

First Lutheran Church
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WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN!

We're honored to have you join us as one of our Lord's guests this morning. As God welcomes us, we welcome you to this time of worship. We invite you to enjoy this continuing fellowship of The Body of Christ following the service.

SERVING FIRST TODAY

Pastor		Pastor Amy Bartleson Balcam
Organist		Robin Gratz
Praise Team Leader		Jennifer Langevin
Choir Director		Elizabeth Clark
Accompanist		Kim Jones
Assisting Minister		Mark Pillar
Acolyte		Aiden Fuhs
Crucifer		Owen East
Lector		Lois Steeb
Communion Assistants	Mary Ellen Wyman / Linda Pillar / Lucie Stricker (Helper)	
Ushers	Lois Steeb / Aiden Fuhs / Ella East / Magen Pillar	
Altar Guild		Sue McKinley
Videographer		Gary Forkert
Sound Engineer		Gary Forkert



Today's altar flowers are given by Christi and Riley Tam in honor of Steve's birthday and by Steve, Christi, and Riley Tam in honor of Olivia's birthday.

FLC Staff

Amy Bartleson Balcam – Pastor
Linda Trautman – Administrative Assistant
Robin Gratz – Organist
Choir Director – Elizabeth Clark
Kim Jones – Accompanist
Jennifer Langevin – Contemporary Service Worship Leader

"Our mission at First Lutheran Church is to know Jesus Christ and bring Him to the hearts of others."

Special Easter Music



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

Man of Sorrows – Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood and Matt Crocker -	Praise Team
Overcome – Words and Music by Jon Egan -	Praise Team
At the Cross (Love Ran Red) – Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Armstrong, Jonas Myrin, and Matt Redman	Praise Team
Christ is Risen – Words and Music by Matt Maher and Mia Fieldes	Praise Team
By His Wounds – Words and Music by David Nesser and Mac Powell	Praise Team
Forever (We Sing Hallelujah) – Words and Music by Brian Johnson, Karl Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson, Joel Taylor, and Christa Black Gifford	Praise Team
Stronger – Words and Music by Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan	Praise Team
Amen (Because He Lives) – Words and Music by Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither, Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, Daniel Carson, William J. Gaither, and Chris Tomlin	Praise Team
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us – Stuart Townsend and Larry Shackleton	Sue McKinley

ORDER OF WORSHIP
10:00 A.M. COMMUNION SERVICE
APRIL 5, 2026
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
EASTER DAY



PRELUDE: "Glorious Day" Words and Music by Tim Light and Don Chapman

Praise Team

GREETINGS

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

You may either stand or kneel.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C : **Amen**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

