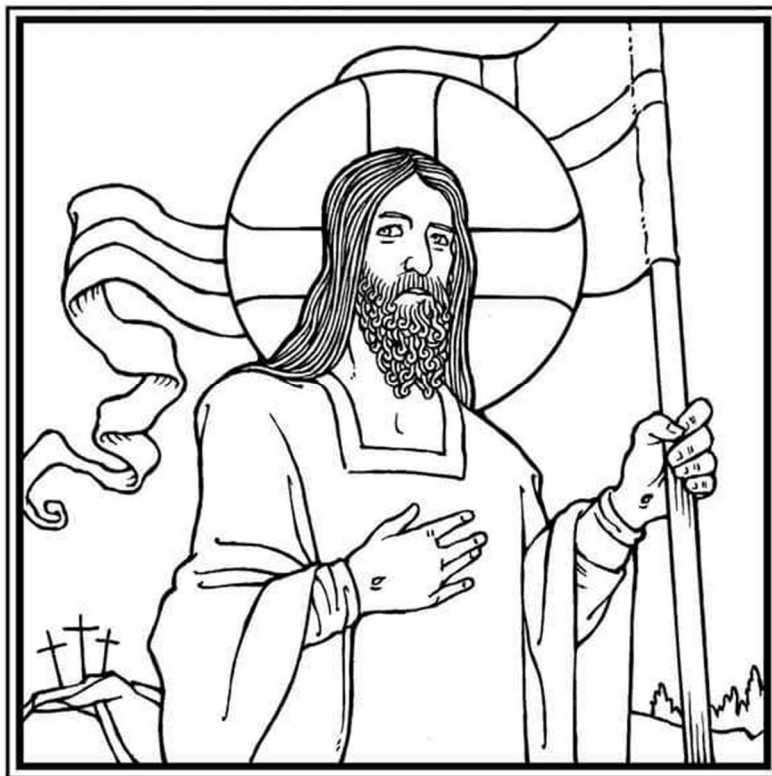


**A Prayer
Upon
Entering
Church**

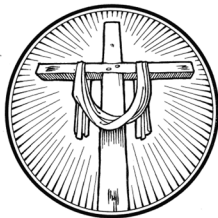
Almighty and everlasting God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you have proclaimed to us the gospel of peace. Grant that by the power of his resurrection we may be born anew to a living hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jubilate + April 21, 2024 + 9:00 A.M.

Welcome to the Lord's Day. For a little while, the disciples did not see the Lord. When they saw Him again on that first day of the week, they rejoiced with a joy the world could not take away. Their joy is ours on this day. We also cannot see the Lord as we see each other, for we see Him even more clearly! In the proclamation of His Word and the breaking of the bread, He makes Himself known to us with crystal clarity as the font of all mercy and kindness for sinners, welcoming them into the kingdom of God.



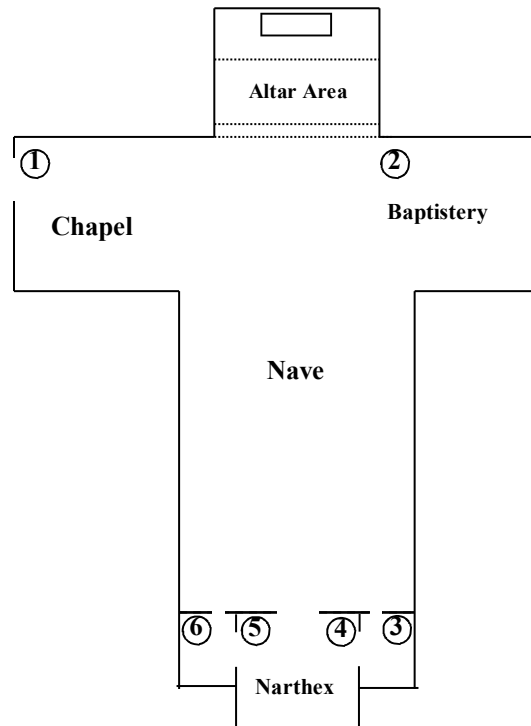
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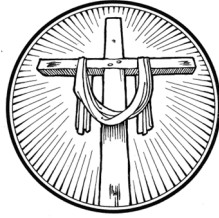
- The sponsor charts for 2024 Radio Broadcasts, Flowers and Bulletins are available for you to sign up. The charts are by the stairs by the northwest entry.

To Share Your Offering

Offerings are received in Zion's wooden offering boxes built into the walls of the church. Please see the map, where the boxes are labeled by number (1-6) or ask an usher for assistance.

This returns us to an older and beautiful tradition of the Lutheran church in which offerings are not collected during worship so as to focus more intently on God's gifts and offerings to us.





