



Easter Sunday 8:30am

Our Mission:

*Glorifying God through our worship, our witness, our service,
and our support*

Our Vision:

To build and strengthen the body of Christ

Holy Communion

To help you feel more comfortable please know that all baptized Christians who believe in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament and have already received Holy Communion in your home church, are welcome to come to the altar and receive Holy Communion.

To receive the sacrament:

1. Communicant should receive the consecrated host from the Pastor and then proceed to the Assisting Minister who will be standing near the sanctuary pillar on whichever side of the church is being communed to receive a prefilled communion cup;
2. If the communicant prefers the consecrated grape juice, they shall receive that from the Pastor.
3. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and the pastor will bring Holy Communion to you.

Assisting at Worship:

	Today	April 27
Asst. Min.	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
Lector	Laurie Hecht	Laurie Hecht
Usher	TBD	TBD
Sound System	TBD	TBD
Video	Savanna Conner	Brad Bresee
Counters	Laurie Hecht	Linda Jones
Altar Guild	Candy Sprouse, Sandy Hough, Mary Rush, Bonnie Magee	

We welcome Michelle Flaherty as our musician today.

Welcome/Announcements

Gathering Hymn

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 you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



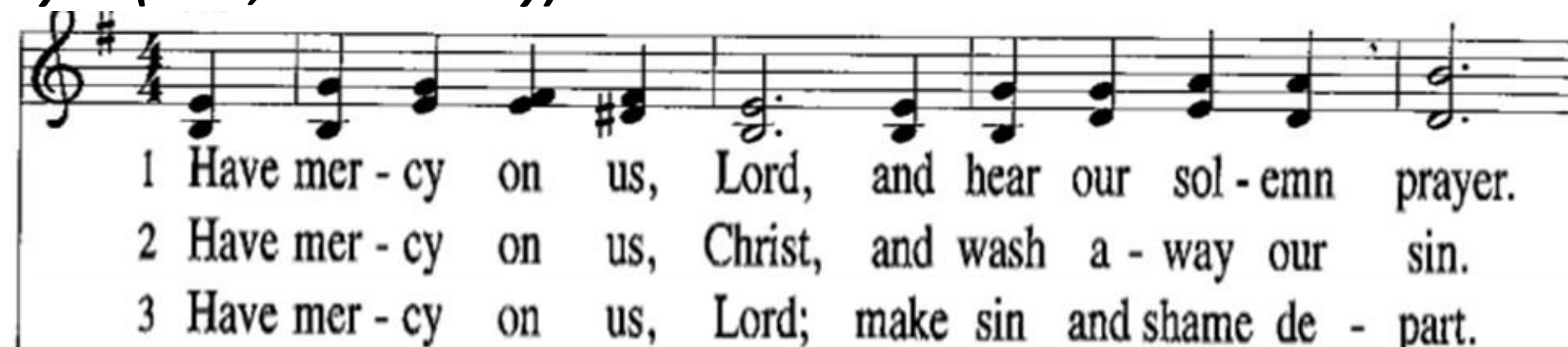
suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting


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

G And also with you.

Kyrie (Lord, Have Mercy)




1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.

