

# + The Resurrection of Our Lord + Easter Sunday

Mar 31, Year of our Lord 2024 | DS3

## Blessing of the Entrance

Preceded by *Alleluia* by the Choir at 11:00 a.m. service

- ☐ Peace be to this house and to all who enter here in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **☑ Amen.**
- ☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ has made this a day of rejoicing. With this new Narthex, Nave, Chancel, Sacristy, and Vestry we will be encouraged to “sing to the LORD and bless His name, to tell of His salvation from day to day.” Let us bless this House until the Public Dedication with our friends in Christ from the Knoxville Circuit, Mid-South District of the LCMS, and Synod on May 19, 2024. The Lord Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless this church building. **☑ Amen.**

## Processional Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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!

## + Confession and Absolution +

### Easter Versicles

*Matthew 21:42, Psalm 118:22, 1 Cor. 15:55-56*

- P** The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.  
**C** **This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.**
- P** When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up by victory."  
**C** **O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?**
- P** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.  
**C** **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

### Confession of Sins

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

### Absolution

*[John 20:19–23]*

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{†}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

## + Service of the Word +

### Introit

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*



- P** I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;\*  
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.  
The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*  
and he has become my sal- | vation.
- C** **Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\*  
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.  
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;\*  
you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.  
You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,\*  
the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,**

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously,\*

the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,\*

and he has become my sal- | vation.

### Gloria Patri

☐ 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

*Mark 10:47*

☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Gloria in Excelsis, hymnal p. 187 for music**

*Luke 2:14; John 1:29*

**P** (sung) Glory be to God on high:

**C** and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,  
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**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.

**C** A - men.

**Old Testament Reading**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

## He will swallow up death forever;

and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

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

### Gradual

*adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

**C** **Christ has risen from the dead.**

**God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.**

**He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;  
he has put all things under his feet.**

### Choral Anthem

*Run with Me to the Garden* (11:00 a.m. service)

### Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,** and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

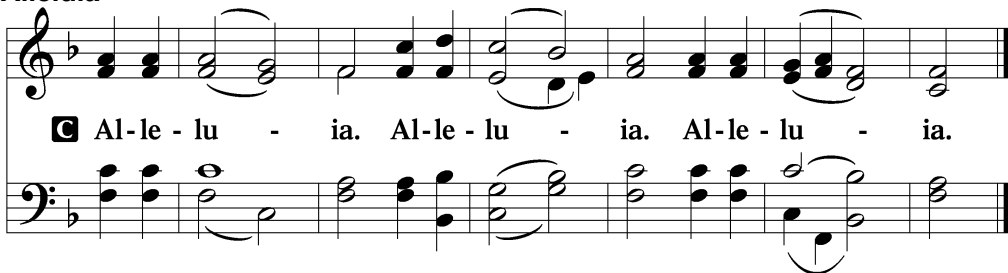
**A** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Verse of the Day

2 Timothy 1:10b

- P** Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

## Triple Alleluia



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the two staves.

## Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed.

**You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here.** See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Nicene Creed

**C** 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.

### Hymn of the Day: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to  
 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death

es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands  
 had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,  
 de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown  
 con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us  
 And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age  
 From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no  
 The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly  
 from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold  
 more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;  
 plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

- 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!

Text: Martin Luther, 1483–1546; tr. Richard Massie, 1800–87, alt. Tune: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn, 1524, Wittenberg, ed. Johann Walter  
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**+ Sermon +**

**Enter Into Newness**

**Offertory, hymnal p. 192 for music**

*Psalm 51:10–12*

- ☐ (sung) Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
 Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.**

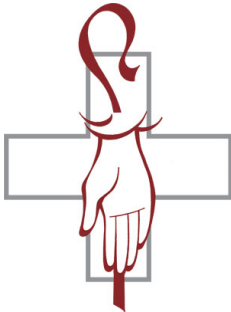


**Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit.  
Amen.**

### **Announcement of Offering and Greetings of Peace**

The people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

### **Prayer of the Church**



World: Praying for a quick end to the war between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas**. For an end of the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**. Safety for **those travelling in these winter months**.

