



# FAITH

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*New beginnings. New life.*



**APRIL 20, 2025**

Faith Lutheran Church builds up the body of Christ by making disciples, offering new beginnings and new life through the Gospel of Christ.

**Welcome to Faith:** *We are glad that you are here! Please take a few moments to fill out the attendance card in the pew, listing each person in your family on a separate line. If you are a guest or if your information has changed, please include your contact information. We would also love to pray for you! If you have any prayer requests, please fill out the prayer card in the pew. Both cards may be placed in the offering plate or given to Pastor Gauger after the worship service.*

**Communion:** *We believe that it is a great privilege to attend the Lord's Supper. We believe that in the Lord's Supper we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ given for us Christians to eat and drink. In this Holy Supper we are given forgiveness of sins and assurance of God's love in Christ. Holy Communion also expresses our oneness in Biblical doctrine. Because this is true, we ask that only those who have the same understanding of the Lord's Supper partake of this Sacrament. Even if you are not partaking in this Sacrament, we invite you to come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate your desire to receive a blessing by crossing your arms across your chest. Also, please note that grape juice is available in the center circle of the tray for those who cannot have wine. May God bless your worship with us here at Faith and may your faith in Christ be strengthened.*

**To the Parents of Young Children:** *Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me & do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" (Matthew 19:14). We know it can be exhausting as a parent, but you are doing an important thing by being here with your children, as the body of Christ is more fully present. You may think that your child's babbling and squirming is a distraction, but to be honest, it bothers you more than it does anybody else. In fact, the joyful noises of your child bring joy to the rest of the congregation. Your child is already learning about worship in addition to hearing the Word of God. If you feel the need to step out for a time with your child, feel free to hang out in the back or in the nursery. Each bathroom has a changing table. There are also people at Faith who would love to help you with your child; just talk to the pastor, and he will connect you with one of them. We are glad you are here with your children!*

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Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✝}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People Amen.

Pastor Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

People Death is swallowed up in victory!

Pastor O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

People Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

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People He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### Procession of the Holy Cross & Resurrection Cross

#### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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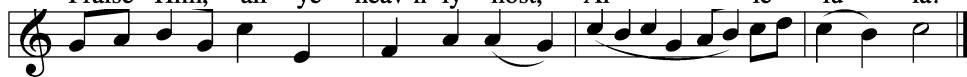
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!



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!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Welcome

## Announcements

## Sharing the Peace

## Invocation

**Pastor** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People** "Alleluia! He is Risen!"

**Pastor** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**People** But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

## Confession of Sins

**Pastor** Mary Magdalene announces the good news to Jesus' disciples: "I have seen the Lord." However, they struggle to believe her. Perhaps because of her past, they do not find her trustworthy. Perhaps their fear is too great and prevents their belief. Whatever the case, the greatest event in history had occurred, but everyone was still in confusion. We, too, struggle with disbelief and sin. Our heavenly Father invites us to bring all our struggles and sins to Him and receive His forgiveness.

*(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)*

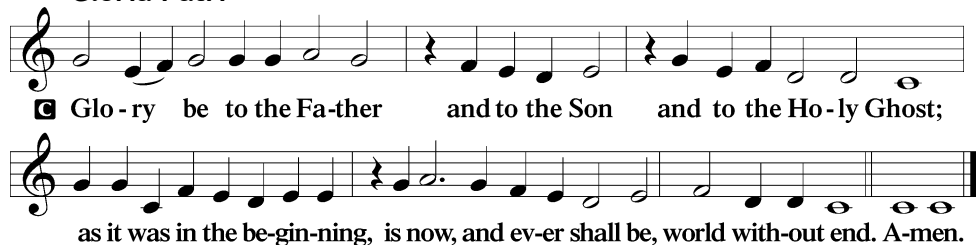
**Pastor** Heavenly Father,

**People** we have sinned against You in the things we have done and the things we have failed to do. We have not loved You with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Our sin is a daily reminder of our need for Jesus and His forgiveness. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor Our heavenly Father hears you and has sent Jesus to take your sin upon Himself on the cross. Your sins were nailed to the cross with Jesus. Your sins were buried in the tomb with Jesus. And as Jesus rises from the grave, your sin does not rise with Him. Your sins are forgiven because of Jesus and His love. 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.

People Amen.

