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Traditional Worship Service

Our Savior's
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024 ✦ 11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude
  "O, Rest In the Lord," from "Elijah," arr. Van Denman Thompson
  "Come, Thou Almighty King," arr. Sandra Eithun

Welcome and Easter Proclamation
Alleluia! Christ is risen!
  Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+Thanksgiving for Baptism
  Beloved in Christ, by Jesus' death
  God forever destroyed the power of death
  and raised Jesus to new life.
  In our baptisms,

we are joined to Christ—
in his dying,
and in his rising again.
Our eternal life begins today.
> **We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

It is by these baptismal waters that we live.
In these waters, O God,
you have drowned everything
that separates us from you.
> **We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

You lead us to these waters
for refreshment, again and again,
as a Good Shepherd leads the sheep.
> **We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

At these waters we touch eternity,
life forevermore.
Here, we drink deeply from your healing fountain.
> **We are an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world.**

Every time we turn to these waters,
we remember:
here, you have destroyed our sin.
Today and every day, we belong to you.
> **We are a dying and rising people, an Easter-forever people, raised up for the sake of the world. Amen.**

Sharing the Peace
The peace of the Lord
be with you always.
> **And also with you.**

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see their Lord as-cend in maj-es-ty.
say, "this is his glo-rious tri-umph day!" Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-
see re-turn-ing in great maj-es-ty."
run, with Fa-ther and with Spir-it one.

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

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Greeting

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

+Canticle of Praise – ELW, page 196

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

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

1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis-dom, and strength, and

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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

2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of

all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,

for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.

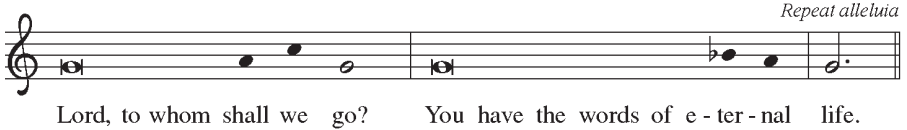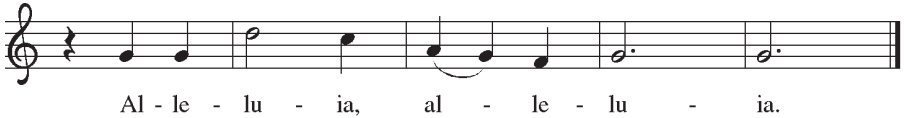Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Video – "Walk with Jesus" Milestone

Anthem – "Yes, Jesus Is My Savior," Hal Hopson

Reading – 1 John 3:1–7

+Gospel Acclamation – ELW, page 198

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

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

+Gospel – Luke 24:36b–48
The holy gospel according to St. John.
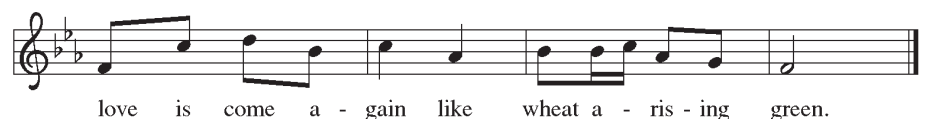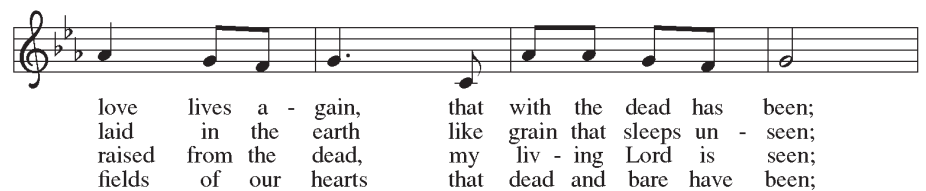   **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 379, "Now the Green Blade Rises"

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,

wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,

love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;

love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol
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+ Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, we confess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

MEAL

+Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Invitation

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

All of creation resounds with good news:
the tomb is empty;
God's love triumphs over death.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Good news like this is worthy of a response.
Gratitude and praise bloom within us,
but generosity also becomes a hallmark
of Easter-forever people
who know a love greater than death.

May God bless our generosity,
that the ministry of this place
may proclaim Christ crucified and risen
and connect faith to everyday life.

Offering Music – "Come, Christians, Join to Sing," arr. Sandra Eithun

Offering Prayer

God of life and hope,
we have brought our gifts today because we are grateful beyond
words for your love, which has washed away our sin and made us
your own.

Now bless these gifts and use them in this ministry we share so that all may know you and the life-giving power of your love and grace. Amen.
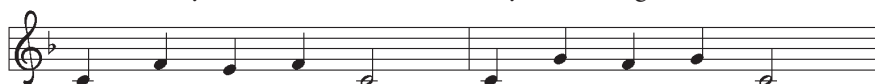
Holy Communion
Setting the Table
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
        on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
    as we forgive those
        who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
    and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
    and the glory are yours,
    now and forever. Amen.

The Invitation
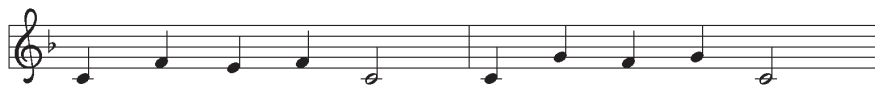Communion Song – "Holy Manna," arr. Sandra Eithun
Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 374, "Day of Arising"

1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,

un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.

When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us, ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing

and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

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Music: RAABE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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Prayer after the Meal
Dear God,
we see now the truth about you.
Your love for us is without limit.
In the hope of the empty tomb
and possessed by grace,
we pray for courage and faith.
Empower us to be Easter-forever people.
Embrace us with your love. Amen.

SENDING

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 393, "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!"
sts. 4, 5

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Sending and Blessing

Announcements

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Now may the God of peace,
who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus,
the great shepherd of the sheep,
make you complete in everything good
so that you may do his will,
through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever.
   Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Postlude on "Evangel," arr. Marilyn Thompson

WORSHIP LEADERS
   Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme
   Preaching Minister: Pastor Paul Svingen
   Organ: Christopher Larson
   Choirs: Bells of Our Savior's, directed by Gene LeVasseur;; Our Savior's Choir,
      directed by Gene LeVasseur and collaborative pianist Christopher Larson
   Reader: Jessica Aguilar
   Media: Josh Matzner

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