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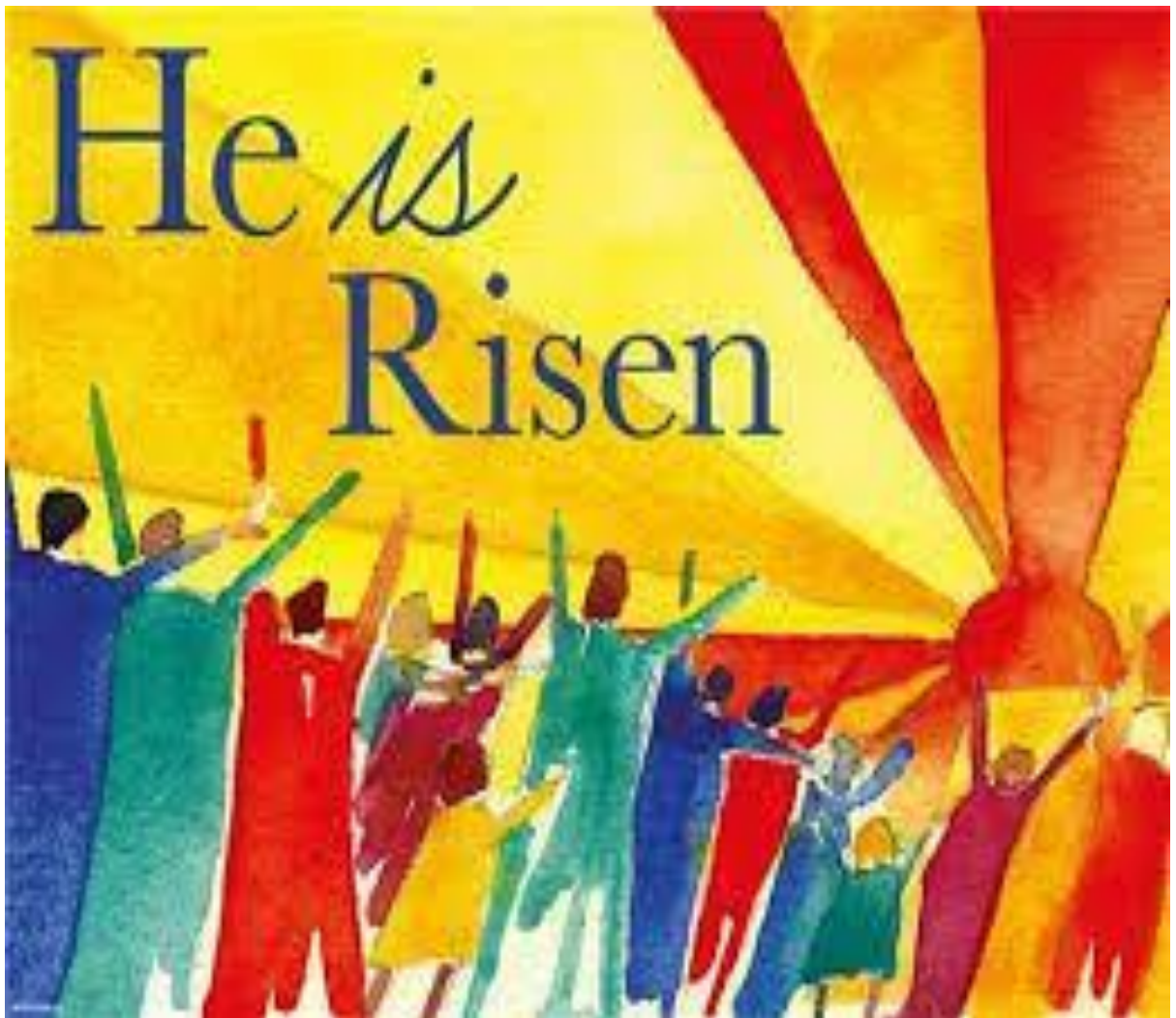
A CITY-WIDE CHURCH WITH A WORLD-WIDE MINISTRY

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April 4, 2021

9:00 AM & 11:00 AM



GATHERING

PRELUDE

Kountze Brass
Dan Nesbitt, Scott Quackenbush, *trumpet*
Jason Stromquist, Jay Wise, *trombone*

(stand)

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION!

