

MARCH 31, 2024 | *Easter Sunday*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to our worship service today! We are glad to have you with us as we gather before our almighty and saving God to hear His holy and powerful Word and celebrate His life-giving Sacraments, offering our prayers and praises as He strengthens our faith and brings us ever closer to our eternal home with Him.

SERVICE NOTES

When I awake, I am still with You. Alleluia! You have laid Your hand upon Me. Alleluia! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You have known my sitting down and my rising up.

If you need any assistance, please ask any of our ushers for help. In inclement weather, or if walking from your car is difficult, please make use of the carport. The ushers will gladly park and/or retrieve your car for you if needed.

If you are a visitor with us today, please sign the Guest Book before you leave today. If you would like to learn more about our church or are interested in church membership, please speak with Pastor Holtz or one of the elders.

If you have small children, please note that there is a Parents' Room at the rear of the sanctuary if you need to temporarily calm a child. From the Parents' Room you can still see, hear, and participate in the worship service.

For your convenience today's order of service is printed on the following pages.

Holy Communion: We hold to the ancient, biblical practice of "close communion," communing only confirmed members of our church or churches of our fellowship (ELS and WELS). Guests, please speak with the pastor prior to the service if you wish to commune. Thank you for your courteous respect of our beliefs and practices.

SERVING IN WORSHIP

Minister

Rev. Roger Holtz

Organist

Deb Meyer

Elder on Duty

Sunday: Rod Meves

Ushers on Duty

David Diestler, Charles Hartwig, Rick Schnese

Altar Guild

Sandy Gillaume & Janet Heuser

The Order of the Holy Communion

Please stand.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia! | 199

INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



M: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord.



M: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.



C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

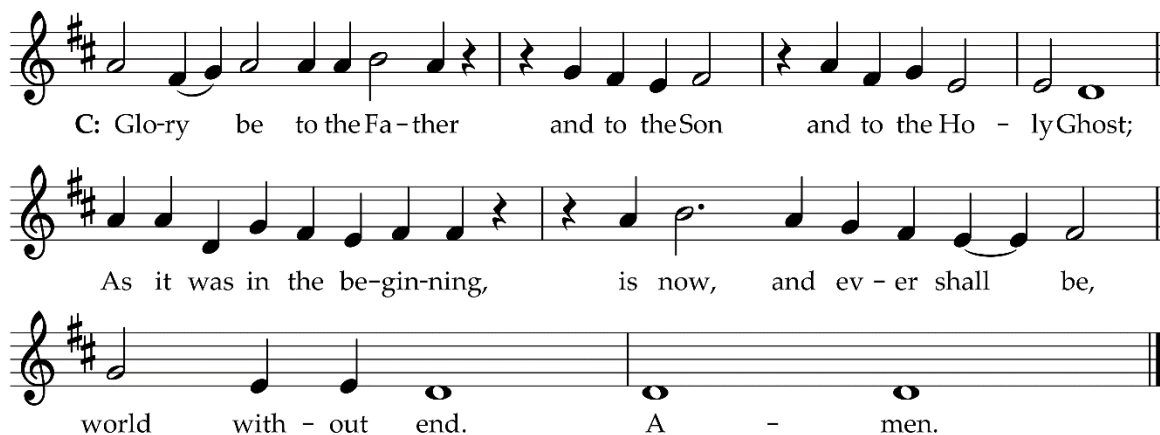
M: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.



You may be seated.