Church: For **Christians in Nigeria** suffering persecution and martyrdom. For **the seminaries of synod and for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church**. For **safety and protection** for those building our new Sanctuary, narthex, and facilities for Praise Lutheran Church. For **safety for our friends in**

**Kenya** (Pastor Jasper and family).



Vocation: For **veterans and our military** (including **Carter Felt, Casey Lawson, Tyler Smith** and **William Smolter**). For **those serving in hospitals and homeless shelters**. For **teachers** in our community schools. For our circuit's seminary students: **Aaron Wade, Will Bales, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman**, and **Vicar Alex Ogden**. For the healthy birth of **August Johnson** (to Luke & Blair). For those expecting children including **Daniel and Monica Hendricks** (early contractions) and **Jackson and Bri Blankenbeckler**. For the recently engaged including **Sam Bohnet** and **Kate Roberts**.

Loss and Mourning: For **Lila Reuer** (Al's wife; Rhonda Heckman's mom) who went to be with the Lord of Life on 3/26. For **Terry Gift** (Rick Gift's father) who entered the Church Triumphant. Family of **Bill Young**, sudden death (Kenna Chorney's children's father). Family of **Russ Smolter** (William's father) who passed away 3/1. Family of **Kathleen Lane** who passed away on 2/27. Family of *Barbara Moyer's grand-children's mother* who passed away. Family of Deputy **Greg McCowan** (killed in the line of duty in Blount County). Family of **Gabriel** (Sharon Shower's grandson) murdered in Alaska. Family of **Jeff Ratliff** (Mark's younger brother) who passed away 2/1. Family of **Myrna Frazier** who passed away on 1/27. Family of a **friend** of Becky Hamby, killed in an auto accident. Family of **Bill Colver** (Al Collver's brother) passed away 1/6. Family of For **Delora Roth** who passed to be with Christ on 11/13. Family of **Jeanne Lindenfesler** (78 yrs old, passed away 10/3). Family of **Carylon Dickie** (91 yrs old, passed away 9/24).

Health: For **Joan Large** stroke recovery at Patricia Neal. For **Linda Davis** treating anemia. For **Pastor Ed Maanum** who received new kidney on 3/7 at Vanderbilt. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) blood clot treatments. For **Hermon** (friend of Christopher Snyder) healing for shattered heal and infection. For **Andrew** (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **another friend** of Laura Bisconte who needs good news concerning her heart condition. **Julie Bullock** (Tom Wittkopp's sister) failing heart condition, now in hospice. For **Larry & Cathy Wacker's daughter** cancer diagnosis limited to lymph nodes, for treatment. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tim Smith** heart health. For **Chuck Pettyjohn** recovering from hernia procedure. For **Jane** (Steve Kaiser's sister) suffering severe back pain. For **Faith** (Jerry and Jennifer Kropp's daughter) health. For **Tanner** speedy recovery (injured in a work accident), Tatum Smolter's fiance. For **Tom Williams** more tests on lungs. For **Frank Davis** (Leah Mohr's father) recovering from a heart procedure. For **Doug Hammond** (Joan Large's son) recovering from heart surgery. For **Brad** (Phil & Carol Barnett's son) lung blood clots treatment. For **Billye Raye Smith** to build back immunity after multiple myeloma treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts' Aunt). For **Pete Gay** (Catherine Boute's brother-in-law) terminal cancer. For **Marty Smith** (Tyler [and Megan] Smith's father) rapidly advancing cancer treatment. For **Victor Sebahar** (friend of Fred Hansen), cancer in brain, lungs, and bone. For **Amy Young** (cancer treatments). For **Lyndsie** (Levi & Suzanne's neighbor) cancer treatments. **Ronnie Riggs** (friend of Paul Ruble) declining health. **Lawrence McMichael** thanksgiving for prognosis from tests and good treatment plan to come. **Bill Solomon** (Amy Mohr's brother) eye condition. For **Marge** (Ted Wilson's former wife) valve replacement. **Gary Kubin** experiencing debilitating back and leg pain. **Sharon Yoder** recovering from mitral valve prosthesis trial (thanksgiving!). **Carol Ehrens** diagnosed with Thyroid cancer (slow growing). **Ed McGillick** persistent dizziness caused by abnormal blood pressure fluctuations. **Janice Kaiser** health. **Lee Schuck** at home, for her health and mobility. **Gary Moehling** recovery of balance and stability. **Debbie Johnston** kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Judy Kalkitis** health. **Pastor Neil Vanderbush** at Immanuel, Memphis, recurrent multiple myeloma treatment. **Kay** (Myrna Frazier's sister) for health. For **June McDonnell** (lung health). **Rachel Ernst's mother**: cancer treatments. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health and stability. **Sheila Schnepf** (friend of Tom & Lois Schering) back pain. **Nancy** (Jim Vesper's mother) health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Barbara Moyers** health. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. **Al Reuer** health. Steve Kaiser's mother **Louise** in Indiana. Andrew Hebar's **Aunt Kara** (health).

