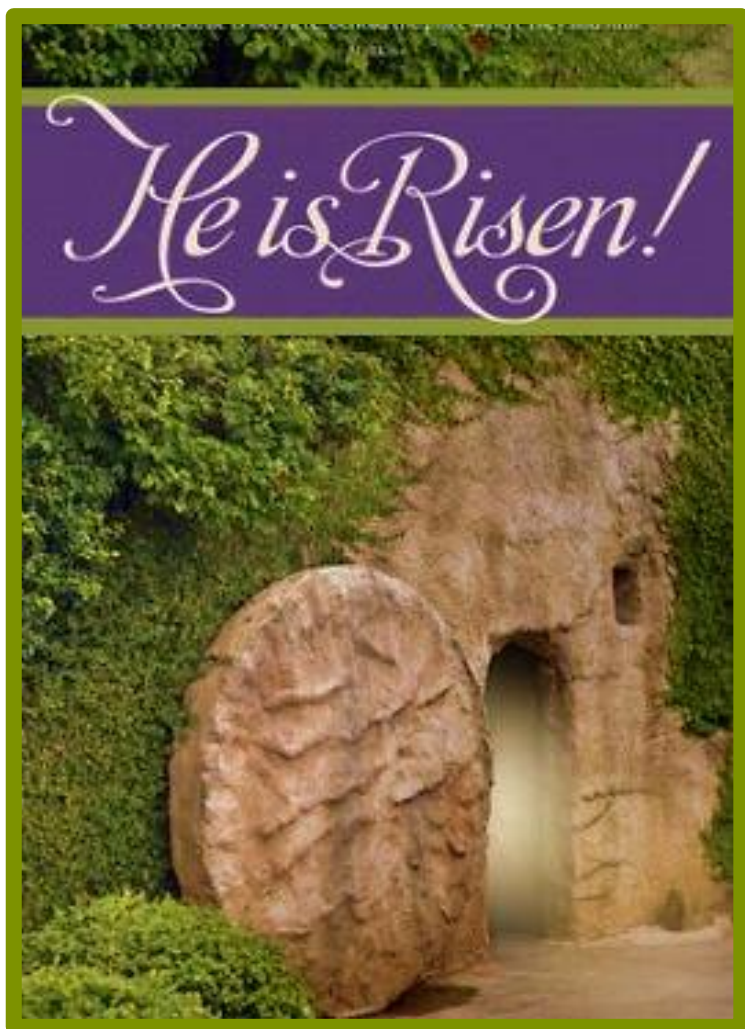


# **Holy Cross Lutheran Church**

**Divine Service Four**

## **The Resurrection of Our Lord**

**April 4, 2021**





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

### Prayer for the Resurrection of Our Lord

Living Lord Jesus, our risen Savior, today we celebrate the victory You have won, a victory that is eternal. Your resurrection proves that our sins have been paid for once and for all, that Satan has been vanquished, and that death has been destroyed. Give us resurrection joy to live each day a new life of victory over temptation, to celebrate life even in a body that is destined to die, and to boldly face the evils of this age knowing that when we stand with You, our Savior, then and only then are we more than conquerors. Let us stand in Your victory: because You live, we will also live. Empower us and all members of Your holy Christian church to be bold in Easter joy so that we proclaim the message of victory until You come again in visible glory. In Your name, our Savior and King, we pray. Amen.



**The Lord's Supper** is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



Christ is arisen  
From the grave's dark prison.  
So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

Were Christ not arisen,  
Then death were still our prison.  
Now, with Him to life restored,  
We praise the Father of our Lord. Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Now let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our comfort true will be. Alleluia!