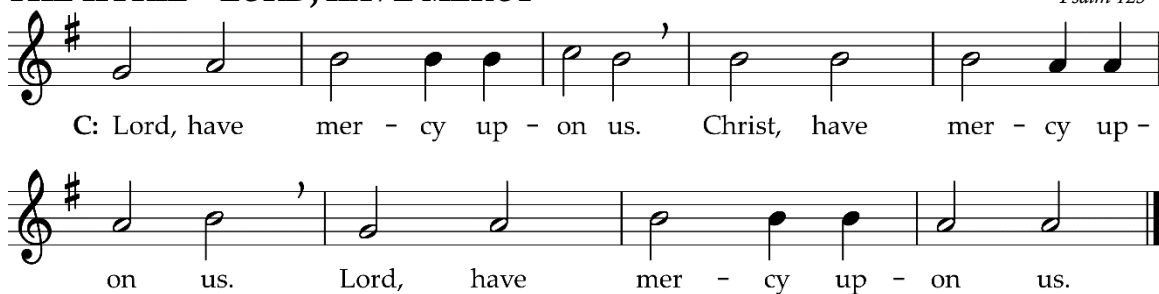
THE INTROIT & GLORIA PATRI

M: When I awake, I am still with You. Alleluia! You have laid Your hand upon Me. Alleluia! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You have known my sitting down and my rising up.



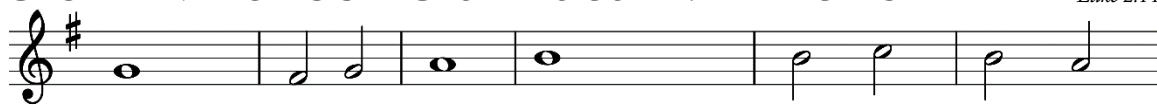
THE KYRIE—LORD, HAVE MERCY

Psalm 123

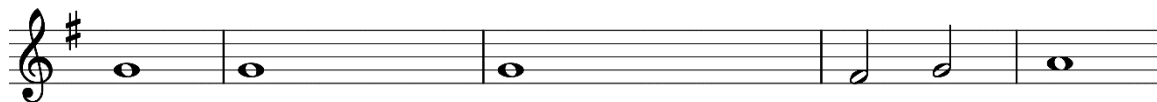


GLORIA IN EXCELSIS—"GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST"

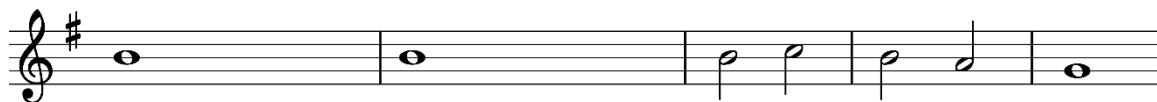
Luke 2:14



C: Glory be to God on high: And on earth peace, good will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ; O Lord God,



Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sin of the



world, have mercy up - on us. Thou that takest away the sin of the



world, re - ceive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the

Father, have mercy up - on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou
on - ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly
Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spir - it.

Please stand.

M: Let us pray: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Your on, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with You and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: A - men.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: JOB 19:23-27

“Oh, that my words were written! Oh, that they were inscribed in a book! ²⁴ That they were engraved on a rock with an iron pen and lead, forever! ²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; ²⁶ And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh shall see God, ²⁷ Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!

PSALM 118:1-9, 15-29

ALL: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

M: ²Let Israel now say,

C: *"His mercy endures forever."*

M: ³Let the house of Aaron now say,

C: *"His mercy endures forever."*

M: ⁴Let those who fear the LORD now say,

C: *"His mercy endures forever."*

M: ⁵I called on the LORD in distress;

C: **The LORD answered me and set me in a broad place.**

M: ⁶The LORD *is* on my side;

C: **I will not fear. What can man do to me?**

M: ⁷The LORD is for me among those who help me;

C: **Therefore, I shall see *my desire* on those who hate me.**

M: ⁸*It is* better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in man.

C: ***It is* better to trust in the LORD Than to put confidence in princes.**

M: The voice of rejoicing and salvation *Is* in the tents of the righteous;

C: **The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

M: ¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted;

C: **The right hand of the LORD does valiantly.**

M: ¹⁷I shall not die, but live,

C: **And declare the works of the LORD.**

M: ¹⁸The LORD has chastened me severely,

C: **But He has not given me over to death.**

M: ¹⁹Open to me the gates of righteousness;

C: **I will go through them, And I will praise the LORD.**

M: ²⁰This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous shall enter.