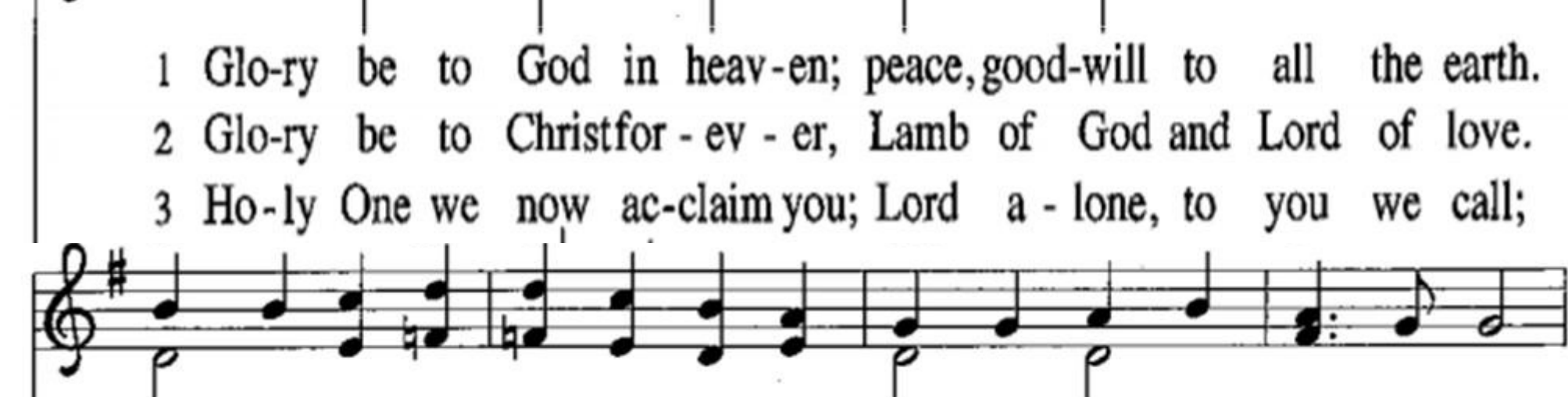


We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

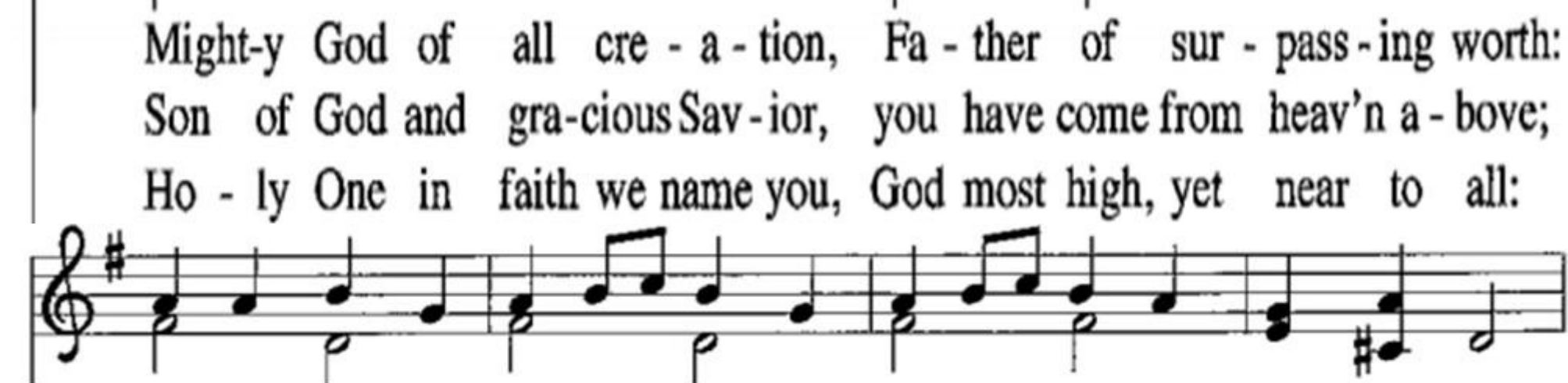
Glory to God



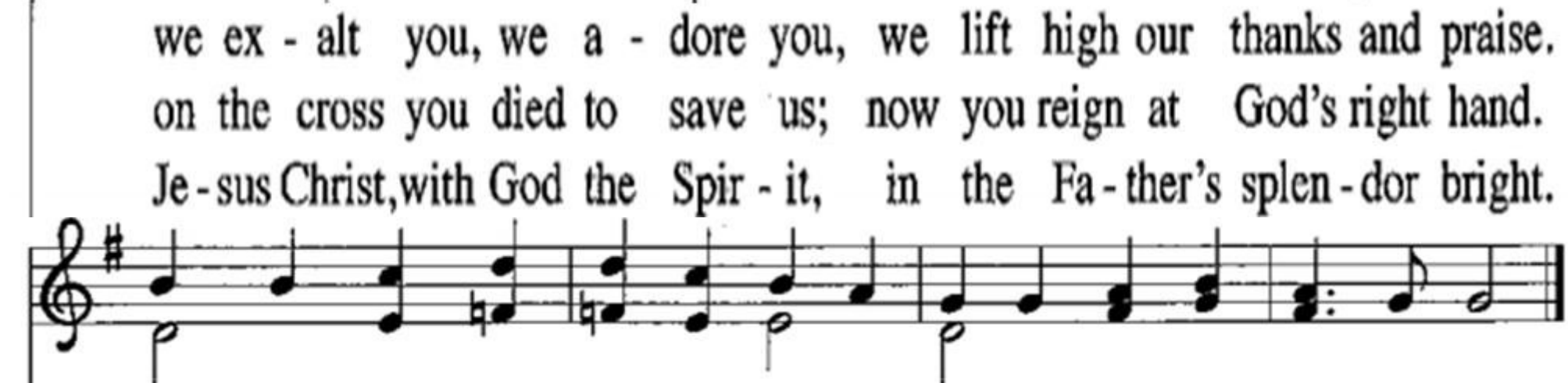
1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac - claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