**Birthdays:** Chloe P 4/4, Lex S 4/4, Art P 4/6, Steve K 4/8, Larry M 4/8, Steve C 4/9, Jason C 4/10, Carley L 4/10, Faye H 4/11, Lucy N 4/13

**Anniversaries:** Butch & Carol E 4/5

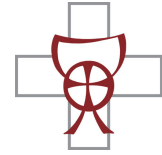
**Benediction** for those worshipping on the livestream.

*Easter Lilies given in memory of / in honor of...*



Joshua Arguien	1	Memory of	Vera & Ken Wendel
Larry & Phillis Bembas	1	Memory of	David Bembas
Al & Sally Collver	1	Memory of	Gina Collver
Del Carpio Family	1	Memory of	Albert, Wilfredo, and Irma
Gift Family	1	Memory of	Our Savior's Resurrection
Fred Hansen	1	Memory of	The Schweer Family
Hebar Family	1	Memory of	Grandparents
Renee Hickmon	1	Memory of	Parents
Ole & Mavis Johnson	1	Memory of	Our Parents
Steve & Janice Kaiser	1	Memory of	Richard Haynes
Thomas Lane	1	Memory of	Kathleen A Lane
Lawrence & Linda McMichael	1	Memory of	Dolora Roth
Amy Mohr	1	Memory of	Dick Mohr
Larry & Janet Moore	2	Memory of	Larry's Parents: Howard & Alice Moore, Janet's Parents: Harry & Marylou Lillemoen, and Sister: Linda Julio Clayton
Betty Narveson	1	Memory of	Clayton
Tina Pierce	1	Memory of	Loueen & Ronnie Brummond (Mom & Dad)
Mark Ratliff	1	Memory of	Barbara, Megan, and Jeff Ratliff
Sharon Schenk	1	Memory of	Charles Schenk
Kris Smith and Taylor	1	Memory of	Taryn Sebright
Nancy & David Smith	1	Memory of	Shirley Smith and Lillie Lichenar
Sandra Wendland	1	Memory of	A Loved One
Sharon Yoder	1	Memory of	Marcy Gaugert (Mom)

## + Service of the Sacrament +



### A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very Body and Blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death and resurrection until He comes. Scripture warns that those who come forward to eat and drink our Lord's Body and Blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great spiritual harm. The Lord's Supper is also a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar. Therefore, any who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet to desire to receive the Sacrament (Communion), are encouraged to seek guidance from the pastor.

### Preface, p. 194

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**Proper Preface (Abbreviated)**

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus, p. 195**

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

**C** (sung) **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Lord's Prayer, p. 197**

*Matthew 6:9–13*

**P** (sung) 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.

**C** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the

glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## The Words of Our Lord

*Mt 26:26-30; Mk 14:22-26; Lk 22:14-23; 1 Cor 11:23-25.*

- P** 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

*John 20:19*

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



## Agnus Dei, p. 198 for music

*John 1:29*

- C** (sung) O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.



### Distribution

Please see our pastor for details about baptism, instruction, and vow of confirmation of our church's teachings prior to taking the Lord's Supper (Communion) at Praise.

**Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing** (see hymnal)

**Distribution Hymn: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

**Distribution Hymn: 463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia**

**Distribution Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven**

## Nunc Dimittis, p. 199 for music

*Luke 2:29-32*

- C** (sung) Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face

of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

### Thanksgiving

*Psalm 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** 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.

**C** A - men.

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### Salutation, p. 201

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**P** (sung) The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spir - it.

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### Benedicamus

*Psalm 103:1*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

The musical notation consists of a single treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The melody is written in the treble clef. The lyrics are placed below the notes.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*Numbers 6:24–26*

**P** (sung) 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.

**C** A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Recessional Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

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	bles -	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!