C: **²¹I will praise You, For You have answered me, and have become my salvation.**

M: ²²The stone *which* the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone.

C: **²³This was the LORD's doing; It is marvelous in our eyes.**

M: ²⁴This *is* the day the LORD has made;

C: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

M: ²⁵Save now, I pray, O LORD; I pray, send now prosperity.

C: **²⁶Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We have blessed you from the house of the LORD.**

M: ²⁷God *is* the LORD, And He has given us light;

C: **Bind the sacrifice with cords to the horns of the altar.**

M: ²⁸You *are* my God, and I will praise You;

C: **You are my God; I will exalt You.**

ALL: ²⁹Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is good!* For His mercy *endures* forever.

SECOND LESSON: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

²⁰ But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the firstfruits of those who have ^[a]fallen asleep. ²¹ For since by man *came* death, by Man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. ²³ But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those *who are* Christ's at His coming. ²⁴ Then *comes* the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵ For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death.

GRADUAL

M: Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed and rose again for us. Alleluia!



Please stand.

GOSPEL LESSON: MARK 16:1-8



Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary *the mother* of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him. ² Very early in the morning, on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. ³ And they said among themselves, "Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?" ⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷ But go, tell His disciples—and Peter—that He is going ^[a]before you into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you."

⁸ So they went out ^[b]quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



C: Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

THE NICENE CREED

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary And was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may be seated.

CHOIR

Praise Him, Praise Him, Alleluia

HYMN

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia! | 191

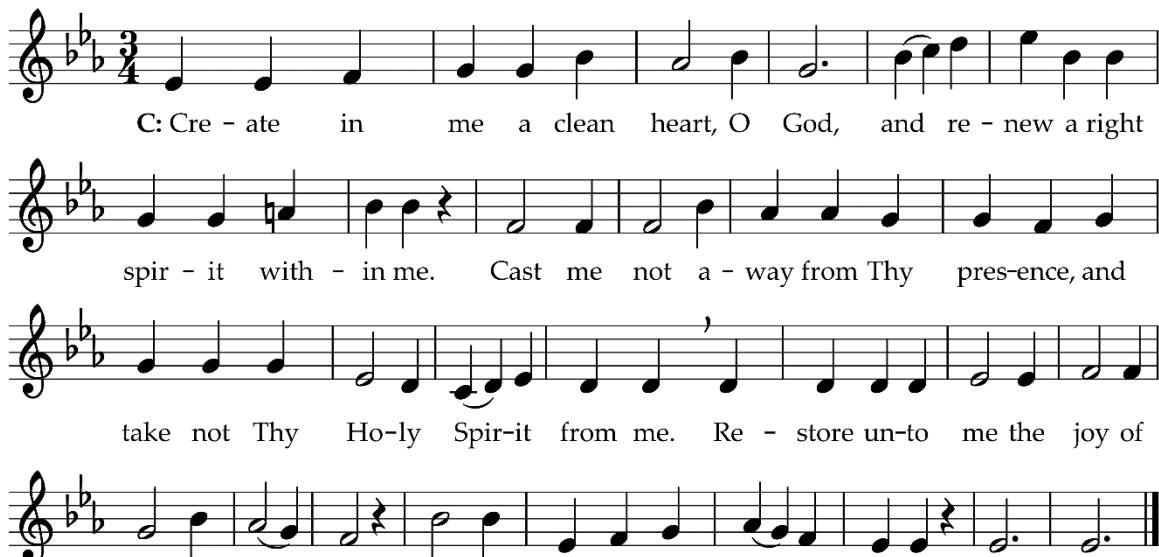
Please stand for the singing of the final stanza.

SERMON – MARK 16:1-8

God on Trial - Vindication

Please stand.

THE OFFERTORY



C: Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from Thy pres-ence, and
take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re - store un-to me the joy of
Thy sal - va - tion; and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

You may be seated.

THE OFFERING

Paul Koch & Jeannette Diestler
Allelujah, Allelujah. Christ is Risen

Please stand.

