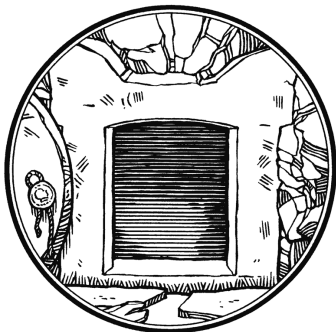


+ The Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday +

Apr 20, Year of our Lord 2025 | DS3



Processional Hymn: 473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free

Cantors: (1) Our Paschal Lamb, that sets us free, Is sacrificed. O keep
The feast of freedom gallantly; Let alleluias leap: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Again Sing alleluia, cry aloud: Alleluia! Amen!

Congregation:



2 Let all our lives now cel - e - brate The feast; let mal - ice die.
3 Let all our deeds, u - nan - i - mous, Con - fess Him as our Lord



Let love grow strong a - new, and great, Let truth stamp out the lie.
Who by the Spir - it lives in us, The Fa - ther's liv - ing Word.

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A -



gain Sing al - le - lu - ia, cry a-loud: Al-le - lu - ia! A - men!

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Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (see next page)



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!

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

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

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 ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ Service of the Word +

Introit

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



P (*antiphon*) 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.** (Pastor will repeat the antiphon)

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.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and homophonic, with the lyrics written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of text, and the second system covers the second line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Gloria in Excelsis, p. 187-189 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.

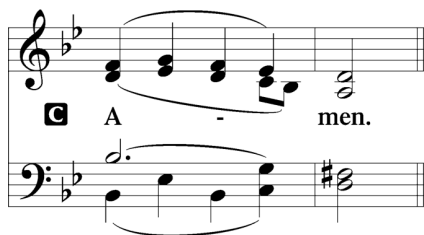
And with thy spir - it.

Let us pray.

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- P** 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.



Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. 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. 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. 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. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 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. 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. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. 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.

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.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

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

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

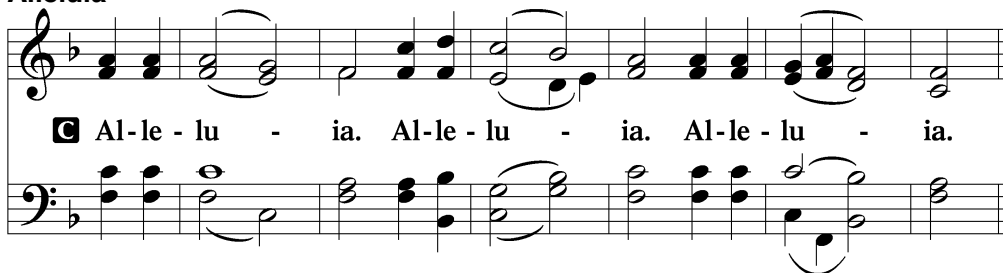
C Thanks be to God.

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.

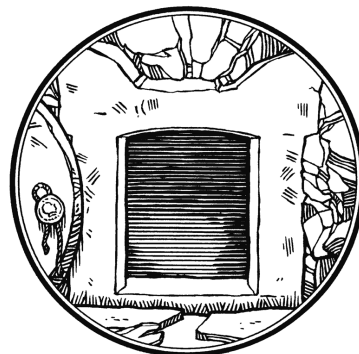
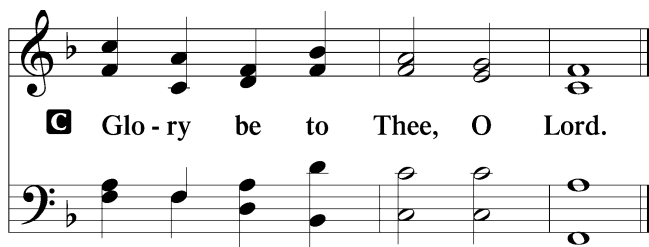
Triple Alleluia



Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

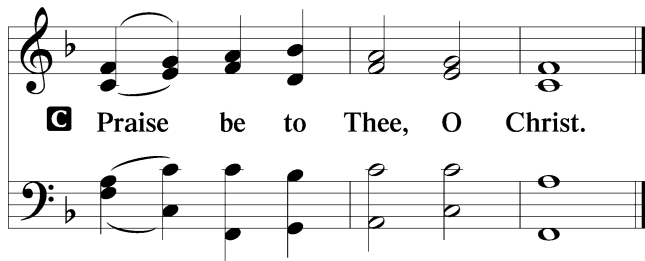
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed (*1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea*)

