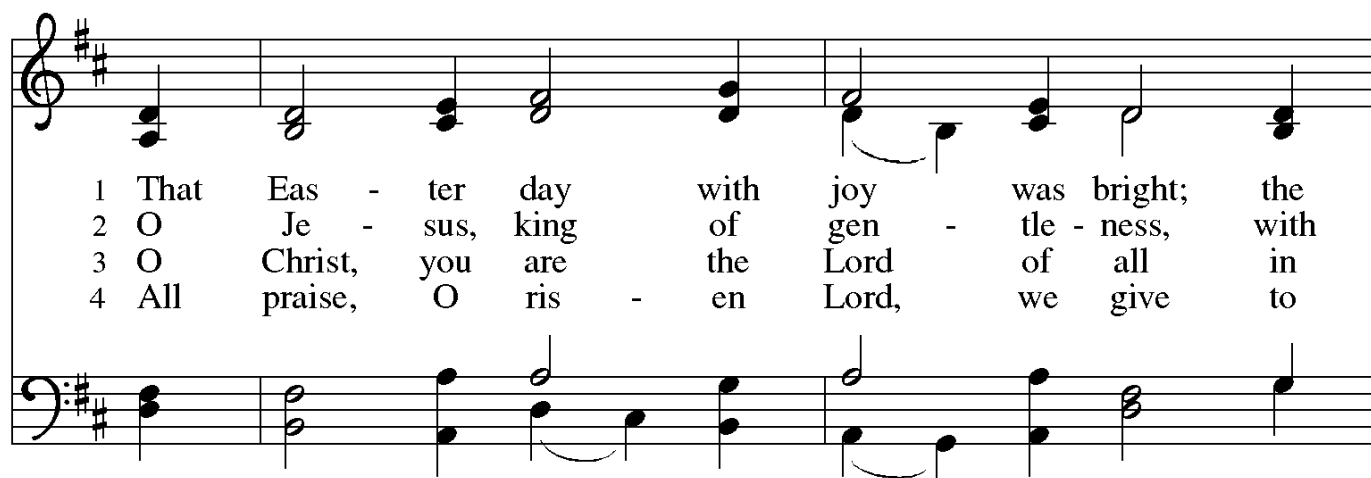
faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

The second system of the refrain consists of two staves. The treble staff continues the melody from the first system. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics "faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -" are written below the staves.

ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

The third system of the refrain consists of two staves. The treble staff ends with a double bar line. The bass staff also ends with a double bar line. The lyrics "ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en." are written below the staves. There are slurs over the repeated phrases "ris - en" in both staves.

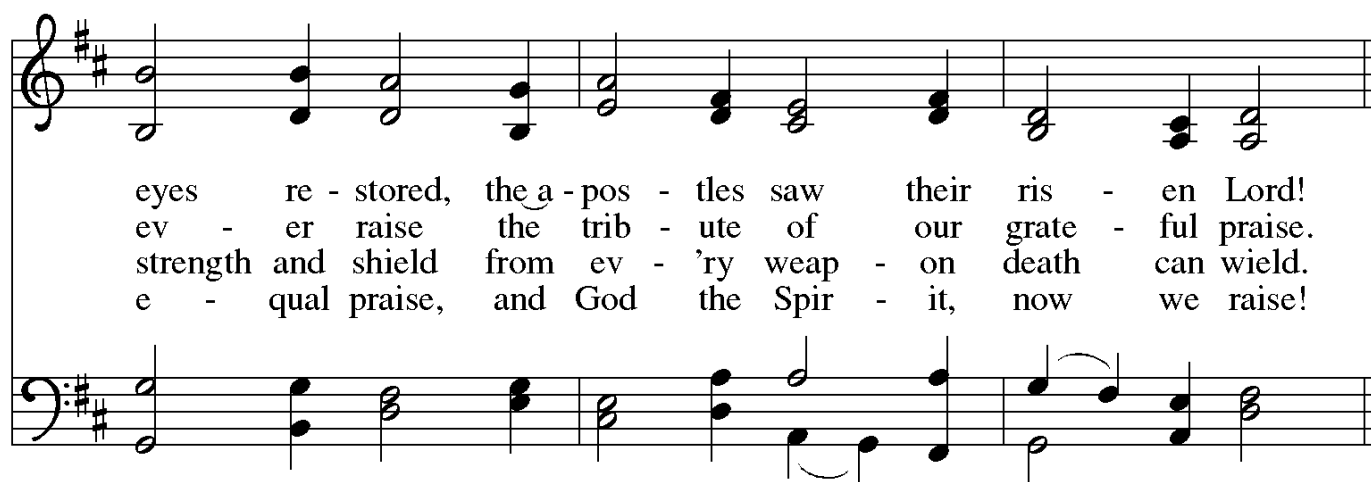
# ELW 384 That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