### Gloria Patri

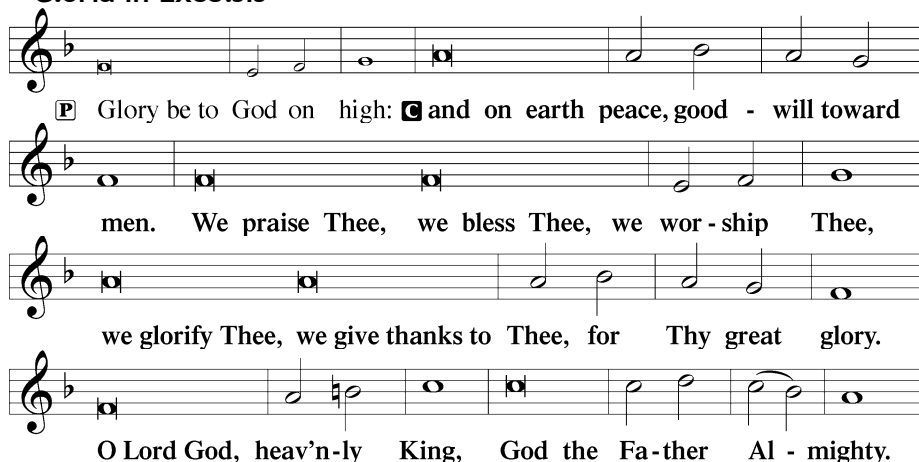


**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;  
 as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

### Kyrie

People Lord, have mercy upon us.  
 Christ, have mercy upon us.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Gloria in Excelsis



**P** Glory be to God on high: **G** 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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
 People And with thy spirit.

Pastor Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People Amen.

*Please sit*

## Psalm of the Day

## Psalm 16

<sup>1</sup>Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. <sup>2</sup>I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.” <sup>3</sup>As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

<sup>4</sup>The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

<sup>5</sup>The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot. <sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance. <sup>7</sup>I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. <sup>8</sup>I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

<sup>10</sup>For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. <sup>11</sup>You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Reader	This is the Word of the Lord.
People	<b>Thanks be to God.</b>

## Old Testament Reading

## Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox,

and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

Reader      This is the Word of the Lord.  
People      Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Reader      This is the Word of the Lord.  
People      Thanks be to God.

*Please stand*

## Alleluia



## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:1-12*

Pastor      The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty  
fourth chapter.  
People      Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they



remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

Pastor      This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
People      Praise to You, O Christ.

## Nicene Creed

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  $\text{✝}$  life of the world to come. Amen.

*Please sit*  
**Children's Message**

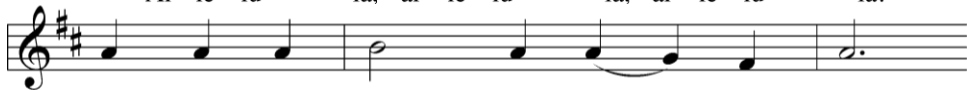
# The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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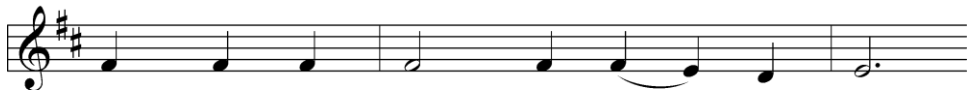
*Refrain*



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,



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 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!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia! Refrain

## Sermon: "Easter Guarantees"

### Offering

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### Offertory



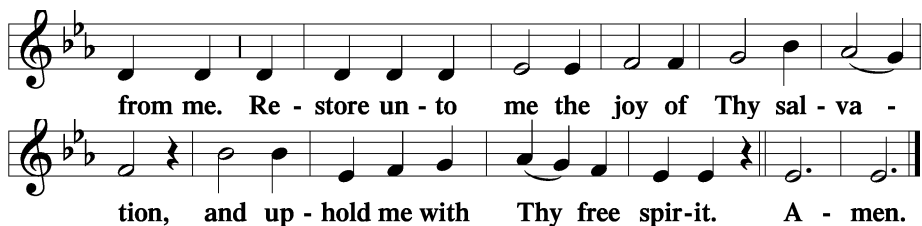
☐ Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



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



## Children's Choir Hand Bell Music with Children

(Children sing Verse 1; Congregation joins for Verse 2 & 3)

### Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

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- 1 *Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim; For the world's salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.*
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:  
See the ancient pow'rs of evil, In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.
- 3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior; Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

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## Prayer of the Church

### ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

#### Preface

Pastor The Lord be with you.  
People And with thy spirit.

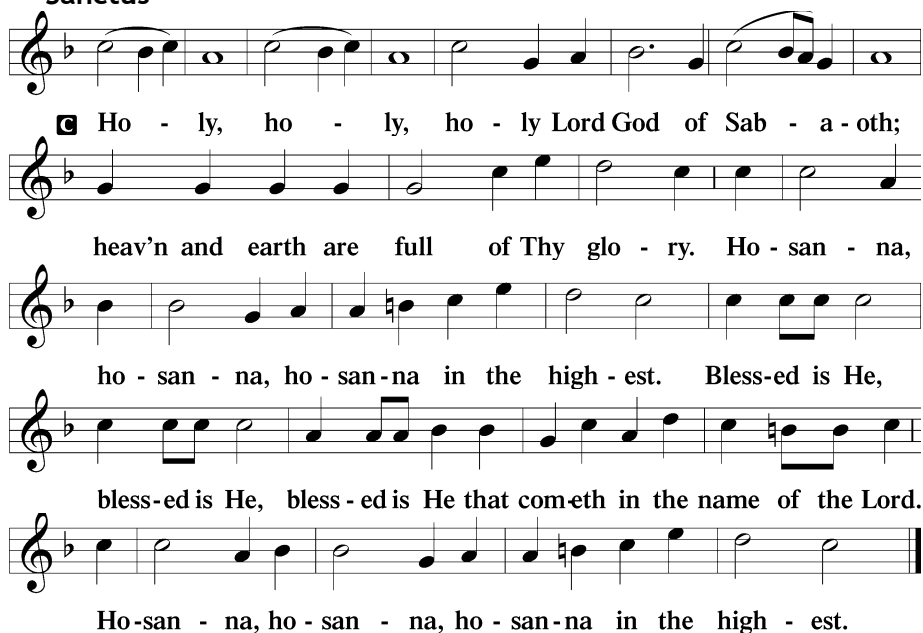
Pastor Lift up your hearts.  
People We lift them up unto the Lord.