- P** Christ is risen! **C** Christ is risen!
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P Christ is risen! **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

ELW 365

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| <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!</p> |
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Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

EASTER GREETING

- 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Almighty God,
C 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 will 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.

WORD

(sit)

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

More than 700 years before Christ, the prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

☐ The word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (read responsively)

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The core of the Christian faith and Paul's preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

☐ The word of the Lord.

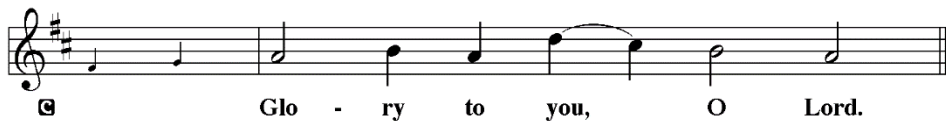
☑ Thanks be to God.

(stand)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



☐ The Holy Gospel according to St Mark.



GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Jesus' body. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "*Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?*" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "*Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.*" ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

☐ The Gospel of our Lord



HYMN

"Peace, to Soothe Our Bitter Woes"

ELW 381

**Peace, to soothe our bitter woes,
God in Christ on us bestows;
Jesus bought our peace with God
with his holy, precious blood;
peace in him for sinners found
is the gospel's joyful sound.**

**Peace within the church still dwells
in our welcomes and farewells;
and through God's baptismal pow'r
peace surrounds our dying hour.
Peace be with you, full and free,
now and through eternity.**

Text: Nicolai F. S. Grundtvig, 1783-1872; tr. George T. Rygh, 1860-1943, alt.

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

SERMON

Pastor Roynesdal

(stand)

HYMN OF THE DAY

“The Day of Resurrection!”

ELW 361

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| <p>1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.</p> <p>2 Let hearts be purged of evil
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents,
may hear, so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing,
may raise the glad refrain.</p> | <p>3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!</p> <p>4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!</p> |
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Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Response: **☞** Lord, in your mercy,
 ☞ **hear our prayer.**

(In our prayers today, during a time of silence, pray for those listed below and for others according to their needs)

Illness: Lois Andresen, Richard Bock, Kristin Boe, Don Burton, Carol Duncan, Mike Edris, Rodney Edwards, Richard Holzer, Renee Johnson, Jason Klonglan, Marcie Lafleur, Ron Muchmore, Julie O’Doherty, Mary Olson, Marce Picha, David Penning, Toby Rees, Gary Rodene, Al Schewe, Mark Sullivan, Helen Taylor, Sheri Tipton, Nancy Tunzer, Dorothy Vancaster, John Waterman, Darlene White

Other Prayers: *Those serving in the military* – Amy Dyer, Brennan Hron, Wyatt Johnson, Josh Kropenske, Michael McNeill, Daniel Milstead, Cody Ray, Sheldon Skovgaard, Michael Vutov, Joel Woosley

Other Prayers: *Those serving in mission* – Rev. Chandran Paul Martin, India; Dr. Stephen & Jodi Swanson, Tanzania; Rev. Rachel Ringlaben, Argentina; Meghan Brown Saavedra, Mexico; and Dan & Ginny Rath, international translators

Other Prayers: *Seminarians*—Adam Klinker, Katie Larson, Giselle Loucks, Justin Perkins