## Confession and Absolution

***Stand and turn to the Cross in the back of the sanctuary.***

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 28:19b; 18:20*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

### Exhortation

*Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13*

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** who made heaven and earth.  
**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

- P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

## Confession of Sins

- C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## ☩ ☩ ☩ Procession of the Cross ☩ ☩ ☩

### 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



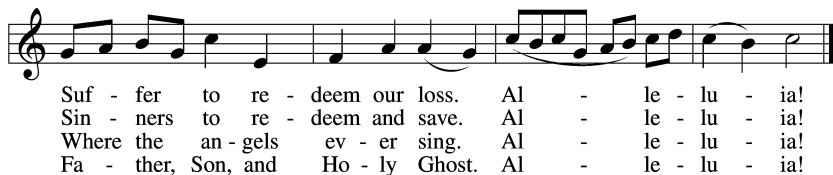
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| 1   | Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day,  | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 2   | Hymns of praise then let us sing, | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| 3   | But the pains which He endured,   | Al - le - lu - ia! |
| △ 4 | Sing we to our God a-bove,        | Al - le -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



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|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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! |



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|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 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 ye heav'n - ly host, | Al - le - lu - ia! |



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## Service of the Word

### Introit



I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*  
 the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

**The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
 and he has become my sal- | vation.**

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\*  
 your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

**You have led in your steadfast love the people  
 whom you | have redeemed;\*  
 you have guided them by your strength  
 to your ho- | ly abode.**

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,\*  
 the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,

**the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\*  
 The LORD will reign forever and | ever.**

**Glorify be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
 and to the Holy | Spirit;  
 as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
 is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*  
 the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

## Kyrie

Mark 10:47



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

## Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29



**C** 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;  
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.  
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shi - ped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,  
You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seat - ed At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6–9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.  
And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.  
He will swallow up death forever;  
and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all  
the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.  
It will be said on that day,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he  
might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual



**Christ has risen | from the dead.\***

**[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor.  
He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;\*  
he has put all things un- | der his feet.**

**Choir: King Jesus is Arisen!** By Don Besig

**Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1–11**

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that

he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse



*John 20:31*



### Holy Gospel: Mark 16:1–8

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.



When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

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



## 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 Spirit 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 sits at the right hand of the Father.  
 And He will come again with glory to judge both the living  
 and the dead,  
 whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped  
 and glorified,  
 who spoke by the prophets.  
 And I believe in 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.

*Sit*

## 475 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; Bring flow'rs of song to  
 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:  
 strew His way; Let all the world 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!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## Sermon

### "Jesus of Nazareth is Risen"

Text: Mark 16:1-8

## 480 He's Risen, He's Risen



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Δ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;  
He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.  
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.  
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.  
Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;  
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;  
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.  
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.  
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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## Prayer of the Church

*After each portion of the prayer:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C** hear our prayer.



## Offering

*There is an offering plate in the back of the sanctuary where you can deposit your offerings.*



## Service of the Sacrament



*Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.*



*Stand*

### Preface

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also 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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

### Sanctus

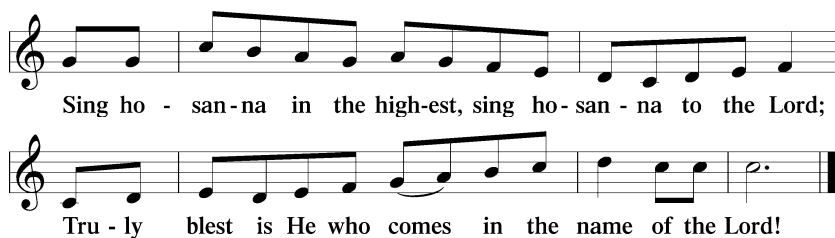
*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



## Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

- 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24;  
Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

- 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  $\text{✝}$  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  $\text{✝}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

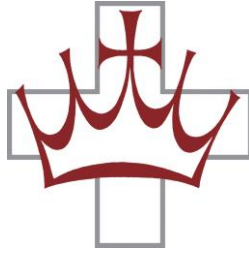
## Agnus Dei

*John 1:29*

1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
You take the sin of the world a - way;  
O Je - sus Christ, true us, Lamb of God,  
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,  
Have mer - cy on peace, us, Lord, we pray.  
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

*Sit*





### ***Personal prayer before Communing***

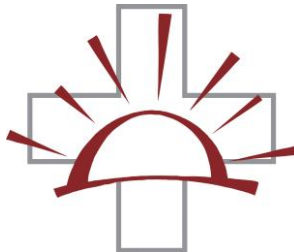
*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*



### **Distribution**

### ***Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament***

*Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.*



633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing



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 pierc - 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!



