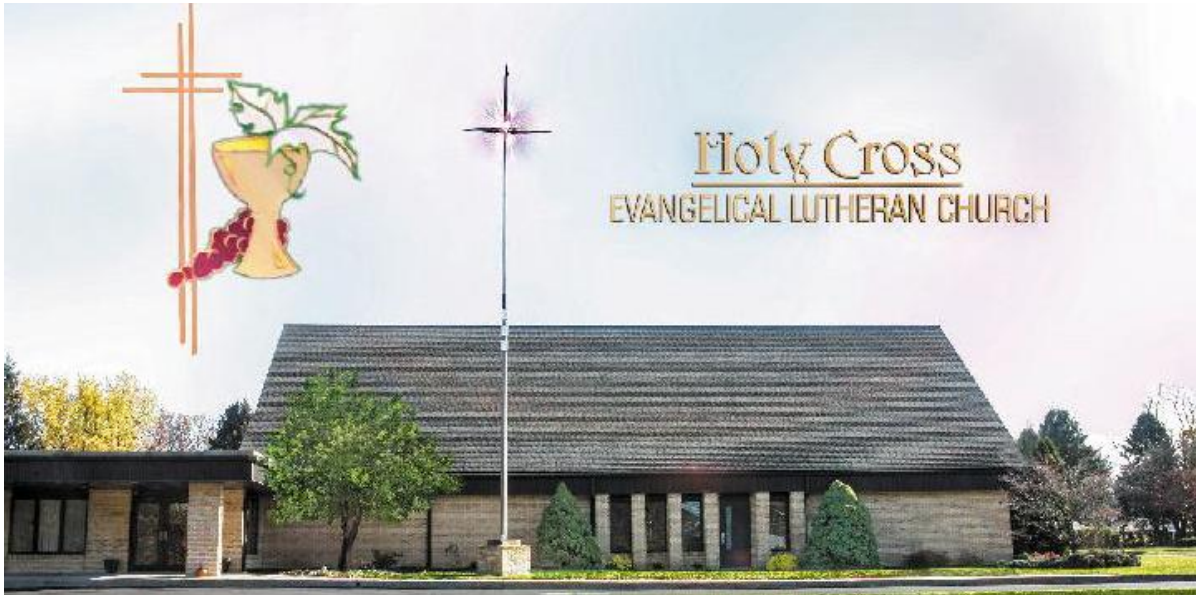


# Full Service Bulletin



## HOLY COMMUNION APRIL 7, 2024 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." (Psalm 122:1)*

### PRELUDE AND PREPARATION

*During the prelude, prepare your heart for worship: read the introduction, peruse the bulletin, find the scripture readings in the pew Bible, and focus your thoughts on the Lord. You may pray: **Almighty God, You provide the true bread from heaven, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Prepare us to receive His body and blood, that abiding in Him, and He in us, we may be filled with the power of His endless life. Amen.***

### CHILDREN

*We welcome children of all ages. The Children's Library is available if a child needs a break during the service.*

### INTRODUCTION

*The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we play in the mystery of Christ's presence, mostly through the glorious Gospel of John. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. Like Thomas we have doubts, but Jesus shows Himself to us and renews our faith. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and material sharing such that no one among us is in need.*

# WELCOME AND MEDITATION

## GATHERING HYMN *(Please rise.)*

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” (SBH #483 2nd - favorite)

WALTON (GERMANY). L. M.

WILLIAM GARDINER'S *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

*In moderate time*

1. Je - sus, thou Joy of lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of  
2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou say - est  
3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to

life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss that earth im -  
those that on thee call; To them that seek thee thou art  
feast up - on thee still; We drink of thee, the Foun - tain -

parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.  
good, To them that find thee, all in all.  
head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill. A-men.

4 Our restless spirits yearn for thee,  
Where'er our changeful lot is cast;  
Glad, when thy gracious smile we see,  
Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.

5 O Jesus, ever with us stay;  
Make all our moments calm and bright;  
Chase the dark night of sin away,  
Shed o'er the world thy holy light. Amen.

*Ascribed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153  
Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87*

## **INVOCATION** ( = *All may make the sign of the cross.*)

P: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Who calls us beloved children, Who gathers us into one flock, Who guides us into all truth. **C: AMEN.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: If we claim to be to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sins, for God is faithful and just and will forgive us and purify us from all unrighteousness.