THE PEACE IS SHARED

☞ The peace of Christ be with you always.
☞ **And also with you.**

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MEAL

THE OFFERING IS RECEIVED

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THE TABLE IS PREPARED

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

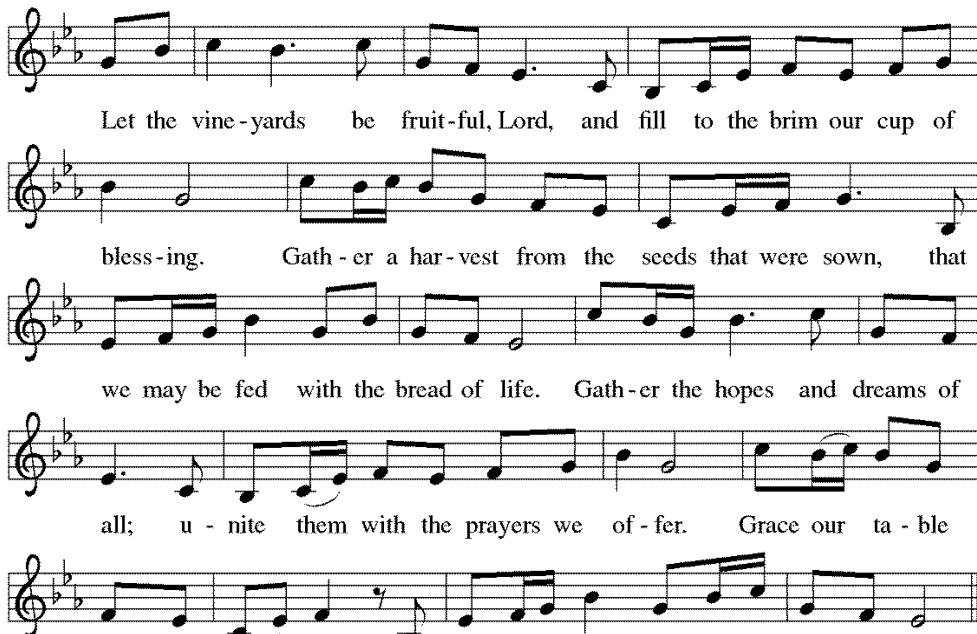
“Thine Is The Glory” arr. Sue Mitchell-Wallace, John Head
Mark Jones, Dan Nesbitt, Scott Quackenbush

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OFFERTORY HYMN

“Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful”

ELW 184

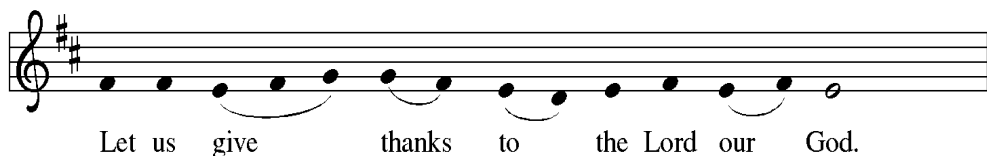
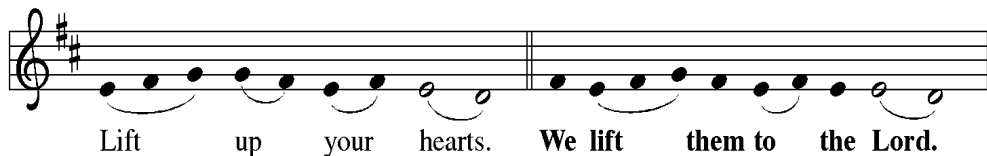
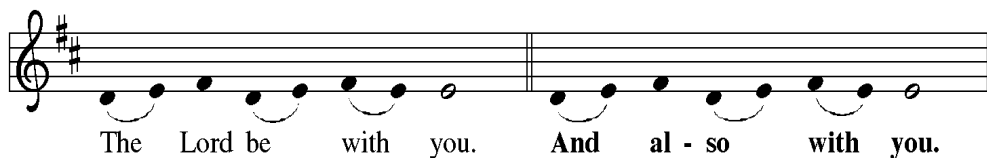


Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that
we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of
all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble
with your pres-ence, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