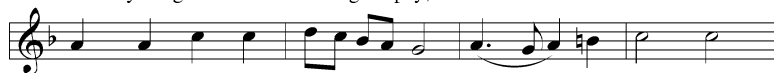
## 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia



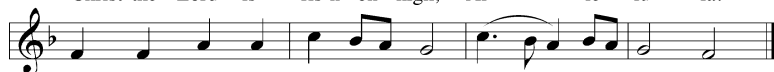
1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

*Stand*

## Post-Communion Hymn

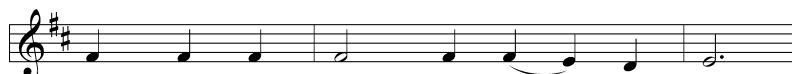
### 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;  
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.  
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.  
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Post-Communion Collect

**P** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same 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 God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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

praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri-umphed!  
fore our heart with rap-ture sings: "Christ has tri-umphed!  
heart and will on things a-bove That we con-quer  
with the heav'n-ly bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri-umphed!

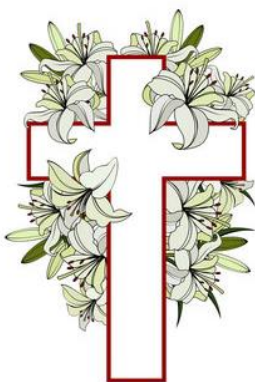
He is liv-ing!" Sing, choirs of an-gels, loud and  
He is liv-ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri-umph; Grant grace suf-fi-cient for life's  
Al-le-lu-ia!" Be to the Fa-ther and our

clear! Re-peat their song of glo-ry  
life And by His pres-ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru-ly  
Lord, To Spir-it blest, most ho-ly

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 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!

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## ***Soli Deo Gloria!***

***(To God alone be the glory.)***



*Uniting us now to His resurrected body in the Holy Supper, Jesus personally guarantees our own glorious bodily resurrection: "Because I live, you shall live also" (John 14:19).*

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# The Easter Season



The third and final part of the Time of Easter is the season of **Easter**. Easter is the high point of the Church Year and has been called the “queen of feasts.” The Early Church recognized the importance of this feast since it was the first festival to be observed annually by Christians. Easter is a time of great joy for us because Jesus, by His resurrection, was our victor over sin, death, and the grave. Easter is on April 4 this year.

The Easter festival commences on the Eve of Easter and begins with the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Easter is followed by six Sundays. The conclusion of the Easter Season is the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter. Pentecost will be on May 23 this year.

The liturgical color for paraments, vestments, and banners during the Season of Easter is white, the color of purity and eternity. White also symbolizes perfection, celebration, and joy.

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by Lee A. Maxwell, CPH, 2008.

*Thank You, O Lord God, that Jesus' bodily resurrection is the bedrock on which our salvation is built. Your Spirit had Paul write these words in Romans 4:25, "[Christ] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" so that we might have the strength and comfort of the resurrection throughout our earthly life and in the hour of our death.*

*May the evidence all around us of sin's activity and of death not cause us to overlook Jesus' clear, simple words of the blessings of His resurrection. O Lord, grant that we take refuge in the fact that the resurrection of Jesus' believers is inseparable from His resurrection. Fill our hearts with peace and joy in knowing that because Jesus lives, sin and death have been defeated and we too shall rise. Truly, Jesus ends all sadness. Amen.*

## **Announcements**



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White  
10:30 a.m. – Curt Oliver

*Easter lilies were given to the glory  
of God this morning by the following:*



*The Allan Family  
Tim and Nancy Gropp  
Dan and Sylvia Kingsbury  
John and Diane Lee  
Marie McQuarrie  
Keith and Lynne Rodefeld  
Scott and Barbara Schlapkohl  
Jerry and Shirley Tuell  
Jane Wheatley  
Steve and Becky White  
Julie Ann Zamora*

Plants can be taken home after  
the late service Easter morning.