Prayer of the Day

P Let us Pray: O God,

G 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.

First Lesson

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.”

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Psalm

118:1-2,14-24

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation
Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Lesson

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.

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson

Luke 24:1-12

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.

A The Gospel of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Hymn of the Day

Thine is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 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!

Creed

- P** Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:
- C** **We believe in the God of Life who creates and loves people, who acts in history, and who promises never to leave us alone.**
We believe in Jesus of Nazareth, who is Lord and Redeemer, who died and rose again, and who wants not be idolized but to be followed.
We believe that we live in the presence of the Holy Spirit; without it we are nothing; filled with the Holy Spirit we are able to become creative, lively, and free.
We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ, a community where we find companions for the struggle of life; where we grow in understanding of the faith through worship, prayer, fellowship, and action.
We believe that God has a purpose for us in this time and place.
We believe in living, hoping, laughing and enjoying the good earth. We believe that people can change, attitudes can change, and that God keeps leading us towards life, and to a new world of justice and joy.

Prayers of the People

- A** God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need....God of Grace,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.
- C** **Amen.**

Peace

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Instrumental music while the Altar is being prepared

Offertory Hymn

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

[stand]

1 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!

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.

Refrain

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!

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self

- A** Let us pray. (*brief pause*) Risen One,
- C** you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.

Confession and Forgiveness [stand/kneel as able]

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed!**

P In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C **Amen.**

P Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C **make us one as you are one.**

P Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord". It consists of four staves of music in G major and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,". The second staff continues with "heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est." The third staff starts with "Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -" and the fourth staff concludes with "san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, with some phrases being repeated.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

- ☑ **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.**

Invitation to Communion

- ☐ **Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.**
- ☑ **Therefore, let us keep the fast. We do not presume to come to this your Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.**
- ☐ **This is the Gift of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.**

Distribution of Communion [sit]

Lamb of God



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Music Instrumental

Table Blessing

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

G Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in heav'n-ly peace,
2 Then grant that I may fol - low your gleam, O glo - rious Light,



for I have seen the glo - ry of your re - deem - ing grace:
till earth-ly shad - ows scat - ter, and faith is changed to sight;



a light to lead the na - tions un - to your ho - ly hill,
till rap-tured saints shall gath - er up - on that shin-ing shore,

the glo - ry of your peo - ple, your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
 where Christ, the bless - ed day - star, shall light them ev - er - more.

Post Communion Prayer

- A** Let us pray. *(brief pause)* Living One,
- C** in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. Amen

Blessing

- P** The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
- C** Amen.

Sending Hymn

Lift High the Cross

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim till
 all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to thee.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Dismissal

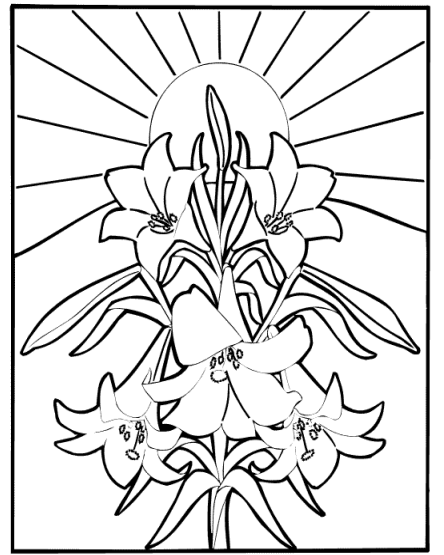
- Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- Go in peace. In Christ you have been made anew. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

*One Easter Lilly is given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for my family by
 Marylou Bartlett*

*One Easter Lilly is given to the Glory of God and in Honor of my children and
 grandchildren with love by Cindy Anderson*