- God of love,
- you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

- Ⓟ Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory. We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**
- Ⓟ 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 for the 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.
- Ⓞ **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- Ⓟ Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.
- Ⓞ **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- Ⓟ Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
- Ⓞ **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**
- Ⓟ Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
- Ⓞ **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

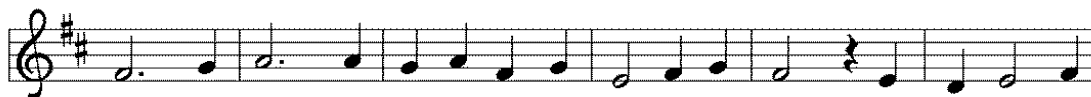
- ☒ Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- ☒ The risen Christ invites us to this table.
☒ Come, eat and be satisfied.

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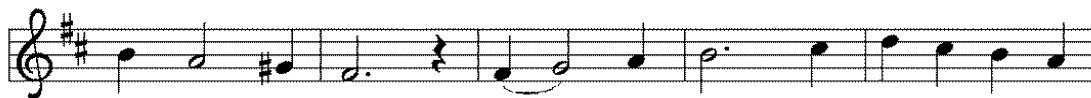
AGNUS DEI



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.

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!</p> <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.</p> <p>3 He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.</p> <p>4 He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.</p> | <p>5 He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.</p> <p>6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!</p> <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.</p> <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!</p> |
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Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

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| <p>1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our king!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life, which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

**2 Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us;
faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the cloud from sight received
him
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise:
"I am with you evermore"?**

**3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
here on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to you from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's redeemer, hear our plea
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**4 Alleluia! King eternal,
Lord omnipotent we own;
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth your footstool, heav'n your throne.
As within the veil you entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest,
here on earth both priest and victim
in the eucharistic feast.**

**5 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."**

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

(stand)

THE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- ☞** Wellspring of joy,
☞ through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love will bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING

BLESSING

- ☞ May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

THREE-FOLD AMEN

HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

ELW 367

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| <p>1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
in praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>2 Eternal is the gift he brings,
therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still he comes to give us life
and by his presence stills all strife.
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
set heart and will on things above
that we conquer through your triumph;
grant grace sufficient for life's day
that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>4 Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!</p> |
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Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt.
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DISMISSAL

- ☞ Alleluia! Christ is risen.
☛ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☞ The worship has ended. The service begins.
☛ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

Mark Jones, *organ*

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Easter 2021



Lilies are given to the glory of God... in memory of:

our beloved son, Randy Anderson Szemplenski
Uncle Tom Sullivan, who we miss very much
Grandma Jane Bailey, who we miss very much
Grandma Marge Sullivan, who we miss very much
in memory of Mom & Dad
loved ones
Joseph Bonfante
loved ones
loved ones
our parents and grandparents, David & Lois Carlsen
grandparents and great grandparents, Viggo & Viola Carlsen and Floyd & Alice Chase

Bill Lepper and Dale & Jean Clatterbuck
J. Lawrence & Marion Cooke
family members
Kelcey Renae Fike
Randall S Fike
parents, Ann D Forslund and Charles T Forslund
Duane and Don Madison
Curt Grabow
my grandparents, parents, and sister
Nettie Compagna
Pauline Brager
family and loved ones
Elizabeth Kentopp
Jean Holcombe
loved ones
Our parents, Albin & Laura Johnson and Gerhard & Cecilia Moller
Jack & Marilyn Baker
Geri Laney, and Carol Olson
Marvin Linemann
Anne Lienemann
our parents, Patrick & Ann McKenna
beloved brother, Peter Andrew Miller
grandparents, Andy & Helen and Moe & Dorothy
Don Morse
Burdett and Arline Ledell