*(Please kneel. Silence is kept for reflection.)*

P: Faithful and just God, **C: we confess our sin. We are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways of darkness that lead to death. We confess our failure to live fully the good news of the resurrection. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as You have loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let Your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new; that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, and know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. AMEN.**

P: This is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. In the name of + Jesus Christ, I announce to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. **C: AMEN.**

## **GREETING** (*Please rise.*)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **WE PRAISE GOD'S NAME**

*With one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*"Let all the peoples praise him." (Romans 15:6,11)*

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "*Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*"  
(SBH # 106 1st tune)

*With movement*

FIRST TUNE

1. Come, ye faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri-um-phant glad-ness;  
2. Now the queen of sea-sons, bright With the day of splen-dor,

God hath brought his Is-ra-el In-to joy from sad-ness;  
With the roy-al feast of feasts, Comes its joy to ren-der;

'Tis the spring of souls to-day: Christ hath burst his pris-on,  
Comes to glad-den Chris-tian men, Who with true af-fec-tion

And from three days' sleep in death, As a sun hath ris-en.  
Wel-come in un-wea-ried strains Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion.

3 All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.  
Neither might the gates of death,  
Nor the tomb's dark portal,  
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,  
Hold thee as a mortal;

4 But today amidst the Twelve  
Thou didst stand, bestowing  
That thy peace, which evermore  
Passeth human knowing.  
Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
Of triumphant gladness;  
God hath brought his Israel  
Into joy from sadness.

*St. John of Damascus, VIII cent.  
Tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you.      **C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray together:    **C: Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the festival of our Lord's resurrection. May we, who have not seen, have faith in you despite our doubts. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.**

## RESPONSIVE READING....Psalm 133

*(congregation reads indented)*

How good and pleasant it is

**when brothers live together in unity!**

It is like precious oil poured on the head,

**running down on the beard,**

running down on Aaron's beard,

**down upon the collar of his robes.**

It is as if the dew of Hermon

**were falling on Mount Zion.**

For there the LORD bestows His blessing,

**even life forevermore.**

*(Please sit.)*

## PRAISE SONG “Getting Used to the Family of God”

*(Maj # 345 - Gloria & William J. Gaither)*

1 Climb-ing the moun-tains, cross-ing the plains, Ford-ing the  
 2 Reach-ing our hands to a broth-er who's new, Learn-ing to

1 riv-ers shar-ing the pain; Some-times the loss-es and  
 2 say that I real-ly love you; Learn-ing to walk as the

1 some-times the gains, Get-ting used to the fam-'ly of God.  
 2 Mas-ter would do,

Go-ing to-geth-er, en-joy-ing the trip, Get-ting used to the

fam-'ly I'll spend e-ter-ni-ty with; Learn-ing to love you, how

eas-y it is, Get-ting used to the fam-'ly of God.

## WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

**FIRST READING**....Acts 4:32-35.....p. 1697

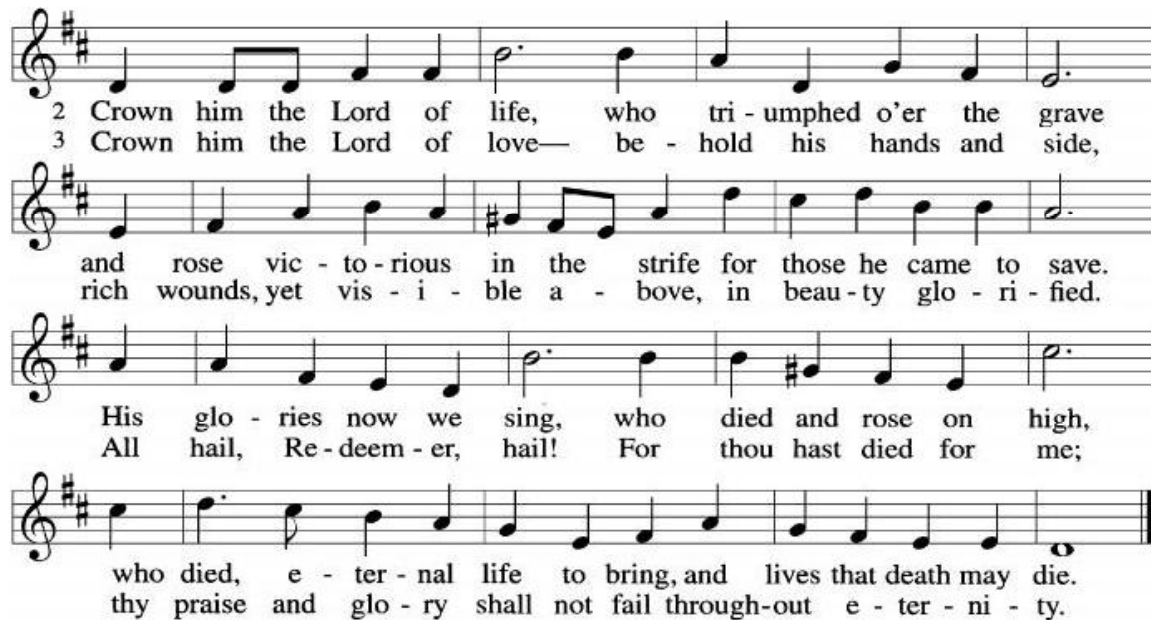
P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING**....1 John 1:1-2:2.....p. 1898

