

The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day April 20, 2025



HOLY COMMUNION AT HOLY CROSS is celebrated in accordance with the Lutheran confession that Christ's body and blood are truly given to us with the bread and wine to give forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation to repentant, reconciled believers in Christ. Missouri Synod Lutherans united with us in that confession are invited to receive the Sacrament with us. Others who desire to commune should first speak with a Pastor or an Elder.

- For those whose health or circumstance may require it, Holy Cross offers an alcohol-removed red wine (containing less than 0.5% alcohol) located in the center of each Communion tray.
- Gluten-free wafers are available upon request to a Pastor or Elder before the service.
- If you want communion in the pew, please let an usher or Elder know before the service.

TODAY Holy Communion will be distributed in a continuous line at 9AM.

Pastors and Elders will stand in front of the Altar rail for you to receive the Lord's Supper. Both common and individual cup will be offered. Take the one you desire. A child with you will receive a word of blessing. If, after you receive communion, you desire to kneel at the Altar for a moment of prayer, please do so. The general Dismissal Blessing will follow after all have communed.

Communion will be distributed at the rail at 7AM and 11AM.

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025 7AM, 9AM, 11AM



Preservice Music Prelude on "This is the Feast" Christ Lag in Todesbanden BWV 625 Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Charles Callahan Johann Sebastian Bach Healey Willan

Please stand and face the procession

Opening Versicles

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Christ has risen from the dead.
- God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- He has put all things under His feet.
- The LORD is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- O come, let us worship Him.



Confession and Absolution

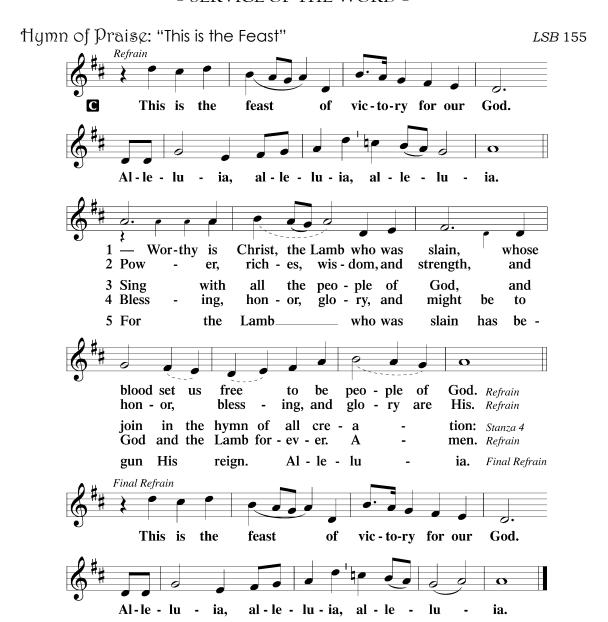
The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- \blacksquare In the name of the Father and of the \pm Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.
- 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.

★ SERVICE OF THE WORD **★**



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.

G Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Please Sit

The Old Testament Reading for the Resurrection of Our Lord is from the book of Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter:

> Pehold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

18But be alad and rejoice forever in that which I create:

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

191 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.

²⁰No 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.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them;

they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They 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.

²³They 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.

24Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

25The 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.

 A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

A The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter 15.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

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

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Please Stand

Alleluia and Verse

7AM

The choir or liturgist sings parts marked "A"; the congregation sings parts marked "C"

A Refrain

Refrain



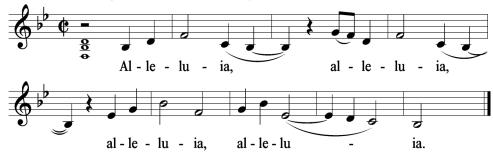


- A Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- **G** Refrain

A Repeating Alleluia

9AM AND 11AM

Following the introduction, the choir sings the song once through. The congregation then repeats the song several times thereafter.



Holy Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And 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? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁸And they remembered His words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now 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, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.

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

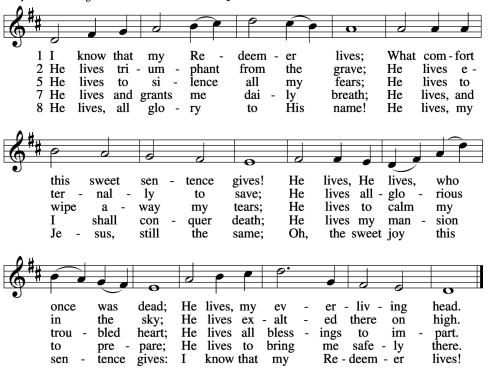
And in one Lord Jesus Christ. the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God. Light of Light. very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father. by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven 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 life & of the world to come. Amen.

Please Sit

Hymn of the Pay: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461





Sermon

Litany of the Resurrection

Please Stand

- A O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- A O Christ,
- have mercy.
- A O Lord,
- C have mercy.
- A Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C hear us.
- Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
- **C** have mercy on us.
- A Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
- have mercy on us.