# ELW 385 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is  
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

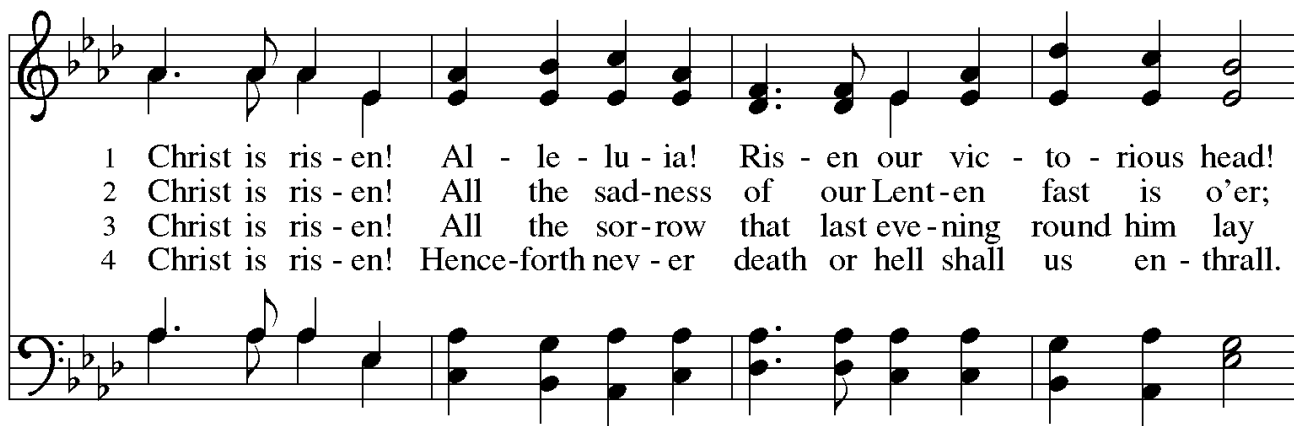
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
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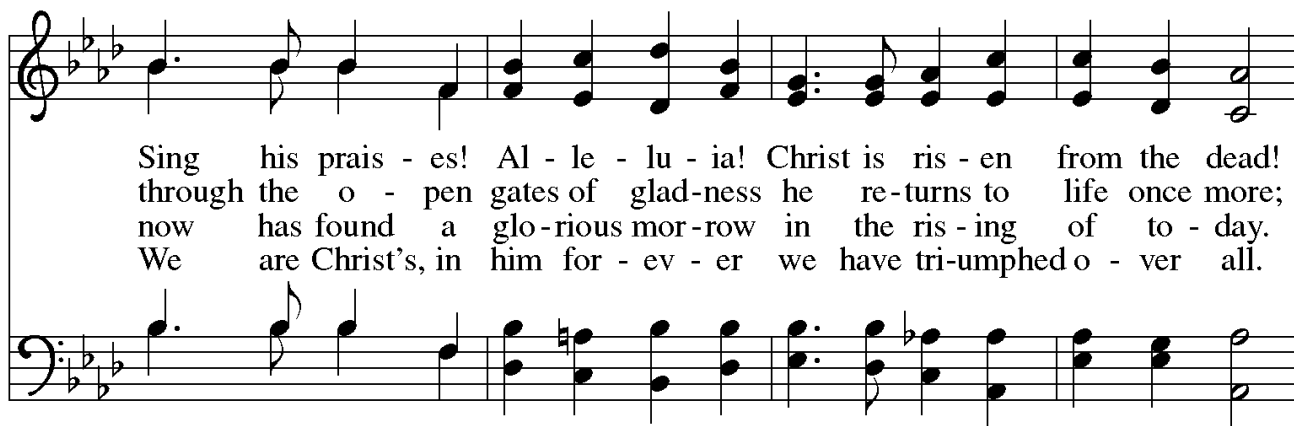
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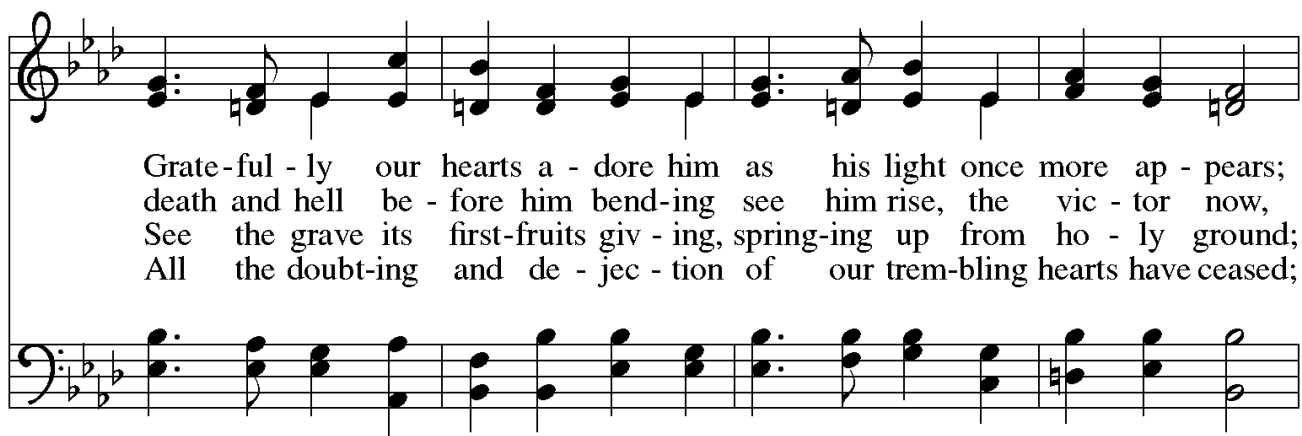
# ELW 382 Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
 2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad-ness of our Lent-en fast is o'er;  
 3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor-row that last eve-ning round him lay  
 4 Christ is ris - en! Hence-forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 through the o - pen gates of glad-ness he re-turns to life once more;  
 now has found a glo-rious mor-row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
 We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri-umphed o - ver all.



