

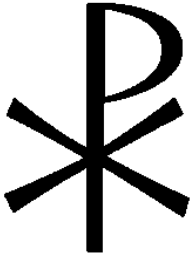
Welcome to **W**orship
**St. Luke's Evangelical
Lutheran Church**



**Christ is Risen, indeed!
Alleluia!**

Easter Sunday

April 9, 2023



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Assisting in Worship

Organist: *Janet Goldner*
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April Altar Candles: *Ruth McKee*
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North Baltimore Food Pantry April requested donations include:
canned meats.



*Blessed
Easter*



EASTER FLOWERS

Rose Marie Hosleyin loving memory of Gene
Bob Kelley & Family in loving memory of
..... wife and mom – Jo Kelley, and in honor of
..... her love to all
Lynn & Karen Krauss in loving memory of
..... Mary Krauss and Gene Hosley
Lynn & Karen Kraussin honor of Rose Marie Hosley
Carl & Caroline Lieser.....in loving memory of Maureen
..... Doherty, Charles & Becky Lieser
Carl & Caroline Lieser..... in honor of the Doherty,
..... Astbury, Lieser, & Roberts families
Tom & Tiffany Mika in appreciation for their family
..... members and friends that have blessed their lives
Ruth & Dwight Patterson in loving memory of
..... Martha Ann Patterson and David Bowers
Steve & Tracey Pritts..... in loving memory of Robert Pritts
Steve & Tracey Pritts.....in honor of our families
Carol Williams to the Glory of God
James & Nancy Wymer in loving memory of Gail
..... Claybaugh, Helen Claybaugh, and Skip McCartney

Have a blessed Easter!

Order of Worship

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection - April 9, 2023

*God is glad you have joined us for worship today. At the symbol ✠ assembly members may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked upon us at baptism. *please stand as you feel comfortable. Pandemic update: we will continue monitoring the CDC and following their guidelines.*

GOD GATHERS US

PRELUDE, CHURCH BELLS RING

GREETING AND SHARING OF THE PEACE

Leader: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is Risen indeed!

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Please share God's peace using the "peace sign."

PRAYER REQUESTS

INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALL: Amen.

* GATHERING HYMN #367

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

* EASTER CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: We rejoice and are glad in it! Alleluia!

Leader: To God be the glory forever and ever!

ALL: We worship and praise the risen Lord! Alleluia!

* CALL TO WORSHIP ACCLAMATION #172



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

Leader: In Christ, sin and death have lost their power over us!

ALL: God opens the tombs of our hearts and fills us with life! Alleluia!

Leader: We worship Jesus, Savior of the world.

ALL: We glorify his name forever. Alleluia! Amen!

* CANTICLE OF PRAISE

(SETTING 3, HYMNAL PG. 140-141)

THIS IS THE FEAST

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



GOD SPEAKS TO US

PROPHETIC READING

ACTS 10:34-43

Reader: Then Peter replied, “I see very clearly that God shows no favoritism. ³⁵ In every nation he accepts those who fear him and do what is right. ³⁶ This is the message of Good News for the people of Israel—that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee, after John began preaching his message of baptism. ³⁸ And you know that God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. Then Jesus went around doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

³⁹ “And we apostles are witnesses of all he did throughout Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a cross, ⁴⁰ but God raised him to life on the third day. Then God allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to the general public, but to us whom God had chosen in advance to be his witnesses. We were those who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he ordered us to preach everywhere and to testify that Jesus is the one appointed by God to be the judge of all—the living and the dead. ⁴³ He is the one all the prophets testified about, saying that everyone who believes in him will have their sins forgiven through his name.”

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

CHRIST AROSE

RENEWAL

PSALM 118:14-24

responsively

Reader: The Lord is my strength and my might;

ALL: he has become my salvation.

Reader: ¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

ALL: “The right hand of the Lord does valiantly;

Reader: ¹⁶ the right hand of the Lord is exalted;

ALL: the right hand of the Lord does valiantly.”

Reader: ¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live and recount the deeds of the Lord.

ALL: ¹⁸ The Lord has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

Reader: ¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,

ALL: that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

Reader: ²⁰ This is the gate of the Lord;

ALL: the righteous shall enter through it.

Reader: ²¹ I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

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

Reader: ²³ This is the Lord’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

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

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

DISCIPLESHIP READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Reader: Since you have been raised to new life with Christ, set your sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honor at God’s right hand. ² Think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. ³ For you died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ And when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in all his glory.