- A Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
- C have mercy on us.
- A Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
- have mercy on us.
- A Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
- have mercy on us.
- A Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
- have mercy on us.
- Mho revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
- have mercy on us.
- A Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
- have mercy on us.
- A Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
- **G** have mercy on us.
- A Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
- have mercy on us.
- Mho appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
- have mercy on us.
- Mho commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
- have mercy on us.
- A By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
- good Lord, deliver us.
- A By Your victory over sin and death,
- **g** good Lord, deliver us.
- A By the majesty of Your risen body,
- good Lord, deliver us.
- A We poor sinners implore You
- to hear us, Lord Jesus.
- A That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
- **g** grant us, good Lord.
- A That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
- grant us, good Lord.

- A That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
- grant us, good Lord.
- (A) Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- have mercy on us.
- A Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- have mercy on us.
- A Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- grant us Your peace.
- A O Lord.
- C have mercy.
- A O Christ,
- **C** have mercy.
- A O Lord,
- **C** have mercy. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Please Sit.

Offering & Rite of Fellowship

As offerings are gathered, we invite members and guests alike to sign the red fellowship pad located at the end of the pew by the center aisle. Please provide a phone number or email address if you are interested in membership or if you would like to be contacted by the church.

Handbell Voluntary: Easter Bells

arr. Michael Ryan; 7AM

Offering Hymn: To The Lamb on the Throne

arr. Dan Forrest: 9AM

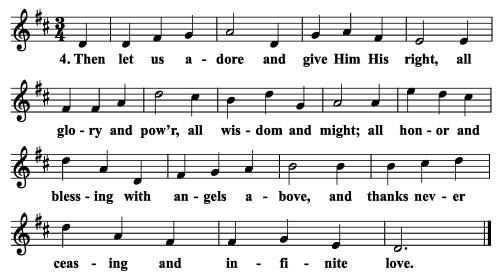
The choir sings:

Worthy the Lamb!

- Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad His wonderful name; the name all-victorious of Jesus extol; His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.
- "Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!"
 let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
 the praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
 fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.
- 3. God rules in the height, almighty to save; though hid from our sight, His presence we have, the great congregation His triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus our King!

Worthy the Lamb!

After a brass fanfare, the congregation stands and joins in singing:



Aria: "I Know that My Redeemer Liveth" from Messiah

G. F. Handel; 11AM

I know that my Redeemer liveth,

and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.

And though worms destroy this body,

yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead,

the first fruits of them that sleep.

- Job 19:25-26, 1 Cor. 15:20

Please Stand

▼ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT **▼**



Traditional Communion Distribution at 7AM and 11AM.

Continuous Distribution for communion at 9AM.

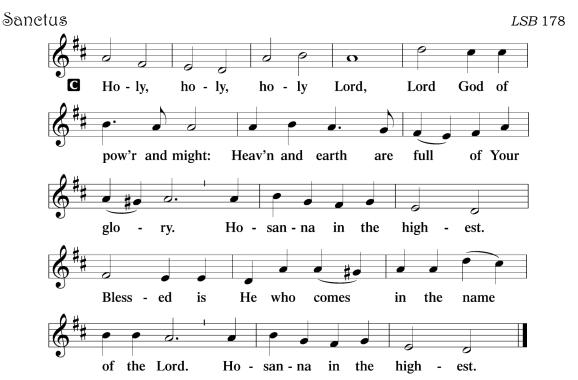
If you are unable to come to the Altar, please inform an usher or Elder so that you can receive Communion at the pew.

Preface LSB 160

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

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:



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

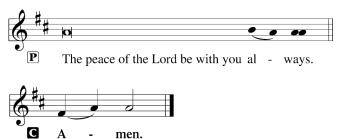
Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Words of Our Lord Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

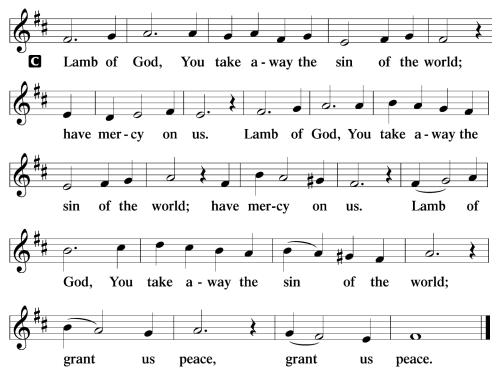
Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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 + 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 LSB 180



Agnus Dei LSB 180



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Continuous double-line communion will be distributed at 9AM.