Grate-ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
 death and hell be - fore him bend-ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
 See the grave its first-fruits giv - ing, spring-ing up from ho - ly ground;  
 All the doubt-ing and de - jec - tion of our trem-bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
 an - gels on his steps at - tend-ing, glo - ry round his wound-ed brow.  
 Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
 hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

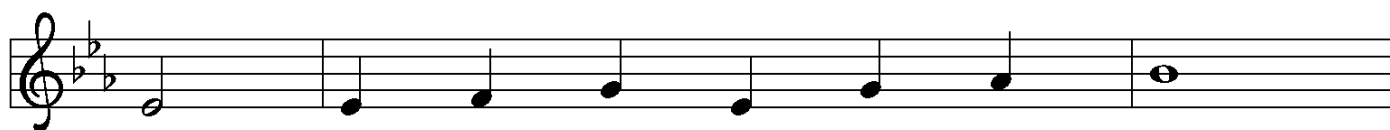
## TABLE BLESSING – PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### SENDING

### SENDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \*BLESSING

# SENDING SONG: ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.

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**DISMISSAL:** Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**PRAYER BELL – POSTLUDE:** And the Glory of the Lord – G.F. Handel

*The postlude sends us out for service in the world. Feel free to use this time in any way that helps to send you out!*

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**TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP AND HOSPITALITY: PREACHING AND**

**PRESIDING:** Pastor April Ulring Larson; **ORGANIST & PIANIST:** Brooke Joyce;

**VIOLINIST:** Anishka Vogl; **ASSISTING MINISTER:** Melanie Folkerts; **LECTOR/READER:**

Dave Geenen; **ALTAR GUILD SERVERS:** Jan Siefken, Elizabeth Kaschins; **USHERS:**

Rebecca Hanna, Tim Folkerts; **GREETER:** Holly Hurst; **AUDIOVISUAL TECHNICIAN:**

Alex Bodnar.

**EASTER FLOWER CONTRIBUTION HONORS:**

*In loving memory of Harley Refsal*

– Norma Refsal, Carl & Martin

*In loving memory of Ed Hover*

– The Hover family

*For the blessings of Easter*

– Tom & Connie Buresh

*In honor of our children and grandchildren*

– Dave & Kris Peterson

*In honor of Altar Guild*

– Elizabeth Kaschins

**PLEASE JOIN US AFTER WORSHIP FOR OUR EASTER POTLUCK!** The potluck is sponsored by WELCA and the EPIC Scholarship Committee. Freewill donations will benefit the **Good Shepherd Mission Endowment Fund** and **Good Shepherd Mission Assistance Fund**.