PRELUDE

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” ... Manz

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” ... Burkhardt & Manz

RINGING OF THE BELLS

Please stand and turn toward the cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” ... LSB #475

GREETING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia! 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.**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



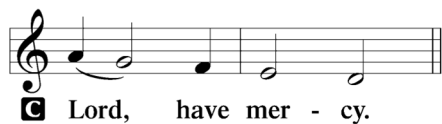
Lord, have mer - cy.

Jesus does not justify our sin and unbelief by saying, “Hey, man. Don’t worry about it. It’s okay.” Sin is never okay. Jesus justifies sinners by obliterating sin. He smashes it dead. He pierces it with nails and scours it with whips in the agony and bloody sweat of His own flesh. He does not excuse it. He absolves it In the forgiveness bought with His blood, He forgives rebellion.

*~ Pr. Jonathan Fisk,
7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break As Often As Possible*

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's yes to Christ and to His atoning work. The cross was the end, the death of the Son of God, curse and judgment upon all flesh. If the cross were the last word on Jesus, then the world would be lost in death and damnation without hope, and the world would have been victorious over God. But God, who alone effected salvation for us – "all this is from God" (2 Cor. 5:18) – raise Christ from the dead . . .

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the holy Church, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



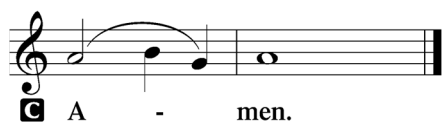
Lord, have mer - cy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.



A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

L: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.



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.

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

lu - ia. 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.

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.

... That was the new beginning following the end as a miracle from above, though not like the springtime according to a fixed natural law, but rather according to the incomparable freedom and power of God that shatters death. 'Scripture has proclaimed to us how one death devoured the other' (Luther) . . . The Son receives His eternal divine glory back, and the Father receives His Son back. ~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1940 A.D.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is God's yes to us. Christ died for our sins, and was resurrected for our righteousness (Rom. 4:25). Christ's death was the death sentence over us and our sins. If Christ has remained in death, this death sentence would still be in effect, "we would still be in our sins" (1 Cor. 15:17). But because Christ was raised from the dead, our own death sentence was repealed . . .

SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.



☐ And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray . . . Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Please be seated.

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary,
and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY *Psalm 147:1-11*

L: Praise the LORD!

For it is good to sing praises | to our God;*
for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is | fitting.

C: **The LORD builds up Je- | rusalem;*
he gathers the outcasts of | Israel.**

L: He heals the broken- | hearted*
and binds | up their wounds.

C: **He determines the number | of the stars;*
he gives to all of | them their names.**

L: Great is our Lord, and abun- | dant in power;*
his understanding is beyond | measure.

C: **The LORD lifts up the | humble;*
he casts the wicked | to the ground.**

L: Sing to the LORD with thanks- | giving;*
make melody to our God | on the lyre!

*... And we have been res-
urrected with
Christ (1 Cor.
15). This is so
because we are
ourselves in
Jesus Christ by
virtue of God's
acceptance of
our human
nature in the
incarnation.
What happens
to him, hap-
pens to us, for
he has accepted
us. This is not
a judgment
from experi-
ence, but
God's own
judgment that
seeks acknowl-
edgment in
faith in God's
word.
~ Dietrich
Bonhoeffer,
1940 A.D.*

There is only one Christian rule, and it is not for you to do but for you to believe. It is not a command. It is a promise. The Day of Judgment is coming, and God has already judged you according to yourself and found you wanting, guilty unto damnation. But! Even better, He has found and done this judgment not to and in you, but to and in Jesus. Jesus' wounds are your wounds. Jesus' torment is your torment. Jesus' death is your death . . .

**C: He covers the heavens with clouds;
he prepares rain | for the earth;*
he makes grass grow | on the hills.**

L: He gives to the | beasts their food,*
and to the young ravens | that cry.

**C: His delight is not in the strength | of the horse,*
nor his pleasure in the legs | of a man,**

L: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who | fear him,*
in those who hope in his | steadfast love.

**All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son,*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen**

EPISTLE 1 Peter 2:11-20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

VERSE

P: Alleluia. He sent redemption to his people. Alleluia.
C: **Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory? Alleluia.**

GOSPEL

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.



¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



... And Jesus' resurrection is your resurrection.

Jesus' reign (His rule over sin, death, and the devil – His rule of everlasting innocence, righteousness, and blessedness) is your reign . . .

. Under Jesus' rule, God's wrath against all sin is turned away from you; your death, died by Jesus, becomes your eternal life.

This is authentic Christianity, the ancient, future religion given by God.

*~ Pr. Jonathan Fisk,
7 Christian Rules that Every Christian Ought to Break As Often As Possible*

Easter? We focus more on dying than on death. How we deal with dying is more important to us than how we conquer death. Learning to deal with dying, however, does not yet mean we have learned to deal with death. Overcoming dying occurs within the realm of human possibilities, while overcoming death means resurrection. It is not from the "arts of dying," but from the resurrection of Christ that a new, purifying breeze can blow into the present world . . .