G I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

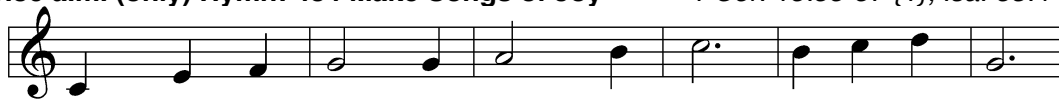
And in one Lord Jesus Christ the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and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

8:30 a.m. (only) Hymn: 484 Make Songs of Joy

1 Cor. 15:55-57 {1}; Isa. 53:4-5 {2}



1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!

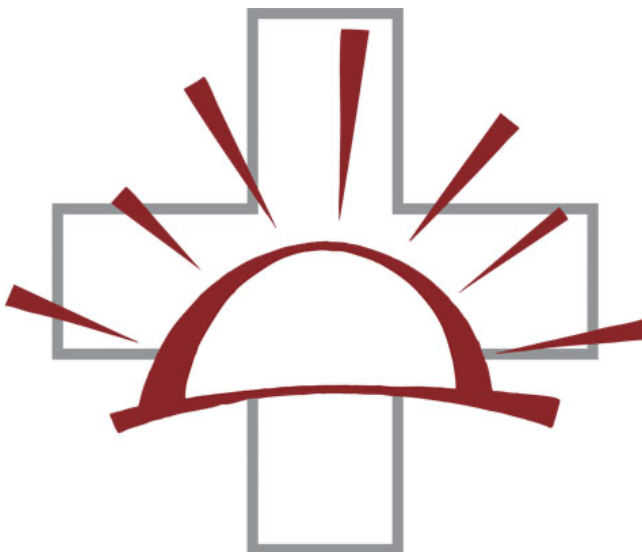


He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!
 He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!
 When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
 Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

△ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

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Our Savior Lives!

Michael Henrichs

WHITEFISH BAY
Benjamin M. Culli



All 1 Our Sav - ior lives! Death's stone is rolled a - way.
All 2 Our Sav - ior rose and an - gels thrill to bid:
Women 3 Our Sav - ior loves with ab - so - lu - tion pure,
Choir 4 Our Sav - ior comes as eve - ning shad - ows fall.
Men 5 Our Sav - ior sits at God's right hand a - bove.



Come, see the grave in which our Broth - er lay.
"Why do you seek the Christ a - mong the dead?
His glo - rious wounds dis - pel - ling doubts that lure.
He breaks our bread, ap - pear - ing now to all.
True God, true Man, He bless - es us in love.



Be not a - fraid! This is His tri - umph day!
He is not here, but ris - en as He said."
My Lord and God, make now our faith se - cure.
O stay with us, that we Your words re - call.
Lord, quick - ly come; all sin and death re - move.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

All
6 Our Savior reigns,
exalted on His throne
Where heav'nly host
sing praise to Him alone.
On that Last Day,
their song will be our own.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All
△ 7 O risen Christ,
Your blood makes all things right.
Creator God,
to You be pow'r and might.
Spirit of Truth,
You clothe us all in white.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Offertory, p. 192-193 for music

Psalms 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.**

Offering *Following the offering (when announced), 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 +

World: For **protection** and **peace**. For **fire, flood, and hurricane** recovery. For **Camp Linn Haven** (North Carolina) reconstruction after flood. For God to cease the wars between modern-day **Israel** and the **Hamas** and the conflict between **Ukraine** and **Russia**.

Vocation: For our singles, parents, grandparents, and families. For **Joshua & Adelaide Arguien** whose marriage blessing took place on 4/12. For **Elijah & Faith Miessler** expecting a boy (in Sept). For **Sam & Kate Bohnet** expecting a boy (in August). For **Samual and Sarah Kropp** expecting a girl (in Sept). For **Turner and Mandy Gough** who were married on 12/30. 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, Sam Bohnet, Vicar Daniel Bueckman**, and **Vicar Alex Ogden**. For **children and families** dealing with difficult situations due to drugs, alcohol, violence, abuse, stress, and strife.

