

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SUNDAY, 4/12 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:45AM WORSHIP

MONDAY, 4/13 6:00PM PRAYER GROUP
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAY, 4/14 7:00PM MEN'S GROUP

WEDNESDAY, 4/15

THURSDAY, 4/16 NOON BIBLE STUDY
7:00PM CHOIR

FRIDAY, 4/17

SATURDAY, 4/18 9:30AM FOOD PANTRY DISTRIBUTION
7:00PM ORGAN DEDICATION RECITAL

SUNDAY, 4/19 8:15AM WORSHIP
9:30AM SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:30AM YOUNG AT HEART
10:45AM WORSHIP WITH ASL INTERPRETER

YOUNG AT HEART meets Sunday, April 19...

at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have any questions, please see Pastor John.

Welcome Members and Visitors today!

Please join us for the Organ Recital/Dedication ...

Saturday April 18, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Michelle Kardos CAGO, national Director of Education for the American Guild of Organists, will present a lecture-recital program entitled, "Stories We Tell," featuring compositions by McDowall, Price, Sakamoto, and an original improvisation by Dr. Kardos on a familiar hymn tune. She will be performing on the church's new three manual Allen GX-336DK.

The recital is open to the public and free to attend.

Bible Studies.....

Monday night Bible Study meets at 7:00PM.

Thursday Noon Bible Study continues weekly.

NEW: Bible 101.....will meet in person on the first Thursdays of the month at 6:00. In between the in person study, Bible 101 will be on Facebook Live on Wednesdays and then put on You Tube later in the week.

Bible 101 will explore: what is the Bible,
how is the Bible put together,
how can we best read it and apply it to our lives.

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Welcome our substitute
organist this morning,
Xenia Yelovich

Women's Group... April 22 join us to play Bingo at Bella Terra Vineyards. Meet at the church at 6:00 or Bella Terra at 6:30. Bingo starts at 7pm and costs \$8. RSVP by April 19 to Julie Kuhn.

April Community Meal... Monday, April 20
Doors open at 5:00 PM. Dinner is served at 6:00 PM.

Our next **Dinner Church** will be Sunday, May 3...
service at 5:30, Dinner at 6:00.

THEOLOGY ON TAP April 28 at 7:00PM
meets at the Manor Grille on Main Street in Irwin
next to the Lamp Theatre.

Council has approved the Property Committee proposal to develop the **best use of storage spaces and closets** in our church building. Thrivent added their support with an Action Team grant.

Anyone involved in the many activities here are welcome to give their input of ideas for organization as well as their time and energy for cleaning and sorting. Sign up sheets are posted on the narthex bulletin board with dates and times of volunteer work parties.

Anne Coiner, 724 433-2029 is available to answer questions

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP		
	8:15	10:45
Assisting Ministers	Tracy McNelly	Jodi Waugaman
Communion Assistants	Deb and Charles Willson	Zack and Sami Tinsley
Lectors	Pat Koos	JoAnne Turnbull
Acolytes	Jaden Brittingham, Isaac Thomas	Will Little
Greeters		Anne Coiner Will Huey
Livestream		Drew Rutkowski

Altar Guild	Set-up Saturday, April 11		Debbie Kunkle and Mimi Wielobob
	Sun., April 12	8:15	Julie Kuhn and Glenda Wendling
		10:45	Debbie Kunkle and Mimi Wielobob
	Set-up Saturday, April 18		Diane Kowalski, Cookie Nee, Sandy Tomko
Sun., April 19	8:15	Cindy McCune, Mauritta Moyer, Donna Reyes	
	10:45	Diane Kowalski, Cookie Nee, Sandy Tomko	

Food Pantry 2026 Dates: April 18, June 13, August 15, October 17 (Thanksgiving), December 12 (Christmas)

Items needed currently, special requests:
 Drink mix/lemonade mix Granola bars/cereal bars
 Microwave popcorn Barbecue sauce Laundry detergent

Items always requested:
 Mac & cheese/pasta Applesauce Baked beans Canned fruit
 Canned tuna Cereal Granola bars Pasta Sauce
 Oatmeal Paper Towels Peanut butter & Jelly
 Potato/rice mix Pudding Cups Toilet Paper
 Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers Cake/muffin/brownie mix
 Chef Boyardee Canned Vegetables

Thanks for the generous donations to date! If you would like to donate money, please mark "food pantry" on an envelope. Food pantry contact: Jodi Waugaman at 724-516-9680 or waugawoman86@comcast.net

Worship Plan for Sunday, April 12, 2026

2 Easter

Second Sunday of Easter

Introduction to the day

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** **Pastor**

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the tomb you have given us the sure sign of your power to deliver us from sin and death and to renew our whole creation.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection

Merciful God,

We confess that we still fall into doubt and fear.

We continue to cling to selfish ways and doubt your power to make all things new.

Forgive our lack of faith.