Pastor Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.  
People It is meet and right so to do.

Pastor 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. And most especially

are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

### Sanctus



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.

### 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

Pastor      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

Pastor      The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
People      Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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.

*Please sit*

**Distribution**

*Please stand*

## Nunc Dimittis



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  
peo - ple 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.

Pastor O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
People and His mercy endureth forever.

## Post-Communion Collect

Pastor 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.

People Amen.

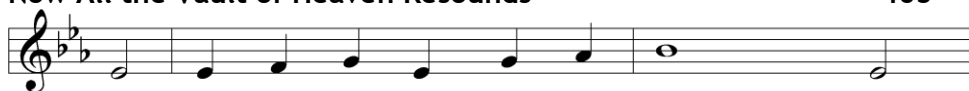
## Benediction

Pastor 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.

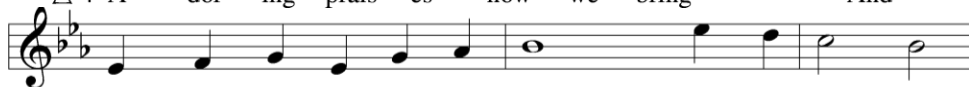
People Amen.

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

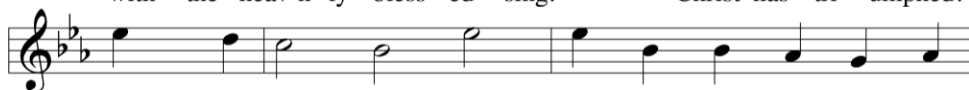
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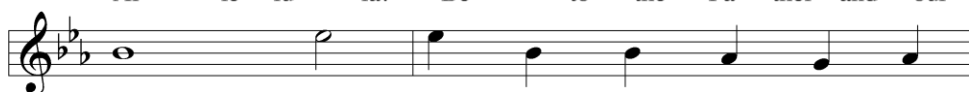
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



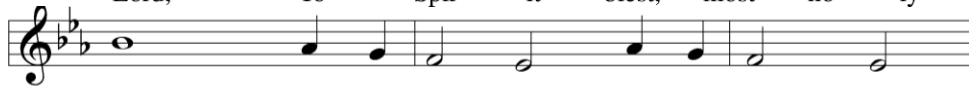
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



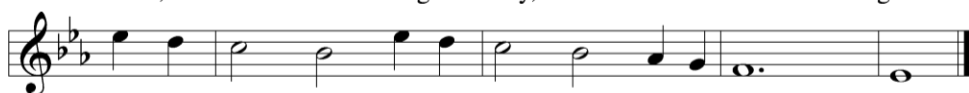
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



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!



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!

*Silent Prayer*

HE IS RISEN  
*alleluia*

## Dates to Remember

Sun. Apr 27 Adult & Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM  
Worship Service 10:00 AM  
Tue. May 6 Men's Bible Study 7:00 AM

## Birthdays

Sat. Apr 26 Brian Clark

## Anniversaries

Sat. Apr 26 Don & Rebecca Davison

*Easter Blessings*



## Faith Servant Schedule

Date	April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday	April 27, 2025	May 4, 2025
Acolyte	Hudson Blackburn Ryder Clark	Piper Maxwell	Korbyn Corum
Screens	Peter Klein	Ella Corum	Ella Corum
Reader	Justin Lange	Dave Trimble	Phil Blankenburg
Ushers	Richard Wright Mike Wright	Jamey Maxwell Phil Blankenburg	Mike Wright Jim Bennett
Music	Roberta Sparenberg	Angie Corum	Roberta Sparenberg
Elder	Jamey Maxwell	Jamey Maxwell	Justin Lange
Altar Guild	Mackenzie Klein Jenna Clark	Mackenzie Klein Jenna Clark	Lynn Remmert Kathy Sowinski

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Thanks to those who brought beautiful flowers for our Resurrection Cross & for the special music we enjoyed today! Easter Lilies: Dave & Lynn Remmert in memory of Don Wagner & Rich Remmert; Barbara Kern for Tom Kern; Bev Merriman in memory of Dwain Merriman; Jan Lawson in memory of Margaret Rowley; Linda & Jim Bennett; Dave & Linda Trimble; Richard Wright in memory of Sherry Wright; Yuenger Family; Sharon & Paul Nielson; Ellen & Jerry Gregg.