*The Vigil Candle is given to the Glory of God and in n Honor of my mom, Marylou
 Bartlett with love by Cindy Anderson*

*The Easter Flowers are given to
the Glory of God and...*



In Celebration of

My children, Patty, Cindy, & Chris by Jean Parker
Great Grandson graduation & Eagle Scout Award
Easter by Robin Curtis

In Honor of:

Isabel Jones by Laurie Hecht
My family by Marylou Bartlett
Our mothers, Marylou & Joanne
My grandchildren, Kacy & Karson by Jean Parker

In Thanksgiving for:

Graces & blessings received by Shirley & Jeff Damon
The love & support from the ladies of Messiah by Laurie Hecht

In Memory of:

My parents, Sara & Clifford Parker by Jean Parker
Tarzan Booth by Lisa Booth
Everyone I know that is dead by Cyndi Allen
Our parents by Shirley Damon
James Swoger by Swoger & Hauser families
Robert Hecht, Dorothy Hecht, Lamar Jones, Grand Birdie Jones, &
Oliver G. Shadle, Jr. by Laurie Hecht
Clyde Bartlett by Marylou Bartlett
John & Gertrude Rettman, Wallace & Hazel Jones, and Kenneth &
Eleanor Defoe by Gene & Linda Jones
Robert Sprouse & Sandi Carlson by Candy Sprouse
Beloved parents, brother, & sister by Bonnie Magee
Our fathers, Clyde & Arthur by Cindy & Art Anderson
Walter & Marie Porada, Jack & Ethel Getkin, & Beck Fahringer

*A list is posted beside the door to the Library showing the type, and how many,
of the flowers you have sponsored.*

Announcements

Second Mile Giving is that stewardship we offer in addition to our regular giving. For **April the Lutheran Disaster Response** is our Second Mile Giving beneficiary. Contributions may be made throughout the month by using the yellow envelopes found in the pews. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Wesleyville Food Pantry: Please consider a financial gift. Checks should be made payable to Messiah Lutheran Church marking "Food Pantry" in the memo line.

Baby Bottle Tree: **Sunday, April 27 through Sunday, May 11**

To help support Foster Care Children in the Erie area, we will be collecting baby items, ages preemies to 18 months. Some bottles will have a monetary donation, made out to the church, to reimburse purchases made.

Wesleyville Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

May 6 at 5:00-6:00pm for Country Fair distribution.

May 12 at 10:00am to unload senior boxes.

May 19 at 10:00am to unload food delivery.

May 20 at 10:00-11:00am & 5:00-6:00pm for regular food distribution.

**MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH
PRELIMINARY 3-YEAR VISION
PROPOSED - 2025 to 2027**

WORSHIP

Start?

Technology

Add Screens in sanctuary (2025)

Update website (2025)

Obtain Hearing Assisted Devices (DONE)

Music Ministry

Build out the Band (2025)

CHILDREN & FAMILY MINISTRY

Bubble Church (2025-2026)

School Day Off Camp (2025)

Milestone Ministry (Sept. 2025)

PROPERTY

Fix Front Electronic Sign (DONE)

Repair/Purchase Boiler (DONE)

Plumbing Upgrades/Restrooms (2027)

Buy New Freezer (ASAP)

IN-REACH

Recruit and Train More Volunteer (2025)

Train in-home communion ministry (2025)

EDUCATION

Bible Study (Adult and Children) - have more options (2025-2027)

OUTREACH

Maintain Community Garden (2025-2027)

Continue Back to School Bash (2025-2027)

Continue participation in Community National Night Out (2025-2027)

FELLOWSHIP

Explore more group events (ongoing)

Continue to grow OWLs ministry (spiritually and fellowship) (ongoing)

Lutheran Walkers (2025)

This Week at the Church

(See Newsletter for More Detail)

**Office Hours :Monday, Closed Tuesday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Wednesday-Closed, Thursday, 10:00am-5:00pm,
Friday-10:00am-5:00pm**

Sun. 4/20	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion
Mon.	6:30PM	Meditation Group
Tues.	10:00AM	Sewing Circle
Thu.	10:00AM	Grateful Prayer Group-CC
	5:30PM	Stewardship/Finance
	6:00PM	Church Council
	7:30PM	NA Group
Fri.	7:30PM	AA
Sun. 4/27	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
	8:30 and 11:00AM	Service of Holy Communion