Loss and Mourning: For the family of **Rev. Edward Balfour** (Becky Hamby’s former pastor in Maine) who passed away 4/3. For the family of **Sharon Yoder** who passed on 2/10. For the family of **Rev. John Schulz** (Pastor Emeritus at First Lutheran, Knoxville) who passed on 3/12. For the family of **Louise Kropp** (Jerry Kropp’s mother) who passed on 2/20. For the family of **Darrel Wehmeier** (Deb Wales’s brother) who passed on 2/15. For family of **Marty Smith** (Tyler and Megan Smith’s father[-in-law]) who passed on 2/3. For the family of **Brian** (56 yr. old son of Fred & Faye Hansen) who passed away in Texas in his sleep. Family of **Brad Barnett** (Phil & Carol’s son) who passed away. For many remembering loved ones who passed away.

Health: For **Sandy Bagley** healing of heart damage from heart attack. For **Lee Schuck** who fell and broke her back (and **Gus** taking care of her). For **Stephanie** (Larry & Cathy Wacker’s daughter) for stage 4 cancer treatment and stem cell treatment for **Kevin** her husband. For **Tim Smith** blood pressure health. For **Linda McMichael** knee surgery recovery. For **Fred Hansen** recovery of strength after receiving aortic valve replacement. For **Bob Goodrich** health. For

Chuck Pettyjohn for lung and heart health. For **George Vitzthum** cataract surgery recovery and for **Carole**. For **June McDonnell** recovery from pleurisy. For **Tim Gift** (Rick & Lisa's son) lung test. For **Ken Kropp** recovering from heart surgery. **Alan Bell** healing and recovery from surgery on 3/17. **Gary** (possible thyroid cancer) and **Kolene** (heart issues) **Lucht** (Joel and Barbara Morsch's bother and their son-in-law's parents). For **Linda Davis** recovery from aortic valve replacement on 2/25. For **Kim Smolter** health. For **Tom Wittkopp** recovering from knee surgery on 2/24. For **Kris Smith** upcoming aortic valve replacement. For **Emma Lu Kerekes** health and hospice care (in Oak Ridge). For **Gary Kubin** hip surgery rehab (now home). **Ted Frazier** recovery of strength after hospitalizations. For **Ed & Barbara McGillick** health, pain and dizziness management. For **Haley Jenkins** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's niece) esophageal issues. For Katie Felt's uncle, **Tim** in Florida, final months. For **Don Hammond** heart a-fib (Joan Large's son). For **Rachel Ernst** upcoming rescheduled surgery. For **Bill Frazho** (Paul Ruble's brother-in-law) lung and overall health. For **Bill** undergoing stem cell procedure for cancer (friend of Seth and Tina Pierce). For **Ron Williams** (back at Foothills) and for his wife Pamela. For **Barbara Moyers** recovery from back surgery (now home). For **Garrison** with ALS (student of Amy Mohr's daughter, Coleen Williams). For **Marie Guinn** (Jennifer Kropp's mother) cancer treatment and health. For **Mary** (Ed & Sandy Bagley's daughter) health. For **June Latham** (Phyllis Bembas' sister) stroke and vision recovery. For **Fred Goddard** (nephew of Mary Ellen Brown) lung cancer treatment. For **Steve Greene** (friend of Jim Vesper) dealing with multiple cancers. For Andrew (son of a friend of Laura Bisconte) treatment for a mass in the base of his brain. For **Carol** (Alex Hick's aunt) recent diagnosis of frontal lobe dementia. For **Tom Williams** maintenance chemo treatments. For **Janeen Meier** healing for physical and mental health (Maureen Roberts' sister and Pastor Roberts's Aunt). Debbie Johnston kidney health. **Bob McDermott** dealing with Parkinson's symptoms. For **Alan Stremsterfer's mother** health issues. For **Lisa Stremsterfer's father** health. **Aurora Stevens** back and shoulder pain treatments. For **Kathy Bigger** (friend of Donna Wall) pancreatic cancer. Andrew Hebar's Aunt **Kara** (health).