P: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Please rise.*)

*“Crown Him with Many Crowns” verse 2 (SBH # 431 - favorite)*



2 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave  
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be-hold his hands and side,  
and rose vic-tor-ious in the strife for those he came to save.  
rich wounds, yet vis-i-ble a-bove, in beau-ty glo-ri-fied.  
His glo-ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, st. 3; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 2,  
Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

DIADEMATA  
SMD

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**....John 20:19-31.....Pg. 1686

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** *verse 3*

*(Young children go to Children's Church)*

**SERMON** (*Please sit. See notes box in Announcements insert.*)

*“Powerful Evidence for Faith”*

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.  
(Romans 15:13)*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** (*Please rise.*) *“Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!”*

*(ELW # 382 - Text: John S. Monsell; Tune: Frederick C. Maker)*



1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall;



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.



Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
he was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!



Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father 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 was made**



man. 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 worshipped 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.

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH** *(Please kneel.)*

*(Response: L: Lord, in Your mercy, C: hear our prayer.)*

## **OFFERING**

*We no longer pass the plate, but your offerings are needed more than ever. The plate is located at the back of the center aisle. Please place your offering and your Communication Card there as you come in or go out. Thank You!*

## **WE COMMUNE WITH CHRIST**

*For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. (1 Corinthians 11:26)*

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The LORD be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever living God. But chiefly we are bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for He is the true Passover Lamb Who gave Himself to take away our sin, Who by His death has destroyed death, and by His rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise Your name and join their unending hymn: *"Alleluia"* (Michael W. Smith)

Piano

Al - le - lu - ia. Ho - ly, ho - ly

are You, Lord God Al - might y. Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb.

You are ho - ly, ho - ly are You, Lord God Al - might y.

Wor thy is the Lamb, wor thy is the Lamb. A - men.

## PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth. In mercy for our fallen world You gave Your only Son, that all those who believe in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. We give thanks to You for the salvation You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

In the night in which He was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is My body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me.

Again, after supper, He took the cup; gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: this cup is the new covenant in My blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of Me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P: Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, and into these gifts of bread and wine, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His holy supper.

**C: AMEN. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.**

P: Remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(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. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

## **COMMUNION** *(Please be seated)*

*All who are baptized and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior may partake. Please fill out a communication card and put it in the offering plate. We have returned to kneeling for communion by "tables." People who want to minimize contact and maintain greater physical distance can take a pre-filled glass and stand a foot back from the altar rail. For a gluten-free rice wafer (blue-green) say "Rice." Grape juice (white) is in pre-filled glasses. Those not ready to receive communion may come for a blessing.*

## **LAMB OF GOD** *(WOV p 25)*

The musical score for 'LAMB OF GOD' is presented in five systems, each with a treble clef and a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system includes a square symbol in the first measure. The second and fourth systems end with a double bar line and a key signature change to one sharp (F#).


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

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


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

## COMMUNION HYMNS *(sung while others are receiving.)*


### 1. "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" (ELW # 377)



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be o - pen!"  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:

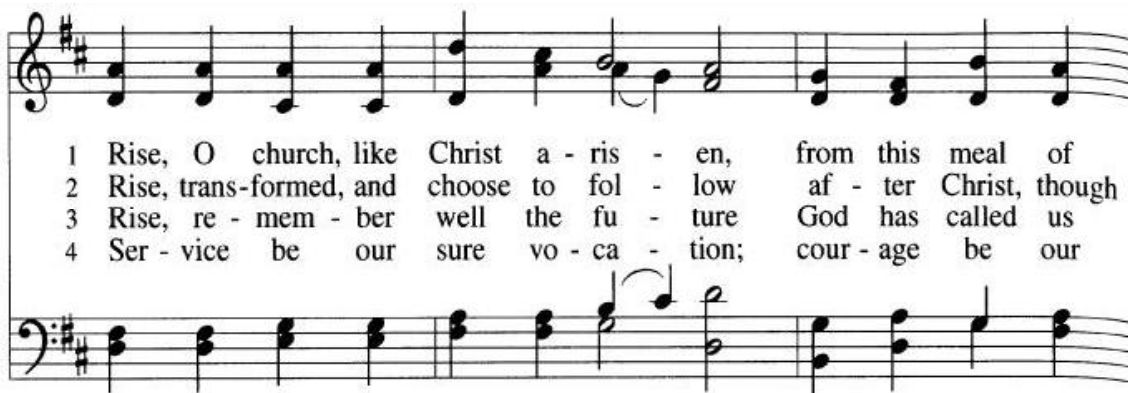


Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926 Music: EARTH AND ALL STARS, David N. Johnson, 1922-1987