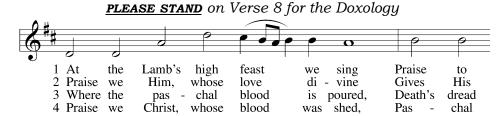
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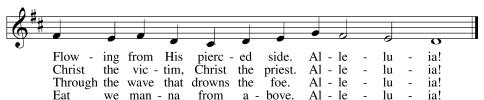
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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

LSB 633







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. Alleluig!
- 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 Δ 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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

LSB 467



- 1 A wake, my heart, with glad ness, See what to day is done;
- 2 The foe in tri-umph shout ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
- 3 This is a sight that glad dens—What peace it doth im-part!
- 4 Now hell, its prince, the dev il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now. af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun. boast But he now is rout - ed, His is turned to gloom. Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with-in my heart. Now am safe from e - vil. And I laugh to scorn. sin

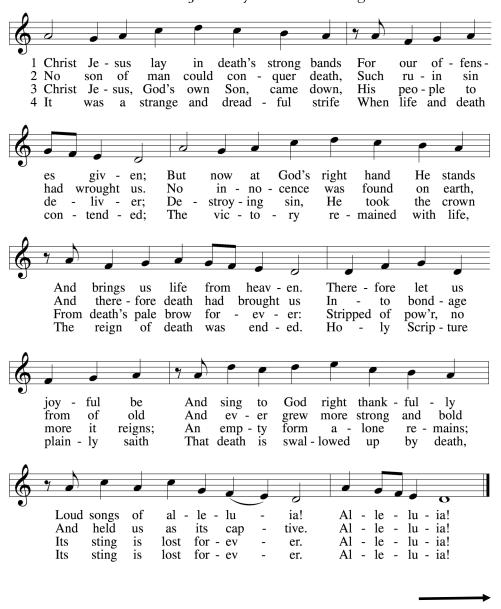


My Say - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made free; In For a gain rious vic is glo to - ry shake, No gloom shall ev er foe shall ev er take Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to of light Our spir - it the realms wings its flight. He is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave. hope which God's own Son In The love for me has won. Tt. a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

- 5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;
 Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.
 My heart from care is free,
 No trouble troubles me.
 Misfortune now is play,
 And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.
- 7 He brings me to the portal
 That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

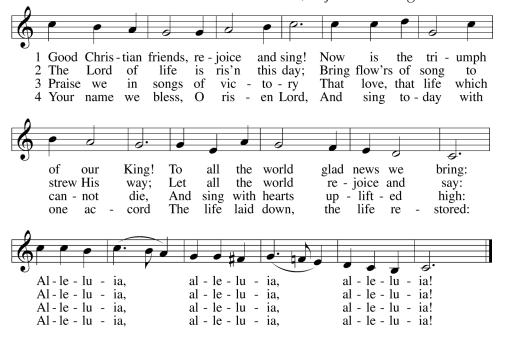


5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er, And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended.
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!





Pismissal Please Stand

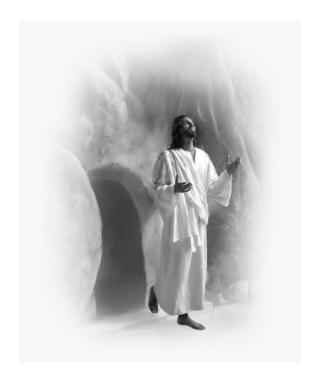
- The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ₱ in peace.
- Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.



Benediction

- 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.
- Amen.

Caster Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

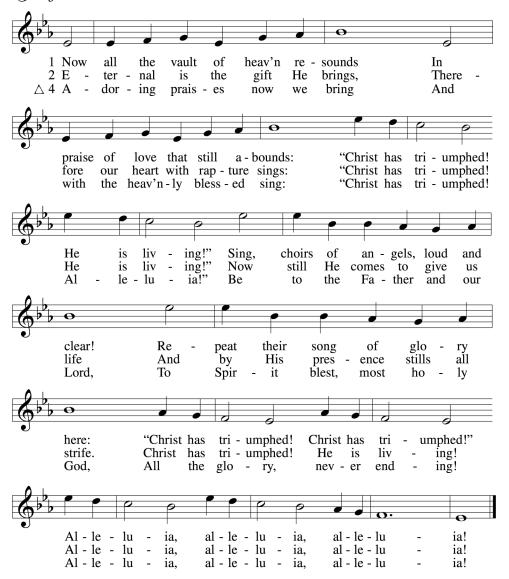
Closing Hymn: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

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Silent Prayer & Chimes

Postludg: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

David Gilson





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Preacher		Pastor Jason P. Kohm
Liturgist		Pastor Andrew J. Gimbel
Christian Education		Charity Smith
Music Director		David Gilson
Choir		Handbells (7AM) Holy Cross Adult Choir (9AM & 11AM)
Accompanists		Andy Goodman Sara Shroth
Instrumentalists		Matt Claxton and Brian Storm—Trumpets Larry Shroth—Horn Byron Alton—Tuba
Elders	7ам	Solomon Conrad
	9ам	Joe Snyder
	11AM	Ralph Erickson
Ushers	7ам	Refer to Elder
	9ам	Refer to Elder
	11am	Refer to Elder

Join Us Next Weekend As We <u>Continue</u> the Easter Celebration

The Second Sunday of Easter Saturday, April 26, 2025—5PM Sunday, April 27, 2025—8AM & 10:45AM

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