given by Dean & Darlene Anderson
given by Brett, Jack and Grandma Kathe Bailey
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given by Richard Bock
given by Richard Bock
given by wife, Elaine
given by Karen and Shirley Bonneau
given by Callies, Green, and Ray families
given by Carlsen and Campbell families
given by Carlsen and
Campbell families
given by Gary & Debi Clatterbuck
given by Warren Cooke
given by Robert Ellison
given by Mary Jo Fike and family
given by Mary Jo Fike and family
given by daughter, Christine Forslund
given by the Gittler family
given by wife, Marge
given by Kimberly Grassmeyer
given by Susie Henry
given by Susie Henry & Don Zinnecker
given by Linda Hoagland
given by Linda Hoagland
given by Tom Holcombe
given by Duane & Penny Hovendick
given by Ken & Linda Johnson
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given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook
given by Rick Lienemann & Jane Estabrook
given by their children
given by Ann Miller
given by Ann Miller
given by Ralph & Anita Joy Morse
given by Ralph & Anita Joy Morse

Don & Jean Nippert
our grandparents
loved ones
Alan Larsen
our parents
Pat's sister, Jean
Barbara Saklar
Charles & Augusta Laushman
Joy Beavers
Chris & Nadine Saklar
George and Corky Boonstra
Carl and Dean Sum
family and friends
Lee Sealer
Arnold Steffen
John & Elaine Studts
Arthur Gersib
Leo & Clara Gardiner
Mae & Carl Johnston and Susan Counsel
Betty West
my beloved husband, Don
our beloved sister, Kay Bock
our parents
Frieda Wenzlaff

given by Marvin & Kris Olson
given by Marvin & Kris Olson
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given by Paul Sum and family
given by Laurine Savine
given by Judy Sealer
given by wife, LeClare and family
given by Pat & David Studts
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given by daughter, LeClare
given by Sharon & Jim West
given by Sharon & Jim West
given by Vickie Wichert
given by sisters, Vickie Wichert & Darlene Anderson
given by Chet & Sara Worm
given by Don Zinnecker

In honor of:

all those who have so faithfully served Kountze this past year
many friends and helpers
Pastors, staff, and TV/Live Streaming Team
The Congregation of Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church
The Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church Staff
my children and grandchildren
our precious children and 12 grandchildren
all God's blessings
David Gerard and Mark Jones for extra special music on Saturday and Sunday

given by Anonymous
given by Richard Bock
given by Karen and Shirley Bonneau
given by Pastor Shari Duminy and family
given by Pastor Shari Duminy and family
given by Kimberly Grassmeyer
given by Ken & Linda Johnson
given by Mary Olson
given by Laurine Savine

Love Offering:

given by the Inbarasu family
given by Jacque Johnson family
given by Sharon Miley for many blessings
given by Mary Olson for God's blessings
given by Laurine Savine
given by LeClare Steffn for my Kountze Memorial Lutheran Church



Special Notice

If you plan to attend Worship in person, please call/e-mail the church office no later than noon on the Thursday before the Saturday or Sunday you want to attend. Please note that the plans set forth are subject to immediate change. You may still join us for Worship on Cox channel 13 or live streamed at <https://www.kmlchurch.org/live-streaming/>



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April 3 & 4, 2021

Kountze Food Pantry Volunteers and Clothing Needed

Mondays, 7:30 - 9:00 AM

9:00 - 11:00 AM

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fridays, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Have you ever bought what you needed at Kohl's or JC Penney, received either Kohl's Cash or a Penney's Reward, and then wondered "What should I use this for?" Use it to buy underwear, socks, hats and gloves! If you wait until the end of a season and buy on clearance, you can get a lot for your money. There is a need for everything in our community! Please put your donations in the Food Pantry Box in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you very much! If you are able to volunteer, please sign up by using the link below:
<https://form.jotform.com/200834787701155>

Youth Summer Trip

The Vans for the Summer Youth Trip to Tulsa Oklahoma are reserved. Now we need to see who is planning on joining us in filling the vans, with social distance considerations. The registration is open to 8th - 12th graders and is due by April 6. If you have any questions, Pastor Shari would be happy to talk with you.

Today at Kountze

Easter Egg Hunt!