# Alternatives >>>

## PREGNANCY CENTER

**LWML Women of the Cross Ladies  
ALL LADIES OF THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED!**

**Linda Saccomano, the Executive Director  
Alternatives Pregnancy Center,  
will speak at the beginning of our  
next meeting, April 17 at 10 a.m.**

Linda will share the mission of Alternatives and their services and will gather the donations we will have collected.

If you cannot attend this meeting but would like to help, there will be a plastic tub available on a table in the narthex on **Sundays, April 4 and 11**, to collect needed donations as follows:

**\*Items for Baby\***

- Boy Outfits (sizes 3-9 months)
- Girl Sleepers (sizes 3-9 months)
- Boy and Girl Onesies (sizes 0-9 months—NO newborns)
- Rattles and Teethers
- Stuffed Animals

**\*Items for Mom\***

- Chocolates (We usually put chocolate in each mom bag)
- Neck Warmer Heating Pad
- Water or coffee Thermos
- Journal
- Lotion set
- \$5-\$10 Starbucks Gift Card
- Fuzzy socks

We appreciate your heartfelt generosity and commitment to building a culture of life. Come and learn about this worthwhile community outreach opportunity! (Social Distancing will be observed.)

Women of the Cross

***Portals of Prayer for  
April-June 2021 are out!***

*Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex by the front door. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!*

**Petitions and Prayers:** The wonderful assurance for you in prayer is grounded in and motivated by hearing and learning God's Word.



### **Health concerns:**

*Dear Jesus, Great Physician of body and soul, hear our prayers for those who are ill. Help them to see their suffering as a reminder not only of our mortality, but also a blessed remembrance of how You “took our illnesses and bore our diseases” (Matthew 8:17) to the cross of Calvary. If it be Your will, bring healing to these people as we anticipate the ultimate freedom from pain in the joys of heaven. Amen.*

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Donna Benz
- Kevin Koessel (Karlee Shavlik's brother) – cancer

### **Prayer of intercession:**

#### *A Prayer for Easter Sunday*

*Lord Jesus, our risen and victorious Savior, thank You for bursting forth from Your grave in triumph and ushering in the day of salvation. What greater joy could we have? You are alive forever! What greater confidence could we have? Your resurrection is proof that our sins are forgiven. What greater hope could we have? Because You rose we too will leave behind empty tombs and will rise to eternal glory. We ask Your Spirit to enable us to share this Good News with others. Amen.*

### **“Life Quotes” from Lutherans for Life April 4, 2021**

“As we gather this Easter just with our household, or perhaps all alone, we will undoubtedly miss some of the traditions that we have embraced over the years. Do not lament the loss of what does not last. Rather, embrace the enduring message that ‘He is risen! He is risen indeed!’ It changes everything!”

*Rev. Robert Fleischmann, Christian Life Resources  
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)*



Find Pastor Skelton's Bible Study based on First Samuel posted on [facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch](https://www.facebook.com/holycrosshighlandsranch) and click on videos to see the Bible Study and worship services.



**For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.**

*Job 19:25*

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Bible Classes and Sunday School.....9:25 a.m.

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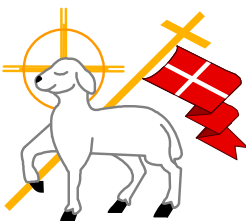
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**It's not about  
the bunny,  
It's about  
the Lamb**