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## Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Bible Study and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Address: 315 Southdowne Dr, Maryville, TN 37801

Phone: (865) 977-5810; Website: [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com)

Online giving: [praiselutheran.com](http://praiselutheran.com) (click the blue "Give" button)

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Staffed Office Hours: Monday through Thurs. 9:00 to Noon, Thurs. also: 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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Prayer requests: if possible, please submit by 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays

Organist/pianists: Janice Kaiser, Susan Johnson, Gary Schaueremann

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

**Moved? Changed your email address? Changed cell phone or home phone? Please let the church office know.**

**Two Large Print Hymnals** are available. Please ask those who are helping as ushers to locate a large print hymnal for you.

**Our address has changed:** 315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801

Please update the church's mailing address if you mail in your contribution check or with your broker if you give gifts through a qualified charitable distribution.



Visit [praiselutheran.com/build](https://praiselutheran.com/build) to see the latest on our build including videos and info on how you can help.

<b>Building Fund</b>	<b>2023 Receipts</b>	<b>2024 Receipts</b>	<b>Total Receipts</b>
<b>Actual</b>	\$345,752	\$66,011	\$1,037,558
<b>Pledged</b>	\$277,877	\$179,106	\$1,065,270
<b>Remaining</b>	-\$68,378	\$112,095	\$26,980

*Build Project total cost estimate: ~ 2.8 million (approximately 36% funded).*

**Help Fund Wooden Beams** for the new Sanctuary. The price of these were more than originally budgeted, these were deemed worthy to do now and an important architectural and meaningful feature. Seeking gifts to the Building Fund. Amount needed: **\$30,000**. Please specify "Wooden Beams" or "Building Fund."



**ANNOUNCING: Match for Wooden Beam Donations:** an anonymous donor has offered up to \$15,000 (dollar for dollar) match for donations for the new Wooden Beams.

### **Youth and Families**

Encourage your children to attend **Sunday morning Bible study**. Younger children, ages 5 years old to 5<sup>th</sup> grade, meet in the Sunday School Classroom across from the mailboxes while students from 6<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or equivalent) will meet in the Social Hall. See our Sunday School teachers to see what ages we are equipped to teach and feel free to request or offer to teach something for those younger than our current setup.

### **Middle and High School Youth Groups on Wednesdays**

**Wednesdays: Middle School** 6 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. **Highschool** 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **Youth Catechesis Schedule**

with Pastor Roberts after church, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Sun, Apr 14 The Lord's Supper

**Adopt a College Student or Young Military servant** (members of Praise): please see Linda McMichael or Pastor Roberts

**One of our goals** this coming year is to mirror the progress of our physical church sanctuary by providing opportunities to build up the body of Christ here at Praise! Check your weekly bulletin and the bulletin board in the Narthex for more specific event details. Please mark your calendars and make sure to make these events part of your schedule:

April 6, 3:00 p.m. Ladies Bunco in new Social Hall, \$5; RSVP to DCE Shelli Haynes

April 27, 6:00 p.m. Church-wide Trivia Night

May 17, 6:30 p.m. Ladies' Potting Party

June 2, 5:00 p.m. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

## Announcements

**DIVINE SERVICES TODAY** 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Give thanks to God for the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus with minor dedication of the New Sanctuary at both services.

**Easter Breakfast TODAY:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. in the Wittenberg Social Hall at Praise Lutheran Church. Free will donation; proceeds will support the students camp this summer.

**Youth Group** Wed 6:00 p.m. Middle School and 7:00 p.m. High School

**Choir:** *on break this week*, resumes Apr 10

**Men's Bible Study** *on break this week*, resumes April 10 (Wed)

**Ladies Bible Study** *on break this week*, resumes April 11 (Thurs)



The Altar Guild kindly suggests that women who use the common cup to please remove lipstick prior to communing. The linens require hand scrubbing to remove lipstick and it is breaking down the fabric. Thank you.

**Save the Date: Public Dedication** for the New Sanctuary: **Sun, May 19**

Tentative schedule (many volunteers will be needed):

1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Open House

3:30 p.m. Dedication Service with Special Guests

4:45 p.m. Celebration meal in Social Hall