10:15 AM (following the 9:00 AM service)

All children, registered for the Easter Sunday services, are welcome to join in an Easter Egg Hunt at 10:15 AM. Bring a basket and join us in the Green Space following the 9:00 AM service.

Eternal Candle is given to the glory of God in honor of Pr. Hall - especially for his assistance with Altar Guild given in gratitude by Pam Johnson & Dotty Sum, Altar Guild co-leaders

Television Broadcast is sponsored by Laurine Savine "from me to you."

Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills Summer positions available

Do you want to make a difference this summer? Nebraska Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is inviting you to consider working at Camp Carol Joy Holling and Sullivan Hills. There are a variety of positions for 12 graders - College Age Adults looking for a summer job. Go to nlom.org/smt to get started.

Attendance and Giving

Saturday Attendance: 28

Sunday Attendance: 9:00: 122

Total: 150

Streaming Attendance: 99

Cox Cable Attendance: 268

Pantry Guests Served: 564

Medical Clinic Guests Served: 27

Offering:

\$10,082.00 (Regular) \$22,679.07 (Specials)

\$3,092.00 (Debt Reduction)



The resurrected Jesus is with us, alleluia!

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Mark 16:1-8	The tomb is empty
Monday	Acts 10:34-43	God shows no partiality
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Christ died for our sins
Wednesday	John 21:1-18	Jesus is risen
Thursday	John 11:1-27	Jesus is the resurrection
Friday	Matthew 28:1-20	The resurrection of Jesus
Saturday	Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24	Give thanks to the Lord
Sunday	John 20:19-31	Come and see and believe



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This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:1 (NRSV)

A Prayer for the Week:

God of resurrection hope, overcome our fears and gladden our hearts, for you are near with saving grace through Christ our Lord. Amen. Alleluia.

Mealtime Prayer:

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever! Amen. Alleluia. (Psalm 118:1)
(Traditional prayer for ending a meal)

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord Jesus Christ be your strength and your salvation. (Psalm 118:14)

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- What event have you experienced that left you speechless?
- What do you think it was like for Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James to stand before an angel at the empty tomb and receive awesome yet unbelievable news?
- The women left the tomb and said nothing to anyone. Why do you think they were afraid?

Read: Mark 16:1-8.

Which is harder to believe: that Jesus rose from the dead or that the Gospel of Mark ends with the words, "they said nothing to any one, for they were afraid"? In fact, later Scripture text copiers were so dismayed by the original ending that they added more verses. It just didn't make sense that the original text seemed so bleak. Instead of saying to the world, "Christ is risen, alleluia," they leave committed to say nothing for they were afraid. Perhaps part of the Gospel message is the realization that our human frailty will always get in the way. What is evident is that the message did get out. We are reflecting on that message now. In the midst of human frailty and failures what we celebrate on Easter Sunday is that God wins and continues to win by delivering on God's promises no matter what. Alleluia, we as Jesus' followers have a ministry to do for the world because Jesus rose from the dead. Yes, we may be imperfect workers, but the promise still holds true and we still have good news to tell the world. Alleluia, Jesus has been raised, is loose in the world, and is out ahead of us now. "[Jesus] is going ahead of you to [name your own destination]; there you will see him, just as he told you" (v. 7). How does knowing that Jesus goes ahead of you wherever you go impact your life as a follower?

Pray: **God of glory and might, we give you thanks for the resurrected Christ who walks with us daily. Amen. Alleluia.**

There are many people who serve others and work on Easter Sunday in such places as in hospitals, nursing homes, police and fire stations, and restaurants. Is there a way you can share Easter resurrection cheer with those who are working?

Easter Day is full of church and family traditions to enrich our lives of faith. One tradition is to shout out and sing alleluias after its absence during the season of Lent. Alleluia means "praise the Lord." Begin each day this week with the words, "Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia." If others are present, say these words together with a high-five.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133
1 John 1:1--2:2 ; John 20:19-31