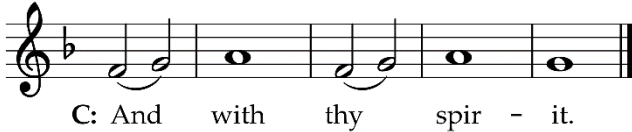
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

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THE PREFACES & THE SANCTUS (“HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”)

M: The Lord be with you.



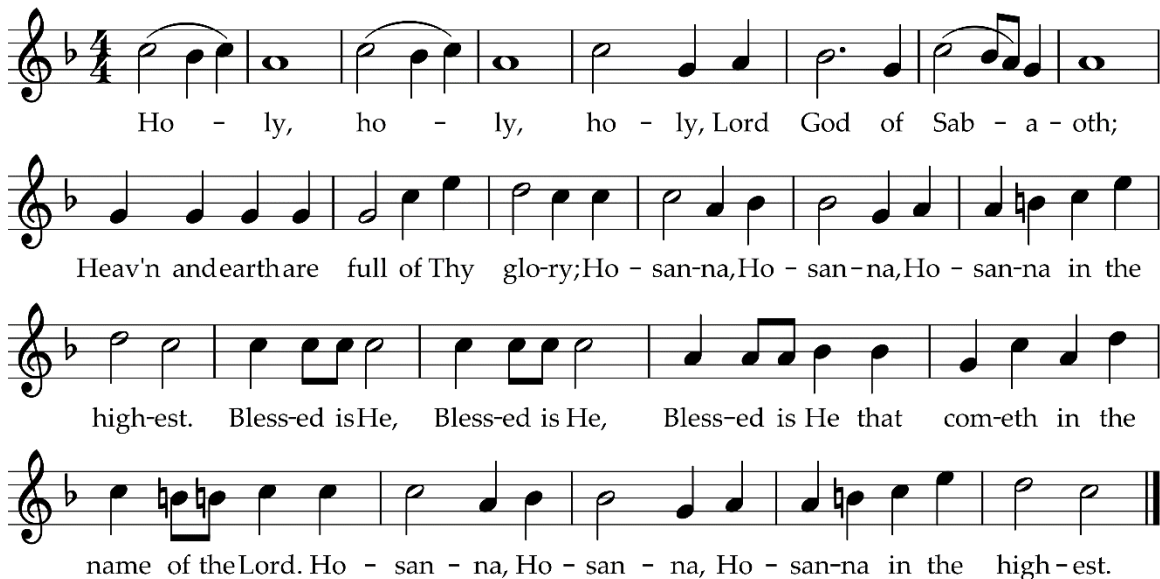
M: Lift up your hearts.



M: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.



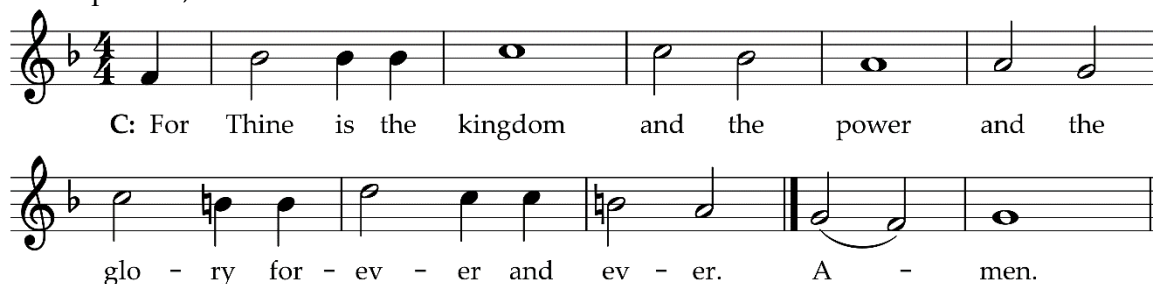
M: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; but chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious resurrection of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb which was offered for us and hath taken away the sins of the world; who by His death hath destroyed death and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry; Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na, Ho - san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He, Bless-ed is He that com-eth in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M: 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.