Birthdays: Catherine B 4/21, Hannah H 4/22, Cole S 4/22, Ann B 4/23, Avery T 4/23, Lily H 4/24, Rachel V 4/24, Adler S 4/25, Michele N 4/27, Alex H 4/28, Pastor Derek R 4/28, Joshua A 4/30, Jim R 4/30, Kris S 5/3

Anniversaries: Paul & Angela G 4/24

Benediction for those worshipping via the livestream.

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



Al & Sally Collver	1	Memory of	Gina Colver (our daughter), Albert & Evelyn Caspers and Albert Sr. & Jane Collver (our parents)
Judy Davis	1	Memory of	Loved One
Linda Davis	1	Honor of	Greg, Robbie, Leah and Auggie
Gift Family	1	Honor of	Our Savior's Glorious Resurrection
Fred Hansen	1	Memory of	Brian Hansen (son)
Steve & Janice Kaiser	2	Memory of	Richard Haynes and Andrew Kaiser
Thomas Lane	1	Memory of	Kathleen A Lane
Amy Mohr	1	Memory of	Dick Mohr
Larry & Janet Moore	2	Memory of	Howard & Alice Moore, Janet's parents: Harry & Marylou Lillemoen, and Sister: Linda Julio
Pierce Family	1	Memory of	Ronnie & Loueen Brummond (Tina's parents)
Pierce Family	1	Honor of	All of the Beloved Homebound Members at Praise Lutheran Church
Mark Ratliff	2	Memory of	Barbara and Megan Ratliff, Jeff Ratliff
Derek & Gretchen Roberts	1	Memory of	Pastor John Paul Schulz
Maureen Roberts	1	Memory of	Sharon Yoder
Paul Ruble	1	Memory of	Lois Ellen Ruble
Steve & Debra Sherrer	1	Memory of	Our Parents
Smith / Sebright Family	1	Memory of	Taryn Sebright
Sandra Wendland	1	Memory of	Albert Wendland
Tim & Elissa Upward	1	Memory of	Rick Upward

+ Service of the Sacrament +

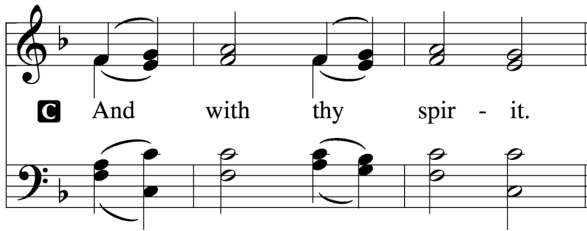
A Word to Our Guests and Visitors about Communion at Praise

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

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

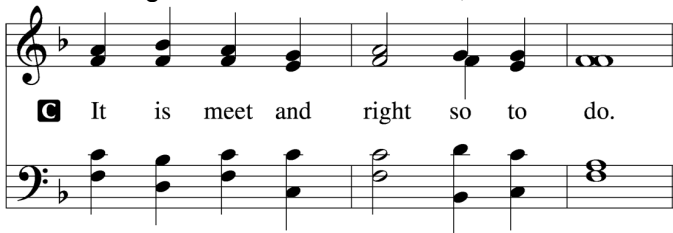
P (sung) The Lord be with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



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



Proper Preface

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

Sanctus ~ Holy, Holy, Holy, p. 195 for music

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

Matthew 6:9–13

C 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

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 ✠ 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

John 20:19

P (sung) 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: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands (see hymnal)

Distribution Hymn: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Distribution Hymn: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Distribution Hymn: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Nunc Dimittis, p. 199-200 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.

Closing Sentences

Psalm 107:1

A (sung) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

The musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp). The treble staff begins with a G4 chord, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, and a half note G4. The bass staff begins with a G3 chord, followed by a half note G3, a quarter note A3, and a half note G3. The lyrics "and His mercy endureth for - ev - er." are written below the staff, with "ev" and "er." on a long dash.

A Let us pray. We give thanks ... one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

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P (sung) The Lord be with you.

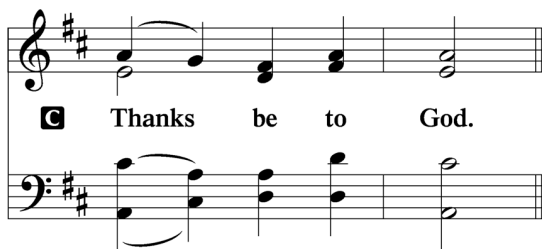
2 Timothy 4:22

C And with thy spir - it.