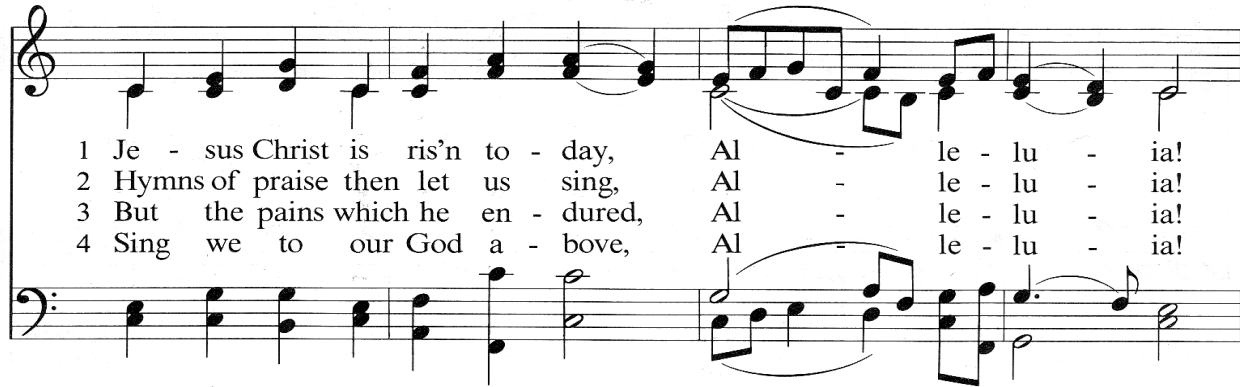
P: Most merciful God,

C: **we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

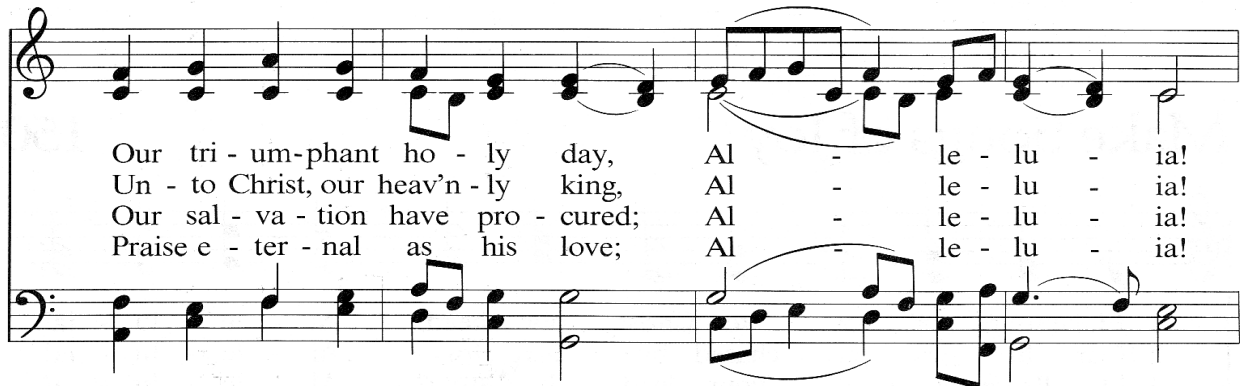
P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

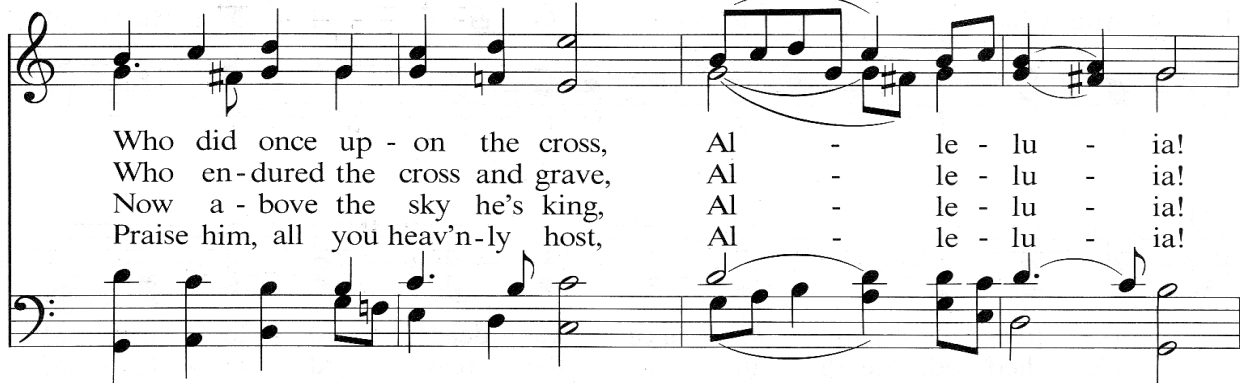
GATHERING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"



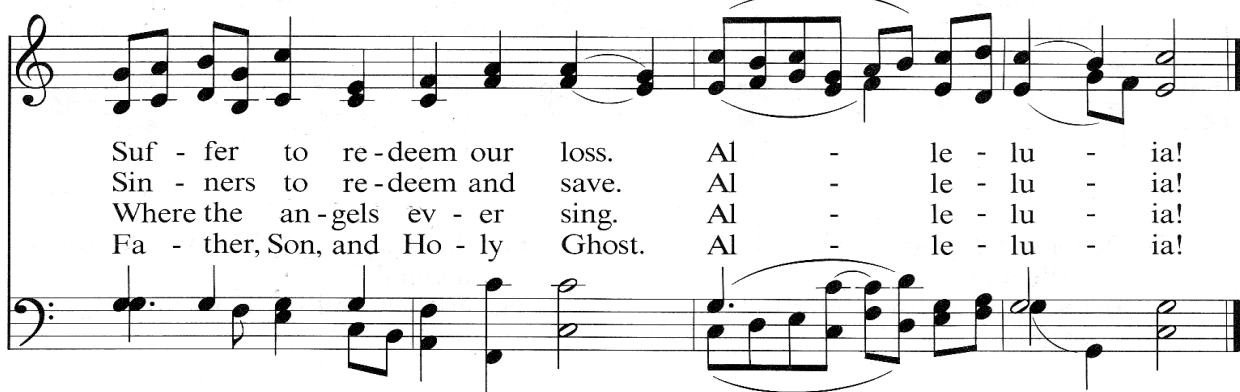
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - umphant 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4; tr. Lyra Davidica, London, 1708, sts. 1-3
Tune: Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