C: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

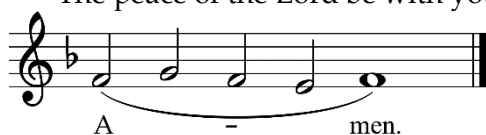
THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

After the same manner also He took the cup when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying: "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do in remembrance of Me."

THE PAX DOMINI (Peace of the Lord)

The peace of the Lord be with you always!



THE LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

Musical notation for 'The Lamb of God' in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.' The melody is a simple, flowing line with a final cadence on a whole note G.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world,
have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world,
grant us Thy peace. A - - - men.

You may be seated.

THE DISTRIBUTION

During the distribution of the sacrament, communicants may come forward at the direction of the ushers.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Like the Golden Sun Ascending | 207
Welcome, Happy Morning! | 202

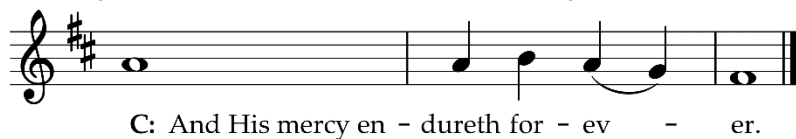
THE NUNC DIMITTIS (*“Now Dismiss”*)



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in_ peace ac - cord-ing to Thy
word, For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation: which Thou hast pre -
pared_ be - fore the face of all people,
a Light_ to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
people Is - ra-el. Glo - ry_ be to the Father and to the
Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it_ was in the beginning is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.



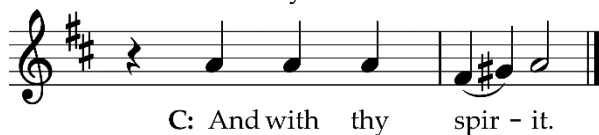
C: And His mercy en - dureth for - ev - er.

M: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your Mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.



THE BENEDICTION

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Let us bless the Lord.



M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives | 200

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASTOR PETER HEYN – We are blessed! Pastor Peter Heyn has accepted the call to our congregation. Details of the transition are being worked out. It will be late April or early May when he arrives. Please keep Pastor Heyn and his family, as well as the members of Living Water, in your prayers.

EASTER BRUNCH – Members and guests, please join us after our Easter service for Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.

COUNCIL MEETING will take place Sunday, April 7, AT 11:30 a.m. Please have reports in to the secretary by April 5.

QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL & VOTERS MEETINGS till take place Sunday, April 14 after the worship service at 10:30 a.m. All members are welcome to attend.

EASTER LILIES – Thank you to all who donated Easter lilies for our worship service. We want all lilies taken home today. Please take your lily with you after the service, or let Julie Busse or Jan Johnson know if you want to donate the lily to a nearby nursing facility so we can transport them.

Helen Brodhagen and Ben Brodhagen: *In memory of Walter Brodhagen*

Barbara and Charles Hartwig: *In loving memory of their parents,*

Louis & June Schnese and Clarence & Marcella Hartwig

Phil & Jan Heuser

Allen and Janice Johnson

Ardis Junco

Marilyn Lietzke

Rick and Barb Schnese

Karen Spaude

Peter & Terri Tilkens

Sandra VanderHeyden

Sue Wallenfang

Judie Watters

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE KING

SUNDAY (3/31) **Divine Service w/Holy Comm., 8:00 a.m.**
Easter Brunch after service

WEDNESDAY (4/03) Emerald Bay Service, 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY (4/07) **Divine Service, 9:00 a.m.**
Education Hour, 10:30 a.m.
Council Meeting, 11:30 a.m.

OUR MISSION

*Christ the King Ev. Lutheran
Church gives all praise
and thanks to the Triune
God for His grace received
through Word and
Sacrament by sharing the
saving Gospel of Christ
with the people of this
community and the world.*