Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

PARKING

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Please return your bulletin to the basket in the narthex after the early service or recycle in the blue recycle bin after the late service.

HYMNAL

The red hymnal in the pew in front of you contains much of the music used in this service. Page numbers are in the front part of the hymnal on the bottom of the page, while hymns are found towards the rear of the hymnal.

RESOURCES

T-coil audio is available in the nave. Ushers can provide hearing assistance and a wheelchair, if needed. Prayer shawls are available in the narthex.

CHILDCARE

Infants and children are welcome in worship. Changing tables are located in the restrooms. A staffed nursery is available Sundays 9 amnoon.

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Luther Memorial Church

Easter SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025 9 AM & 11 AM

PRELUDE This Joyful Eastertide | Cathy Moklebust Now the Green Blade Rises | arr. Kevin McChesney

GATHERING

Please rise.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Spoken by all three times: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Please turn and face the cross as the procession approaches the altar.#365 PROCESSIONAL HYMN Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

FIRST READING Acts 10:34-43

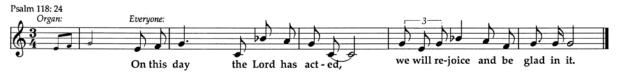
Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, **14-24** (*Setting by Peter R. Hallock*)

Antiphon:



Choir: The Lord is my strength and my song,
And he has become my salvation.
There is a sound of exhultation and victory
in the tents of the righteous.

Antiphon sung by all.

Choir: "The right hand of the Lord has triumphed! the right hand of the Lord is exalted! the right hand of the Lord has triumphed!" I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Antiphon sung by all.

Choir: The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

If for 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 first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he

hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler 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.

The word of the Lord.

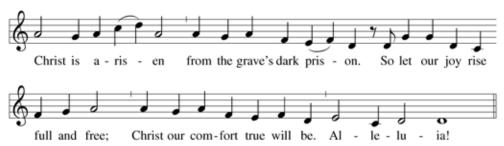
Thanks be to God.

Please rise.

#371/#372 GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL

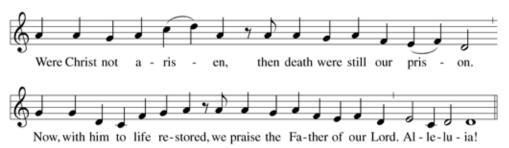
Choir: Christians, to the paschal victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeeming: Christ, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the prince of life, who died, reigns immortal!

Congregation:



Choir: Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting. My Lord, my hope, is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."

Congregation:



Choir: Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen.

Congregation:



GOSPEL Luke 24:1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for 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 handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit. **SERMON**

Please rise.

#378 HYMN OF THE DAY Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

NICENE CREED

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

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

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

... Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please greet your neighbor: **Peace be with you.**

MEAL

Please sit. **OFFERING**

MUSIC AT THE OFFERING Christus Vincit | Gerre Hancock

Christus vincit. Christus regnat, Christus imperat! Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto. Sicut erat in principio, et nunc et semper, Et in saecula, saeculorum. Amen.

Christ has conquered, Christ our sovereign, Christ reigns forevermore! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and forevermore, World without end. Amen.

Please rise.

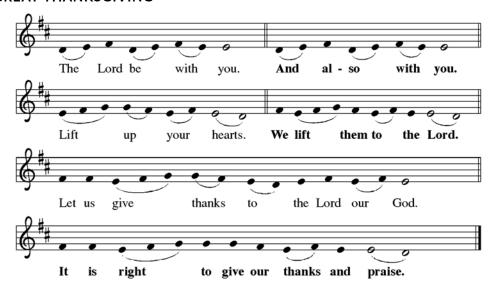
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

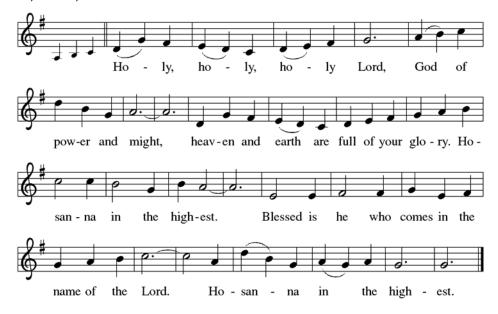
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy... until he comes.



Remembering, therefore... now and forever.