**WORSHIP SERVICE AND CELEBRATION OF GRATITUDE AND BLESSINGS FOR PASTORS APRIL AND JUDD, SUNDAY, APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>:** All members and friends are invited to this special service and celebration, which is **Bishop Emerita April Ulring Larson's** last Sunday preaching and presiding at Good Shepherd as our Interim Pastor. The worship service will close with a time of gratitude for and blessing of Pastors April and Judd, as we celebrate their 8+ months among us. Following the service, there will be a time of celebration, expressions of gratitude, and special treats in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor April's last day is **Wednesday, April 30**.

**“GABBY DAY” TACO SUPPER, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:00 PM, FELLOWSHIP HALL:** Children, youth, families, and all members, are invited to a Taco Supper to greet Gabby Bizal, our new Youth Director and Communications Coordinator, and to support our Youth Ministry. The “Gabby Day” Taco Supper is hosted by Good Shepherd’s “Eat, Play, Love” group. The group usually meets the third Sunday of every month for a potluck and play time, so families can get to know each other.

**THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, APRIL 21<sup>st</sup>. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS RESUME TUESDAY, APRIL 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

## **Prayers of Healing, Care and Joy**

*Praying for others is a cherished ministry that everyone can participate in at any time. There are no time constraints to our care for others as we offer their needs up to God. People on the prayer list are welcome to remain there for as long as is needed.*

### **Those with health concerns:**

- Lise Kildegaard
- Anne Clausen
- Bob Wilson
- Mickey Slind
- Scott Barnes
- Jon Wendling
- Elizabeth Hermeier
- James Barth
- Ginny Olson
- Haisleigh – children’s hospital, Iowa City
- Wanda Rueber
- LaVerne Ramsey
- Scott Ulring
- Phillip Swanson
- Harland Nelson
- Dennis Martin, Marv & Mickey Slind’s brother-in-law
- Ingrid Callaghan
- Carrie Solberg
- Jutta Anderson

### **Those in a time of crisis:**

- Mike Sammons, our staff custodian, and his family (Rachael Mun and daughters Althea and Eleanor), in the wake of a house fire

### **Those who grieve:**

- Pete and Kari Espinosa and their families, upon the deaths of Pete’s sister on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> and Kari’s nephew on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Glendalu Wuest and family, upon the death of her husband Dick Wuest on Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### **Those serving the needs of others:**

- Martha Monson Lowe
- Maryn Olson, Director of Lutheran Disaster Response
- Pastor Kathryn Thompson as she serves higher education students through LuMin in La Crosse

To have a prayer request added to or removed from the Prayer List, please email Tristan at [office@goodshepherddecorah.org](mailto:office@goodshepherddecorah.org) or call (563) 382-3963.

## **Good Shepherd Worship Schedule**

### **Today, Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>: Resurrection of our Lord – Easter Sunday**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Easter Potluck Dinner: 11:30 AM; Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Second Sunday of Easter**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor April Ulring Larson

Celebration of Gratitude for Pastor April: 11:00 AM; Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>: Third Sunday of Easter**

Worship at 9:30 AM; Sanctuary; with Holy Communion

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Susan Friedrich

Fellowship Time: 10:45 AM; Fellowship Hall; treats provided by the Orange Flock

**WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS** and especially to **Luther College Students!** It is a joy to worship with you.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION.** It is Christ's table and Christ is the host. Instructions are included in the communion section of the Order of Worship.

**THE PRESENCE, ENERGY, AND NOISE OF CHILDREN ARE MOST WELCOME HERE!**

The sound of a child in worship is the sound of a new Christian being formed. This congregation is glad to share in this work. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. A nursery with toys and activity bags is available. Mothers are welcome to nurse anywhere that works.

**RACIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:** This Statement was approved at the annual meeting of the congregation on February 6th, 2022. It was developed through the work of the Racial Justice Team which held listening sessions with the congregation. Find the full statement at [goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement](https://goodshepherddecorah.org/Racial-Justice-Statement) or by scanning the code.



**IN KEEPING WITH OUR WELCOME,** Good Shepherd is a *Reconciling in Christ* partner congregation, affirming our welcome to persons of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions, and our commitment to anti-racism work so that all may participate fully in the life of our congregation. We are an *AMMPARO Welcoming Congregation* - Accompanying Migrant Minors with Protection, Advocacy, Representation and Opportunities.

The Good Shepherd buildings are Carbon Neutral/Net Zero Energy use.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF:**

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