Have mercy on our weakness.

Raise us from the death of sin that we may live with Christ in the joy of his resurrection, now and forever. Amen.

Do not dwell on your wounds any longer for he has risen to heal you, he has risen to forgive you; he has risen to change us all and bind us together now.

Christ has risen to forgive us.

Thanks be to God.

***GATHERING SONG *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* #384**

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

***GREETING Pastor**

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**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE: WORTHY IS CHRIST

Richard Hillert

Refrain

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

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

Verses

1. Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3. Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4. "Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5. For the Lamb who was slain has be -

to Refrain

1. blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
2. hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.
3. join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion. (to Vs 4)
4. God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men."
5. gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY** Pastor

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

^{14a} Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd]: ²² "Fellow Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know ²³ this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴ But God raised him up, having released him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵ For David says concerning him,

'I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;

²⁶ therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover, my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷ For you will not abandon my soul to Hades
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸ You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'

²⁹ "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day.

³⁰ Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

³² "This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 16

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are
pleasures forevermore.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

- ³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead ⁴ and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷ so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.
- ⁸ Although you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.
- The word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Celtic Mass
Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker



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

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*GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.



Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

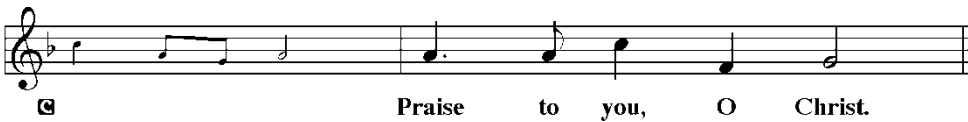
¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side.

Do not doubt but believe.”²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”
²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may continue to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
The gospel of the Lord.



CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY *We Walk by Faith* #635**

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
 the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
 God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
 he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** *assisting minister*

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, you give life to the dead and call into existence things that do not exist. Breathe your Spirit upon us, that our faith may be renewed day by day. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, your mercies are new every morning. Open us to the wonders of creation. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of peace, in every place where conflict rages, sow seeds of calm and openness to reconciliation. Strengthen the resolve of leaders and citizens to work for peace in all nations. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing God, come alongside all who are doubting, fearful, or suffering in any way (*especially*). Reveal to them your presence and assure them of the inheritance you have prepared for them. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Giver of joy, let this assembly be a place of genuine love and mutual affection. Deepen our care for one another and help us to embody your forgiving and sacrificial love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Eternal One, we give thanks for saints who were faithful unto death and have joined the church triumphant. Inspire us by their witness and bring us with them into your glorious presence. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Pastor

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
Amen.

***PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: Stay With Us

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

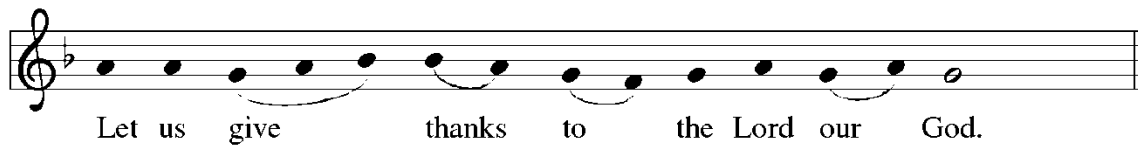
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER** *assisting minister*

Let us pray.

Merciful God,
accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.
You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day
when we will hunger and thirst no more.
Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,
that goodness and mercy may follow us
and bless the world you love.
In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

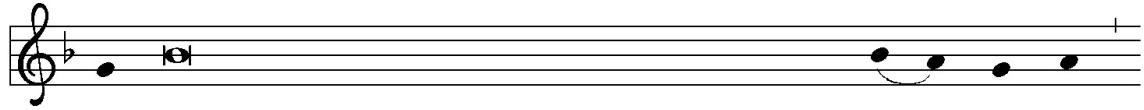
***DIALOGUE** *Pastor*



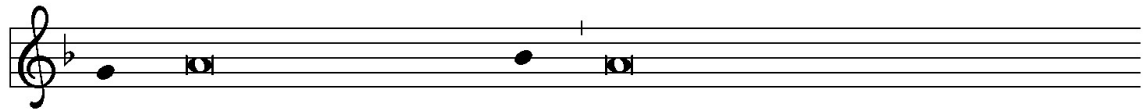
***PREFACE**



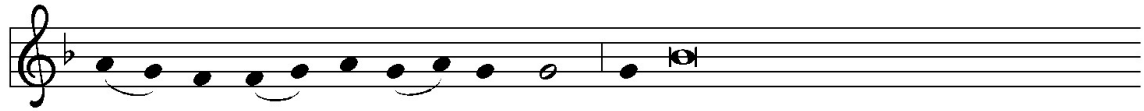
It is indeed right, our du - ty and our joy,