### 2. "Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen"

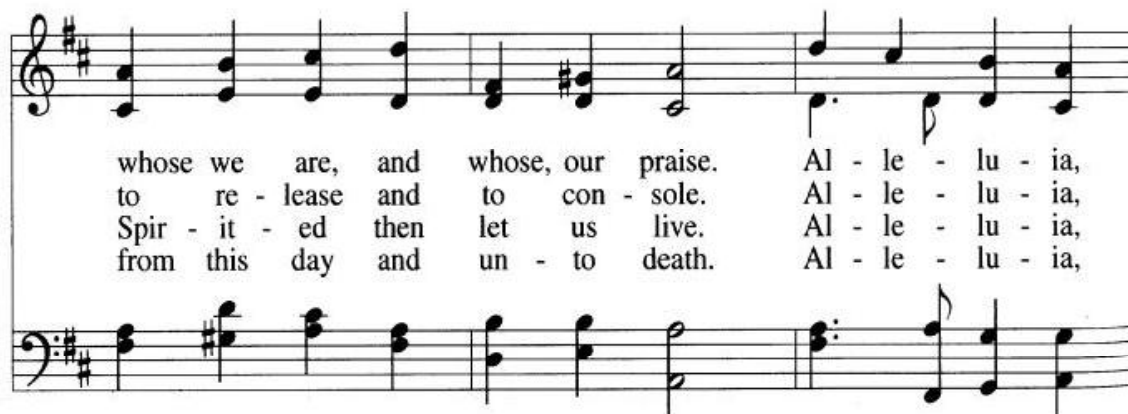
(RW # 191 - Text: Susan Palo Cherwien; Tune: John Goss)



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this meal of  
 2 Rise, trans-formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter Christ, though  
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has called us  
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age be our



love and grace; may we through such love en - vi - sion  
 wound-ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed  
 to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,  
 dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le - lu - ia,  
 from this day and un - to death. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.  
 al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
 al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.  
 al - le - lu - ia: Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

*(10:45 - Communion visitors comes forward during last verse.)*

## **WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD**

*Come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! (Isaiah 2:5)*

### **SENDING OF COMMUNION** *(Please rise.) (10:45)*

L: Let us pray together:      **C: Eternal God, Whose glory is revealed in the crucified and risen Lord: Bless those who go forth to share Your word and sacrament with our sisters and brothers who are sick or homebound. In Your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this communion in the body and blood of Your Son, that we may all feast upon Your abundant love made known in Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.**

### **BLESSING** *(Please rise.)*

P: The God of all grace, Who has called you to eternal glory in Christ, restore, support, strengthen, and bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit now and forever.      **C: AMEN.**

### **SENDING HYMN** *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

*(ELW # 815 - favorite - Kathleen Thomerson)*

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

L: As we leave to serve the Risen Lord in the power of His Spirit, let us share with one another some of the blessings of peace we have received. The peace of the Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **POSTLUDE**

### **FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS**

*Everyone is invited to remain for fellowship and refreshments. Snacks, coffee and hot water are available in the Gathering Place. You can brew your own coffee/tea using the Keurig® in the Parlor.*

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see . . . the bright - ness of God.  
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.  
 Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,  
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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**APRIL 7, 2024**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SERVANTS OF THE LORD THIS WEEK**

GREETER: 8:30-Sally Stein / 10:45-Irene Graham

LIVESTREAM: 8:30-Jan Stryker

SOUND: 8:30-Josh Miller / 10:45-Ken Yoxheimer

SONG LEADER: 8:30-Bella Zyskowski

LITURGIST: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

LECTOR: 8:30-Ruthann Kistler / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Ruthann Kistler

USHER: 8:30-Jan Stryker / 10:45-Irene Graham

COMMUNION SERVER: 8:30-Patty Stein / 10:45-Lyn Stryker

COMMUNION VISITORS: Pastor David, Sharon Branigan

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Lisa Wechsler, *Treasurer* † Glade Schroeter, *Webmaster*

**SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

Worship - 8:30 & 10:45 AM † Sunday School - 9:45 AM

*(Holy Communion 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays & Major Feasts)*

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