Reader: Word of God, word of life. **ALL: Thanks be to God.**

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

SETTING 2 HYMNAL PG. 124

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

* GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 28:1-10

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, “God shows no partiality”: Christ’s resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God’s faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God’s endless love.

Leader: There is good news for us today, and it comes to us from the Gospel according to Matthew. **All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Leader: Early on Sunday morning, as the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went out to visit the tomb.

² Suddenly there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, and sat on it. ³ His face shone like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. ⁴ The guards shook with fear when they saw him, and they fell into a dead faint.

⁵ Then the angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He isn’t here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen. Come, see where his body was lying. ⁷ And now, go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and he is going ahead of you to Galilee. You will see him there. Remember what I have told you.”

⁸ The women ran quickly from the tomb. They were very frightened but also filled with great joy, and they rushed to give the disciples the angel's message. ⁹ And as they went, Jesus met them and greeted them. And they ran to him, grasped his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Don't be afraid! Go tell my brothers to leave for Galilee, and they will see me there."

Leader: The gospel of the Lord. **ALL: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE MESSAGE

*** HYMN OF THE DAY #376**

THINE IS THE GLORY

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we confess our sins.

silent prayer for personal confession

Leader: God of the Empty Tomb, God of the Resurrection,

ALL: we turn from your presence and become empty within. Forgive us and fill us with your grace. We come empty because of our sin. Fill us with your forgiving grace and new life, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Leader: You are precious in God's sight! In the name of the Risen Lord Jesus, I declare: God ✠ is forgiving your sins.

ALL: Amen!

AFFIRMATION OF RESURRECTION-FAITH

Leader: Together we proclaim faith in the Cross and Resurrection:

ALL: We believe in one God: Father, ✠ Son, Holy Spirit.

We believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins!

We believe that he is risen from the dead!

We believe that, in Christ, death has been destroyed.

We believe in one Lord, one faith, one Baptism.

**We believe in God’s grace and the forgiveness of sins.
 We believe in the one hope to which God calls us.
 We believe in the resurrection from the dead, and the
 eternal life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE INTRODUCTION

Leader: Rejoicing in the glory of the resurrection, we pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

PRAYER SONG #752



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow’r, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Leader: Risen Lord, in your mercy, **ALL: hear our prayer.**

We pray for Janet, Brittany, Jim, Harry, Julie, Cheryl, John, Fred, Shirley, Larry, Bob, Caroline, Marilyn, Bertha, Jim, Barb, Jack, Rex, Cindy, Susan, Daryl, Brianne, Beth, Gerald, Frances, A.J., Mavery, Caroline, Mike, Chelsea, Ethan, Brent, Richard, Deanna, Laura, Michael, Cindy, Catherine, Ja-nét, Ed, John, Gary, Paul, Sue, Teresa, Betty, Don, David, LuAnn, Colene, Eva, Braxton, Eric, Lisa, Cindy, Chris, Arlene, Logan, Don, Ashley, Beth, Jayne, Ed, Barb, Riker, Kelly, Al, Pat, Dan, Thomas, Kolton, Jenna.

.....who taught us to pray saying,

THE PRAYER OUR LORD TAUGHT US

ALL: 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



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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY

THANKSGIVING FOR OFFERINGS

Give thanks

* OFFERING CANTICLE



Joy - ful, joy - ful, Christ is ris - en! He is ris - en from the dead!



Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion, with the wine and with the bread!



Grace and free - dom, joy, for - give - ness, peace and love are here re - stored.



We re - joice and sing to - geth - er: "Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Lord!"

* OFFERING PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Ever-living God, fill us with the hope and joy of the resurrection. With each and all our gifts, bless us anew to bring your new life to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GOD NOURISHES US

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: People of Easter, lift up your hearts!