LORD'S PRAYER

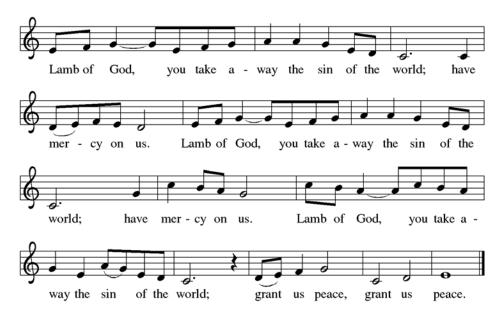


THE COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. We receive the Body of Christ (bread*) in our open hands. Christ is fully present in both bread and cup. The Blood of Christ (wine) may be received in any of three ways: by drinking from the first chalice, by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice, or by drinking from an individual glass poured from a second chalice.. Gluten-free bread is available on request.

Please sit.

LAMB OF GOD



MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION

9 AM: Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem | Charles Villiers Stanford

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ, The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy.

For Judah's Lion bursts his chains, Crushing the serpent's head; And cries aloud through death's domains To wake the imprisoned dead.

Devouring depths of hell their prey At his command restore; His ransomed hosts pursue their way Where Jesus goes before.

Triumphant in his glory now To him all power is given; To him in one communion bow All saints in earth and Heaven.

While we, His soldiers, praise our King, His mercy we implore, Within his palace bright to bring And keep us evermore.

All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son, All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run.

Alleluia! Amen.

11 AM: A Carol for Easter | Susan Powell

Away in a manger, where cows ate their hay, The Lord God of heaven was laid down one day By Mary, his mother, whose heart sang of love, While "Glory" and "peace" sang the angels above.

Away on a hilltop, a place called "the skull." The Lord God of heaven was hung on a pole By all of his people and all of their sin, And all of their punishment fell upon him.

Away in a tomb that a rich man had loaned, The Lord God of heaven was laid behind stone By some of his sad friends who'd watched as he died And wondered how God's Son could be crucified.

Away rolled the tombstone and sin, death, and hell: The Lord God of heaven has done all things well, And now he has risen and us with him raised That we may forever sing songs of his praise.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- **#368** With High Delight Let Us Unite
- #382 Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!
- **#366** The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
- **#376** Thine Is the Glory

Please rise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

#385 RECESSIONAL HYMN Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE Toccata from Organ Symphony No. 5 | Charles-Marie Widor, arr. Richard Proulx

TODAY FROM THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Because for our sake you tasted gall, may the Enemy's bitterness be killed in us. Because for our sake you drank sour wine, may what is weak in us be strengthened. Because for our sake you were struck with a rod, may we receive shelter in the last. Because for our sake you accepted a crown of thorns, may we that love you be crowned with garlands that can never fade. Because for our sake you were wrapped in a shroud, may we be clothed in your all-enfolding strength. Because you were laid in the new grave and the tomb, may we receive renewal of soul and body. Because you rose and returned to life, may we be brought to life again. Amen.

Communion Hymn (Fifth Century)

SERVING TODAY

	9 AM	11 AM
PRESIDER	Pastor Brad Pohlman	Pastor Brad Pohlman
PREACHER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Koen Mattison, Finn Rothenberg	Berkeley Worzala Dumke, Luke Szczykutowicz
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison	Margaret Szczykutowicz
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Janet Zentner, Rolf Wulfsberg	Phyllis Pleuss, Kris Gruber-Twardy, Al Larson
CRUCIFER	Randy Raasch	Brian Uphoff
LECTOR	Bonnie Gruber	John Pleuss
SACRISTAN	Sue Bangert	Cynthia Vander Woude
THURIFER		Alex Starr
AUDIO	Randy Eide	David Heins
VIDEO	Lee Powell	
HEAD USHER	Eric Oelkers	Bob Uphoff
USHERS	Kendall Oelkers, Casey Oelkers, Dylan Oelkers, Randy & Connie Burmeister	Chris Uphoff, Jeff Van Fleet

Our thanks to brass ensemble: Matt Sundell, Laura McGuire, Erin Cook, Steve Nickels, and Laura Guse for sharing their gifts with us this morning.

Today we remember the inurnment of Luella Hilston in the LM columbarium. The congregation is invited to visit the columbarium and read her page in the memory books.

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