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A (sung) Bless we the Lord.

Psalm 103:1

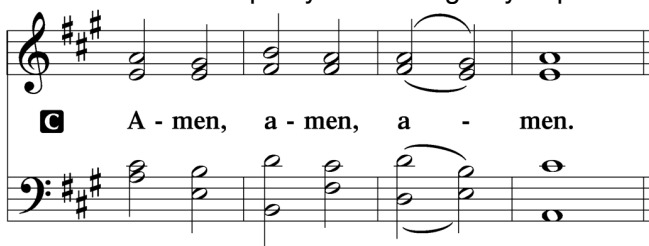


P The Lord bless you and keep you.

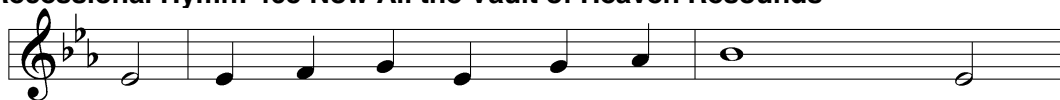
Numbers 6:24–26

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.



Recessional Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 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!

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Praise Lutheran Church (LCMS)

Sunday Divine Services weekly at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Bible Study and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Address: 315 Southdowne Dr, Maryville, TN 37801

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Online giving: praiselutheran.com (click the blue "Give" button)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PraiseLutheranChurch/>

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Congregational President: Dr. Tom Wittkopp, Vice President: Tim Nunnink

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

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

Choir Director: Laura Bisconte, Choir Pianist: Susan Johnson

Church Calendar: praiselutheran.com/events

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Three Large Print Hymnals are available. Please check with an usher if you would like one.

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Visit praiselutheran.com/build to see our build completion video!

Building Fund	2024 Receipts	2025 Receipts	Total Receipts
Actual	\$211,037	\$22,014	\$1,200,009
Pledged	\$179,106	\$42,744	\$1,065,270
Remaining	\$31,931 [over]	-\$20,730 [under]	\$134,739 [over]

Build Project total cost: \$2,973,613 (approximately 38% funded).

Gifts to the Build Fund are still encouraged (the extended Capital Campaign ends on December 31, 2025).

Our total monthly mortgage payments to Lutheran Church Extension Fund: \$11,413 [breakdown: \$10,309 (new building) + \$1,104 (older building)]

Youth and Families

Sunday School (weekly on Sundays) for 2 year olds - 12th grade kids will meet during the Education hour from 9:45 - 10:45. Please see Shelli Haynes, DCE or Linda McMichael with questions on specific meeting places for each group.

Middle and High School Midweek Youth WILL NOT meet Wednesdays during Lent so families can worship together. We will resume youth nights after Easter!

The LCMS Youth Gathering is coming to New Orleans July 19-23! Praise will send a group of 11 to the gathering. Please see Linda McMichael or April Torres for details.

Support Our NYG Students & Get Your Ride Sparkling Clean!

Our amazing students are headed to the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July, and you can help get them there—while getting your car looking its best! They're selling Tidal Wave Car Wash tickets for their top-tier wash (a \$30 value!) for just \$12 each or 2 for only \$20.

Stop by the table after service and grab yours today—because supporting our youth never looked so shiny! ✨

Thank you for helping fuel their faith journey!

Looking for a sweet gift or a fun treat? Swig—the beloved dirty soda shop—has teamed up with Praise to offer \$10 gift cards, perfect for the Swig fans in your life! If you haven't had a chance to try it yet, now's the perfect time—grab a gift card and sip something new! Our awesome students will be in the narthex every Sunday, ready to help you get yours with a smile!

Cleaning Out Your Closets?

Praise Lutheran Church is collecting shoes to support our youth attending the National Youth Gathering. Help us raise funds by donating gently worn, used, and new shoes!



We only have a few weeks left and still need to collect more shoes. Please bring your donations to the bin in the narthex. Help Us Reach Our Goal! Every pair of shoes brings us one step closer to our national youth gathering. Your support makes a difference! Thank You for Your Generosity!