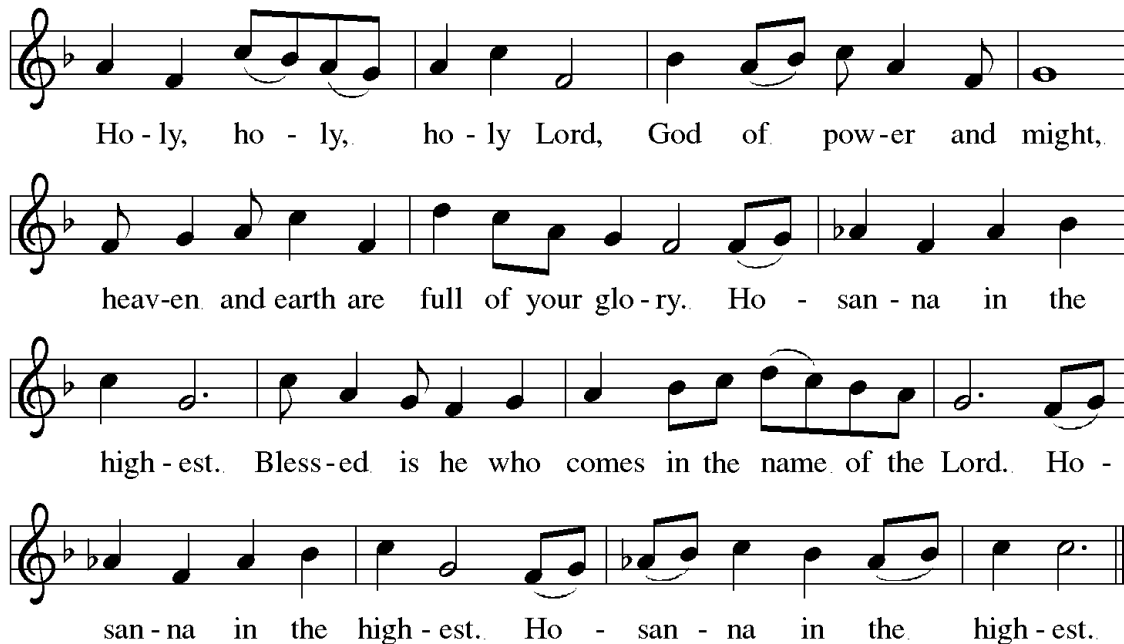
ALL: We lift them to the One who raised Jesus from the grave.

Leader: People of Easter, give thanks to the One who raises us to new life.

ALL: We praise and sing to the God of everlasting love.

SANCTUS

SETTING #2 HYMNAL PAGE 130



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en 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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth

... for saving the earth from the waters of the flood

... for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea

... for leading your people through the wilderness

... for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one

... for the death and resurrection of Christ

... for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

GREAT THANKSGIVING – AFFIRMATION

Leader: We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Sin is conquered! Death is defeated! Christ is risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Leader: God of resurrection and new life: pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

ALL: Grace this table with your presence. Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

LAMB OF GOD COMMUNION SONG

SETTING 2 HYMNAL PG. 135



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 sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Leader: In the night in which he was betrayed ... and said:

ALL: This is my body, given for you. Do this and remember me.

Leader: Again, after the meal, Jesus took the cup ... and said:

ALL: This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this and remember me.

Leader: Come, feast with the Lord, who gives us life!

ALL: I know my Redeemer lives! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Please join in prayer if you are unable to receive the elements.

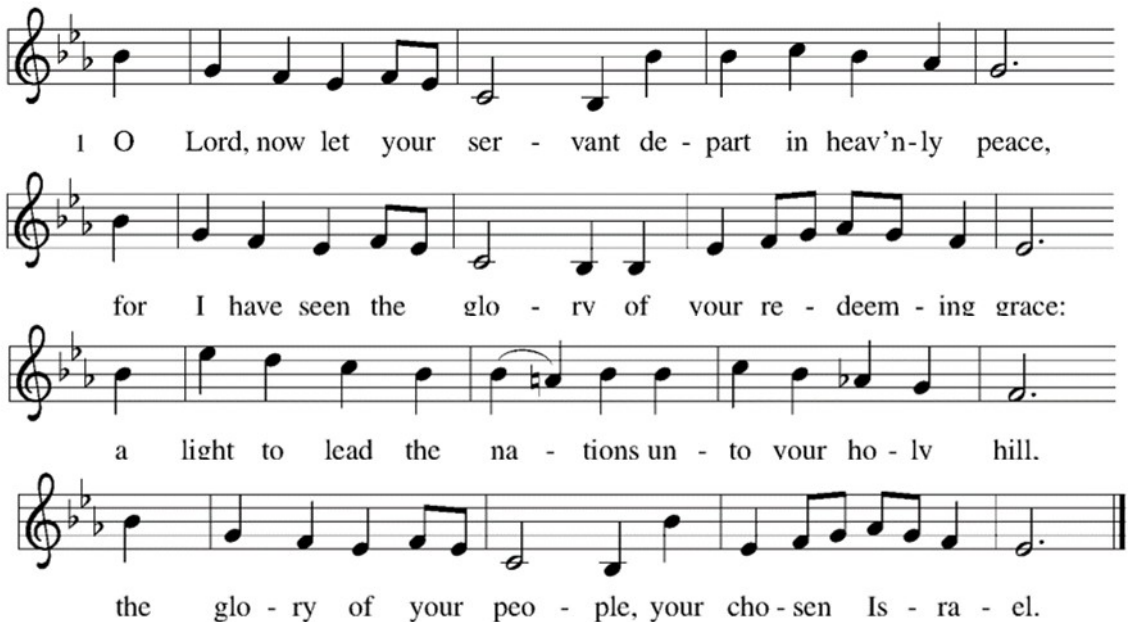
ALL: Forgiving and faithful God, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed and Holy Sacrament. Like a river through the desert, your Spirit floods my thirsty heart with mercy and peace. Since I cannot now receive You through bread and wine, come spiritually into my heart. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a forgiving spirit within me. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION #313

