

# Welcome!

Please silence your cell phone in the nave.

## PARKING

Free parking is available Sundays in Grainger Hall parking ramp, one block east of the church, off Brooks Street. For closer access, parking is available in the garage under the church off Conklin Place alley.

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## 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.

## LEARN MORE

If you would like a pastor to call, or want to learn more:

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Luther Memorial Church

## Holy Communion

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026 | 10:30 AM

**PRELUDE** Resounding Alleluias | Stephen Wurst (b. 1989)

## 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

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Final refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## 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.**



**SECOND 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.

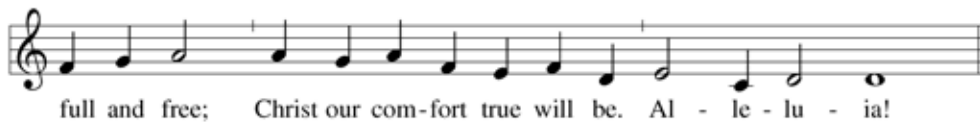
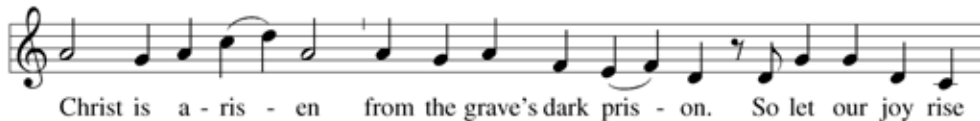
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise.*

**#371/#372 GOSPEL PROCESSION**

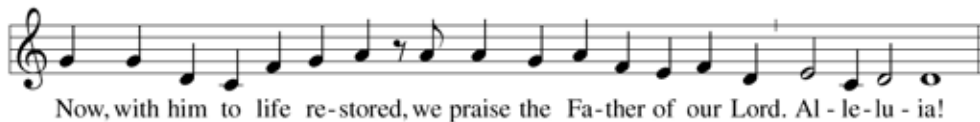
Choir: Christians, to the paschal victim offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeeming: Christ, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the prince of life, who died, reigns immortal!

**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:**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia! So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

**GOSPEL** John 20:1-18

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise.*

#391 HYMN OF THE DAY This Joyful Eastertide

**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** Surrexit Christus, Hodie | Samuel Scheidt (1587–1654)

*Surrexit Christus hodie. Alleluia!*

Christ is risen today Alleluia!

*Humano pro solamine. Alleluia!*

For the comfort of all people. Alleluia!

*In hoc Paschali gaudio. Alleluia!*

Rejoice in this Easter Day. Alleluia!

*Benedicamus Domino. Alleluia!*

Let us give thanks to God. Alleluia!

*Mortem qui passus pridie. Alleluia!*

He suffered death the day before. Alleluia!

*Miserrimo pro homine. Alleluia!*

He suffered for us all. Alleluia!

*Laudetur sancta Trinitas. Alleluia!*

Praise the Holy Trinity. Alleluia!

*Deo dicamus gratias. Alleluia!*

Give thanks to God. Alleluia!

*Please rise.*

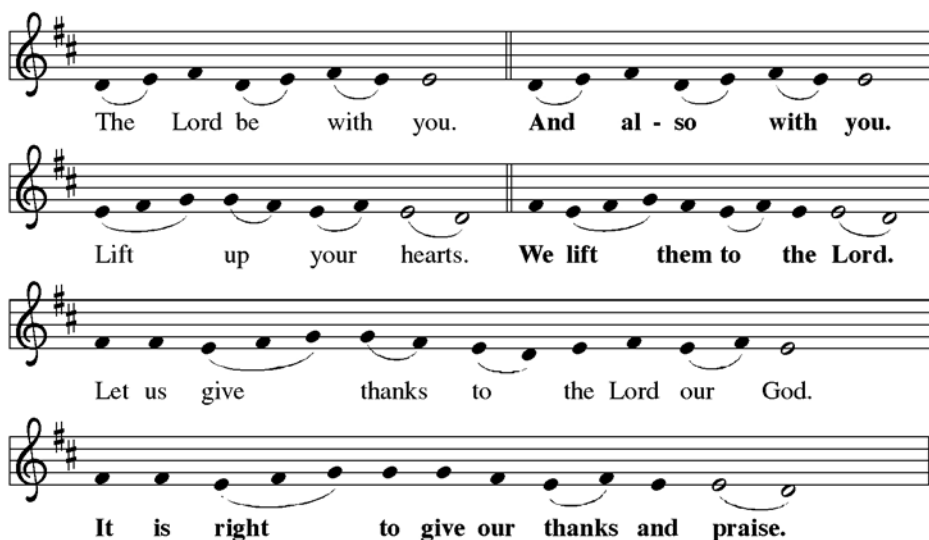
**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

You are indeed holy... until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Remembering, therefore... now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

**LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav- en, hal- low- ed be

thy name, thy king-dom come, thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heav- en. Give us this day our

dai- ly bread; and for- give us our tres- pass- es,

as we for- give those who tres- pass a- gainst us; and lead us



not in- to temp-ta- tion, but de- liv- er us from e- vil.



For thine is the king- dom, and the pow- er, and the



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

### 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 by drinking from the first chalice or by dipping the bread (intinction) into the chalice. Gluten-free bread is available on request.*

*Please sit.*

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

### MUSIC AT THE COMMUNION Haec Dies | William Byrd (1540–1623)

*Haec dies quam fecit Dominus:  
exultemus et laetemur in ea,  
Alleluia!*

### COMMUNION HYMNS

- #373 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
- #376 Thine Is the Glory
- #379 Now the Green Blade Rises
- #362 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

*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.**

**#366 RECESSIONAL HYMN** The Strife Is O'er


**DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister



Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.

Assembly



Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation. The first staff is for the Assisting Minister and the second is for the Assembly. Both staves are in treble clef and contain lyrics with musical notes and rests. The lyrics are: 'Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia.' for the Assisting Minister and 'Thanks be to God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' for the Assembly.

**POSTLUDE** Festival Prelude *from Three Pieces for Brass Quintet* | Richard Hillert (1923–2010)



## 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

PRESIDER	Pastor John Worzala Dumke
PREACHER	Pastor Brad Pohlman
ORGANIST	Andrew Schaeffer
ACOLYTES	Finn Rothenberg, Koen Mattison
ASSISTING MINISTER	Amy Grunewald Mattison
COMMUNION ASSISTANT	Rolf Wulfsberg
CRUCIFER	Tim Szczykutowicz
LECTOR	Lynn Washington
SACRISTAN	Cynthia Vander Woude
THURIFER	Dan Ruge
AUDIO & VIDEO	Alex Starr
HEAD USHER	Robert Steffen
USHERS	Kris Gruber-Twardy, Paul Twardy, Marsha Steffen, Nicole Lane Starr

**Our thanks** to Matt Sundell & Laura McGuire, trumpets; Rebecca Sawyer, horn; Steve Nickels, trombone; Spencer Hart, tuba; and Laura Guse, timpani.

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