EASTER HYMN
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GREETING:

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. The Lord be with you

C. And also with you.

P: Let us pray...

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

READINGS FOR TODAY

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

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PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

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

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

¹⁴ The 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!"

¹⁶ The 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.

¹⁸ The 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.

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

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

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

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

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Please stand if you are able



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

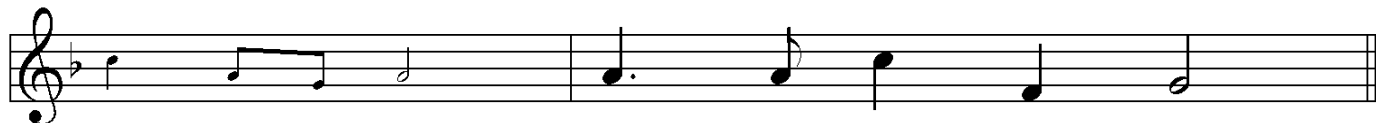
GOSPEL: The Holy Gospel according St. Matthew 28:1-10

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Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

After the reading the minister says: "The Gospel of the Lord"



Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "Christ is Risen! Alleluia!"

Pastor Amy Bartleson Balcam

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris' n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joi - ce and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt.

Music: Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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**C: 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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

**A: Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world,
let us pray for the need of all creation.**

A brief silence.

A: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

**P: God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of
new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ our risen Savior.**

C: AMEN.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always

C: **And also with you**

Please share the PEACE of the Lord with one another.

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “Magdalen, Cease from Sobs and Sighs” – Peter Hurford**

*Magdalen, cease from sobs and sighs; Wipe the teardrops from off thine eyes:
Simon the leper's feast is o'er; Christ today needs thy nard no more.*

*Now thou send times may'st thou rejoice now thousand times uplift thy voice.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

Magdalen, bind up on thee now Garland of gladness o'er thy brow:

Banish'd afar is grief and pain: Welcome is sunshine after rain.

For Jesu Christ the world hath freed. Triumphant over Death indeed.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING:

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 the dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, and
give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

P. Merciful Father,

C. we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

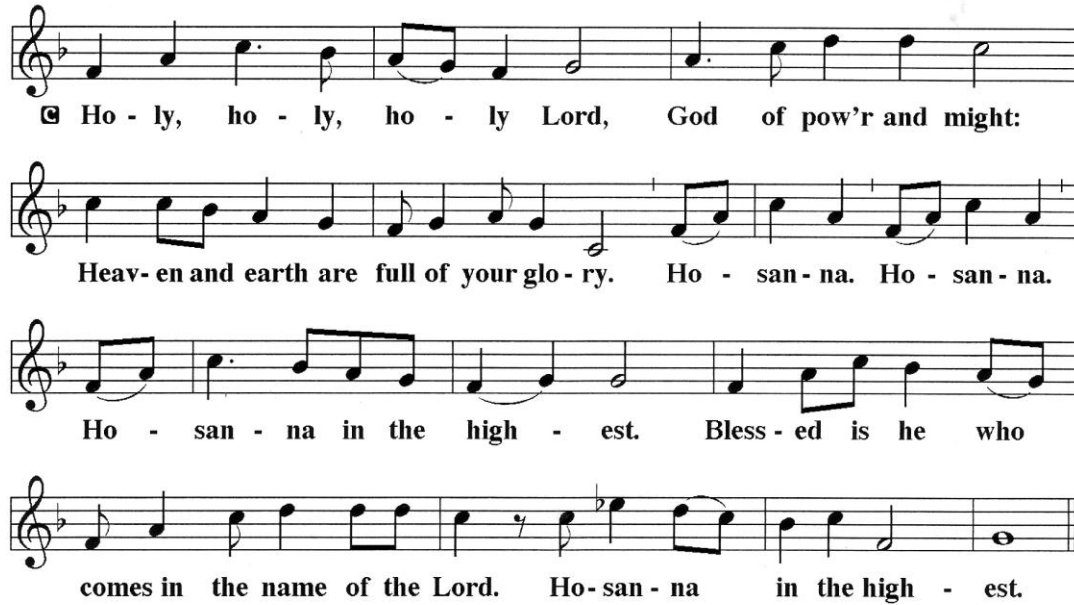
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord**