NICENE CREED

P: Let us confess the faith with one heart:

C: **I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✕ of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

... LSB #483

SERMON

“For This Is The Will of God”

Please stand.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Standing in the glorious light of the resurrection, let us pray.

P: . . . O Lord of life,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Hear our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior.

C: Amen

Please be seated.

OFFERTORY

“Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus”

... LSB #685

Please stand.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Let us pray . . . Living God,

C: in Christ you will raise us up from death to eternal life. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as he comes to us in His body and blood. Amen

*. . . To live
from the per-
spective of
resurrection:
that is Easter.
~ Dietrich
Bonhoeffer,
letter to
Eberhard
Bethge from
prison,
1944 A.D.*

*One thing
I asked of
the Lord,*

*that will
I see after:*

*to live in the
house of the
Lord all the
days of my
life,*

*to behold the
fair beauty of
the Lord,*

*and to in-
quire in His
temple.*

~ Psalm 27:4

GREAT THANKSGIVING

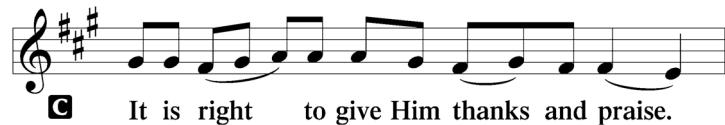
P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.

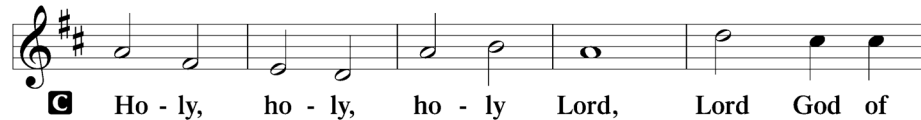


P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



P: It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising you
and saying:

SANCTUS ("Holy")



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me."

In the same way also he took the cup after the supper, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink of it, in remembrance of me."

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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

ACCLAMATION

P: This is the feast of victory for our God.

C: Alleluia!

*How lovely is
Your dwelling
place, O Lord
of hosts!*

*My soul
longs, yes,
even faints
For the courts
of the Lord;
My heart and
my flesh cry
out for the
living God.*

*Even the spar-
row has found
a home, and
the swallow a
nest for her-
self,*

*where she
may lay her
young –
even Your
altars, O Lord
of hosts, my
King and my
God.*

*Blessed are
those who
dwell in Your
house; they
will still be
praising You.*

*~ Psalm
84:1-4*

SEQUENCE HYMN "Christ Is Arisen"



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



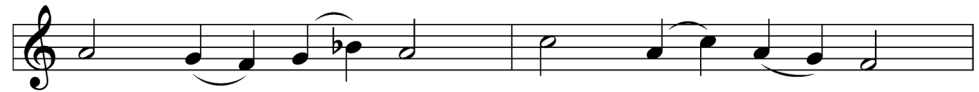
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION

The congregation is ushered forward for Communion. If you cannot use the steps to the altar, you may either ask an usher to have Communion brought to you, or you may go to the altar in the side (west) chapel. Those not communing may cross their arms over their chest for a blessing.

Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which He joyfully gives to His Church to eat and to drink. This gift bestows tremendous benefits. His Body and Blood forgives our sins, strengthens our faith, binds us to the Lord, and unites us with each other. In this is life and salvation.

The Lord therefore invites to His altar baptized Christians who trust that they will receive in Holy Communion all that He promises there: His body and blood, the forgiveness of sins, union with Christ and His Church, life, and salvation. Know that He gives it to you with great joy.

COMMUNION HYMNS

- "Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" ... LSB #619*
- "I Know My Redeemer Lives" ... LSB #461*
- "Make Songs of Joy" ... LSB #484*

Please stand after all have received the sacrament.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

*I'm being
asked to drink
the blood of
Christ*

*And soon I'll
eat his flesh*

*I'm alone
again before
the altar*

*Shedding all
my old re-
grets*

*~ John
Patrick
Vivian
Flynn,
"The
Wrote and
the Writ"*

**A Prayer
As You Go**
We give you
thanks,
great God,
for the hope
we have in
Jesus, who
died but is
risen and
rules over
all. We
praise you
for his pres-
ence with
us. Because
he lives, we
look for
eternal life,
knowing
that nothing
past, pre-
sent or yet
to come
can separate
us from
your great
love
made
known in
Jesus Christ
our Lord.
~ Book of
Common
Worship

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Alleluia!
C: **Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

Please turn toward the cross as it is carried out of the sanctuary.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ... LSB #793

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" ... Hobby

+ Soli Deo Gloria +
To God alone be glory

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which cannot be moved, but abides forever. (Psalm 125:1)

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