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Traditional Worship Service



OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life.

ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024 ♦ 11:00 A.M.



GATHERING

Prelude – “Ein feste Burg,” arr. David Schelat

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.

+ **Gathering Hymn** – ELW, No. 430, “Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

sts. 1, 2, 4; tune: ELW, No. 550

1. Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2. Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above (*refrain*)
3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n (*refrain*)

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet (*refrain*)

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

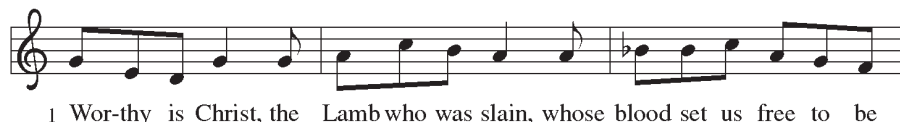
Greeting

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

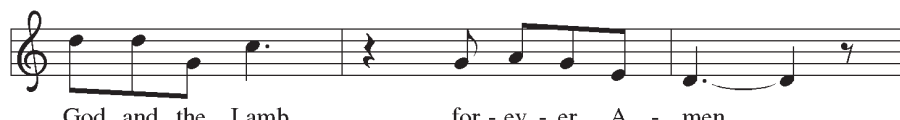
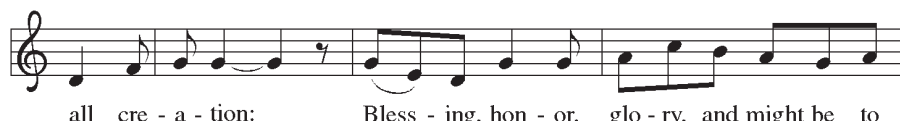
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+Canticle of Praise – ELW, page 196

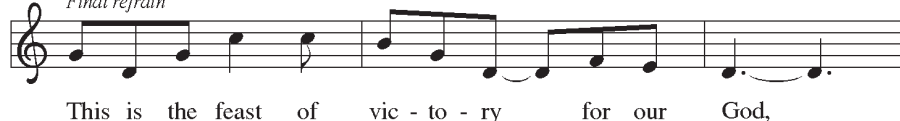
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Refrain



Final refrain



+Prayer of the Day

WORD

Sunday School Children – “The Butterfly Song,” *traditional*

Reading – Acts 1:1–11

Anthem – “All Things Are Yours, My God,” Carl Schalk

+**Gospel** – Luke 24:44–53

The holy gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ELW, No. 579, “Lord, You Give the Great Commission,” *sts. 1, 2, 5*



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis-sion: “Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser-vice: “In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: “This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love’s true mea-sure: “Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: “I am with you



preach the word.” Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach.” That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood.” Let us all, for earth’s true glo - ry,
do, for - give.” Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end.” Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give. May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren’s lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:

Refrain



With the Spir - it’s gifts em - pow’r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT’S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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High School Seniors Recognition Video

MEAL

+Prayers of Intercession

Offering

Offering Song – “Offertoire,” Jean Déré

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

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 Hymn – ELW, No. 392, “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o -
 5 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -
 food, our stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to
 tent we own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your
 his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -
 you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of
 foot - stool, heav'n your throne. As with - in the veil you
 vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o’er, shall our
 sin - ners, earth’s re - deem - er, hear our plea where the
 en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on
 Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: “Je - sus



out of ev - ’ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood.”
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: “I am with you ev - er - more”?
 songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 earth both priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.
 out of ev - ’ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood.”

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt.
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

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. 825, “You Servants of God,” *sts. 1, 2, 4*



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,
3 The name of Je-sus charms our fears and bids our sor-rows cease,
4 He speaks, and lis-t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re-ceive;



the glo-ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of your name.
sings mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.
the mourn-ful, bro-ken hearts re-joice, the hum-ble poor be-lieve.

- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own, O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.

Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Announcements

Sending and Blessing

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 – “Crown Him with Many Crowns,” arr. Jerry Westenkuehler

WORSHIP LEADERS

Presiding Minister: Pastor Tim Lemme

Preaching Minister: Pastor Paul Svingen

Organ: Christopher Larson

Choir: Our Savior's Choir, directed by Gene LeVasseur and collaborative pianist
Christopher Larson

Reader: Debra Thormodsgard

Media: Dorene Weinstein

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