VERSE 1

O Lord, Now Let Your Servant



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn 'O Lord, Now Let Your Servant'. It consists of four staves of music in a single system, all written in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: 'I O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace, for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace: a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill. the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.'

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader: Let us pray.

ALL: Life-giving God, you give us light to overcome darkness, and the bread of life to nourish us. By this meal, make us witnesses to the death and resurrection of Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOD SENDS US

SENDING DIALOGUE

WITH PSALM 27:1, PSALM 118:24, AND PSALM 119:105

Leader: As we go our way, God promises to bless us every day.

ALL: We go into the world as resurrection witnesses.

Leader: God is our light and our salvation.

ALL: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!

ALL: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

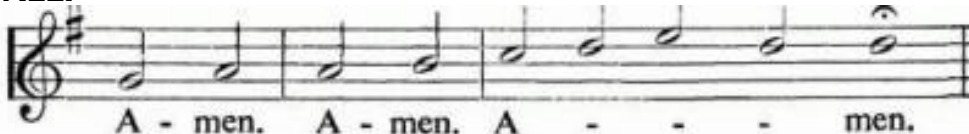
Leader: Christ is risen!

ALL: He is risen indeed!

BLESSING

Leader:Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit. And all God’s people sing

ALL:



* SENDING HYMN #365

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the poor

ALL: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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We Love to Tell the Story

April 15

9:00am to 1:00pm.

Spring Conference

- a light breakfast
- a short worship service led by Pr. Art Wilde
- Kaitlyn Kniss— Women's Resource Center's work in Hancock County
- all followed by a lunch and fun!

In-Kind donation of diapers requested

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WE GIVE THANKS: for the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Thanks be to God!

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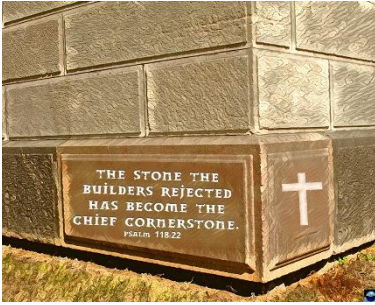
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THE WORLD: for peace in our country and around the world. For the end of violence against one another. For world leaders to seek guidance from you.

Hidden with Christ

Easter turns the world upside down. It defies our expectations with hiddenness and bluntness: Mary does not recognize the resurrected Jesus (John 20:14), the good news is heralded by an earthquake and terrifying angels and is brought to the women of the church first, rather than to the Twelve (Matt. 28:1-10). The radical reversals prophesied in scripture and revealed in Christ's life and ministry culminate in the good news we proclaim today: Christ, through death, has triumphed over death. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Ps. 118:22).



Easter offers the mystical possibility of transformation in every moment. In this season, what is dying and what is being born? For our communities? For our families? For our world? What is breaking open like a seed to die (John 12:24) so that new life might thrive?

The theme is framed candidly in Colossians: "You have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). In the season of Easter, we are invited to allow old husks to fall away so that Christ's new life may emerge. This part of the resurrection story is strange, unsettling. We are invited, after all, to share fully in Christ's death as well as his resurrection (Rom. 6:5; 2 Cor. 4:10-11). Terrifying, but in the mystery of the Holy Spirit's work in us, we receive it as hope (1 Peter 1:3).

On this Easter day, we are honest about how God is stirring us to transformation, and we may be called to faithfully lament the letting go. Almost simultaneously, as we embody Christ's resurrection in the present, we celebrate it with great joy (Matt. 28:8). In our desire to be hidden in Christ's abundant life (John 10:10), we can even name seasons of suffering as Christ's resurrection emerging (Phil. 3:10).

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