Campfirmation at Camp Linn Haven will be July 7-11, 2025. All parents and students interested in being part of this wonderful week of learning, please make sure to submit your deposits of \$50.00 per participant. Theme for 2025: *The Sacraments: Signed, Sealed, and Delivered*. Currently there are 11 youth and 7 adults attending.

Get a Lutheran mug! Mugs are \$25 and order forms are available in the narthex and are custom-made by Suzanne Nunnink! See Suzanne with any questions. Supports Youth Campfirmation this summer.

Please join the Roberts family in celebrating **Pastor / Derek's 50th birthday** on Tuesday, **April 29 from 5-8 p.m.** at Schulz Bräu Brewing Company, 126 Bernard Ave. Knoxville. Great German food and beer available to purchase, and we'll celebrate with something sweet in the outdoor biergarten. No gifts please, but do bring a card with your very best advice on how he should be living his next half century :)

Upcoming Events

Apr 29 (Tues) Cards Creation
(last Tuesday of the month) 1:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

May 1 (Thurs) Elders Meeting
7:00 p.m.

May 3 (Sat) 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Holy Smokers sponsored event at Grace Lutheran Church (LCMS), Knoxville: “Meat Preparation and Servant Leadership for the Whole Family.” Learn from a nationally known industry expert Dr. Lyda Garcia, PhD. Cost is \$20/family, bring a covered dish for supper and enjoy beef fajitas. RSVP by Apr 27 to Brian Strobel (515) 509-5443.

May 10 CPR Training (Sat) The Board of Church Safety has set up a CPR training at Praise 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the Social Hall. Cost for the class is \$30 collected at the event *payable to the instructor*; scholarships available if needed, please contact Tim Nunnink. You will be trained for Adult/Child/Infant CPR, AED, obstructed and unobstructed choking. Sign-up sheet located in the Narthex.

Needed: Sunday Ride Share Drivers please contact Mark Ratliff at (865) 724-5657 or Sonja Ratliff at (423) 802-9955. Provide rides to and from church on Sundays for members near you. Many thanks.

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MARY EBERSTADT

May 16, 2025 at 6:30 pm
Praise Lutheran Church
315 Southdowne Dr., Maryville, TN 37801

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Published in National Review and First Things
Former speechwriter for a U.S. secretary of state and a U.N. ambassador

Author of: *How the West Really Lost God*; *Adam and Eve after the Pill*
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Easter Afternoon at the Roberts (TODAY, Sun afternoon around 1:00 p.m.)
Continue the celebration of Easter at Pastor & Gretchen Roberts's home (meat and drinks provided, bring a side or dessert to share.
Address: **1813 Oxford Dr. Maryville, TN 37803**

This Week

Men's Lunch Wednesday at Blackhorse Pub & Brewery 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal [Break this week]

Middle and High School Youth WILL RESUME this Wednesday!! Please make plans to join us for community building activities and devotions that are geared to life in Middle School (6 -7pm) and High School (7-8)! Please wear clothes that you can move in, your water bottle, and Bible!

Men's Bible Study [Break this week] resumes after Easter

Ladies Bible Study [Break this week] will resume after Easter

A poster for an Easter Breakfast event. At the top, the word "ENDURE" is written in a bold, purple, sans-serif font. Below it, in a smaller, green, sans-serif font, is "HEBREWS 12:1-3". To the right of the text is a stylized cross made of four colored squares (purple, green, yellow, and blue). Below the text and cross, the words "Easter Breakfast" are written in a large, elegant, black cursive font. Underneath this, in a smaller, black, sans-serif font, is the text: "Please make plans to enjoy a hot breakfast with family and friends 9 - 11 am on Easter Sunday. Our youth will host a delicious spread of pancakes, sausages, egg casserole, coffee, and juice!". Below this, in the same black, sans-serif font, is the text: "We hope you will support our youth in their quest to raise enough money to attend the National Youth Gathering in New Orleans this July!". At the bottom of the poster, there is a photograph of several colorful Easter eggs (pink, green, yellow, blue, and orange) and some dried grass or straw.

Easter Breakfast TODAY served beginning at 9:00 a.m. and extending through 11:30 a.m. Freewill offerings help support the Youth attending the National Youth Gathering this summer.