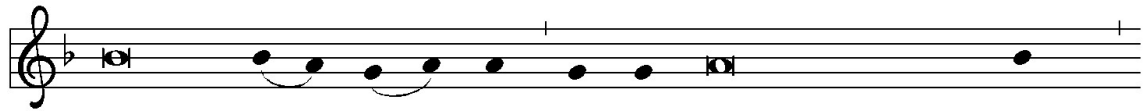
that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you,



al - mighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection



of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself



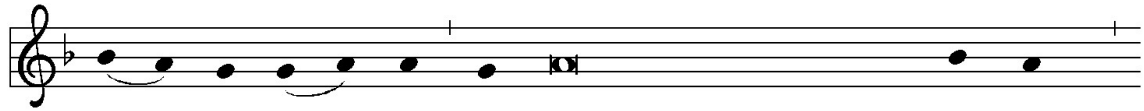
to take a - way our sin, who in dying has destroyed death,



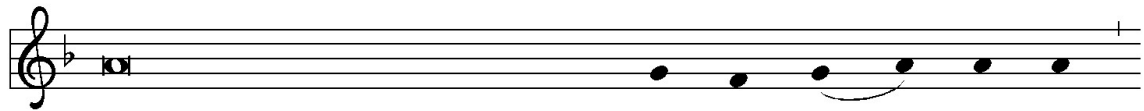
and in ris - ing has brought us to e - ter - nal life.



And so, with Mary Magdalene and Pe - ter and all the witnesses of the



res - ur - rec - tion, with earth and sea and all their crea - tures,



and with angels and archangels, cheru - bim and ser - a - phim,



we praise your name and join their un - end - ing hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with some phrasing slurs. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE **Pastor**

Blessed are you, O 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.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER** Pastor

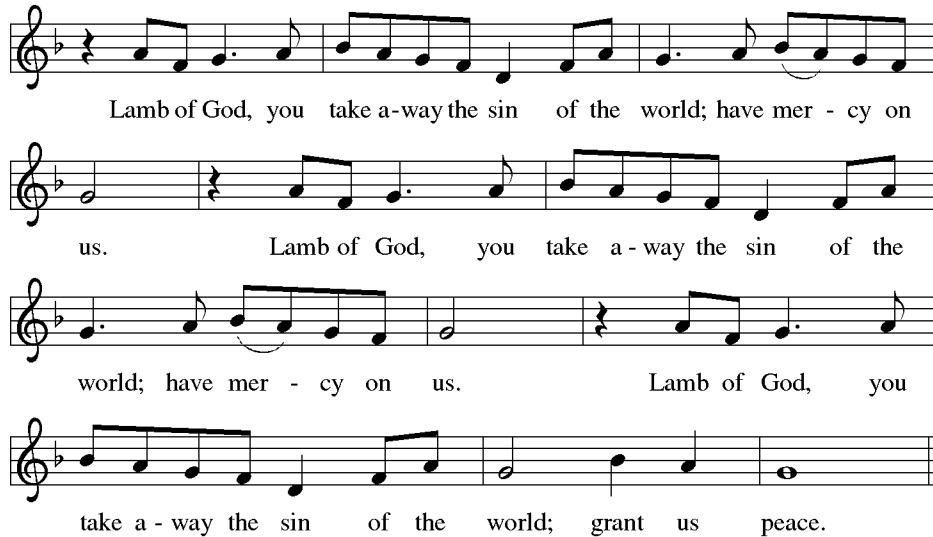
Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION** Pastor

Come to the table of new life.
Receive the risen Lord.

COMMUNION SONG



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.

COMMUNION

Hymn During Communion: ***O Sons and Daughters #386***

***COMMUNION BLESSING** Pastor

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

*SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION **assisting minister**

Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

*BLESSING **Pastor**

Go out into the world as the people of God in this place,
and may the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace,
the Son who gave his life for you give you peace,
and the Spirit who is with you day by day,
inspire you to greater service both now and forever more.

Amen.

*SENDING SONG *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!* #377

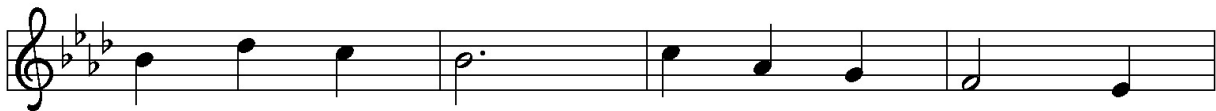
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



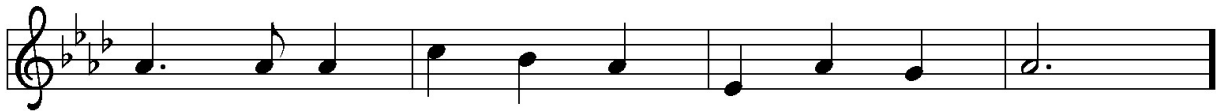
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

***DISMISSAL** *assisting minister*

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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