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

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

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
 Heav- en and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san - na.
 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.

COMMUNION LITURGY

P. You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.

You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,
 so that everyone who believes in him may not perish
 but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world
 to fulfill for us your holy will
 and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

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.**

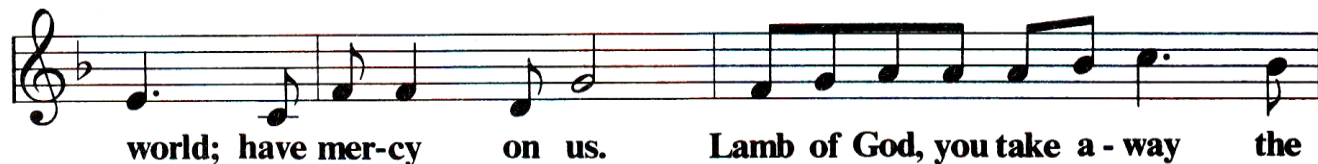
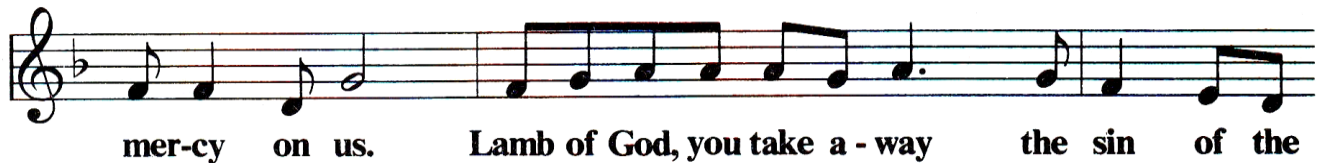
**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Communion this morning will be down the center aisle. Please form two lines.

All are welcome at Christ's table! If you are a visitor and receive communion at your home church, you are invited to do so here. Everyone is invited to receive communion or a blessing.



COMMUNION PRAISE IN SONG: Selections by Wounded Healer*Please allow the Praise Team to commune first.*

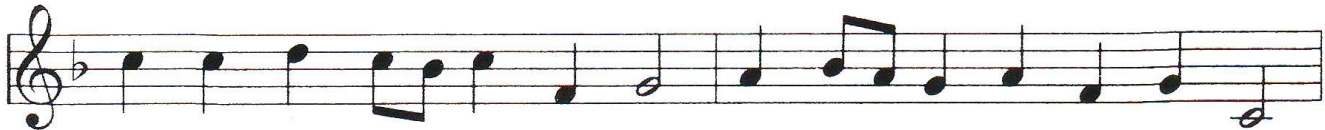
“Jesus Messiah” – Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Daniel Carson, Ed Cash, and Jesse Reeves

“Your Name” – Words and Music by Paul Baloche and Glen Packiam

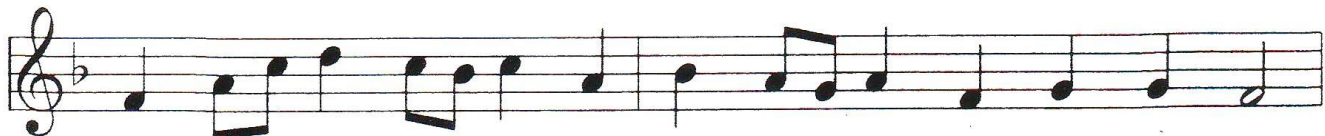
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P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE:

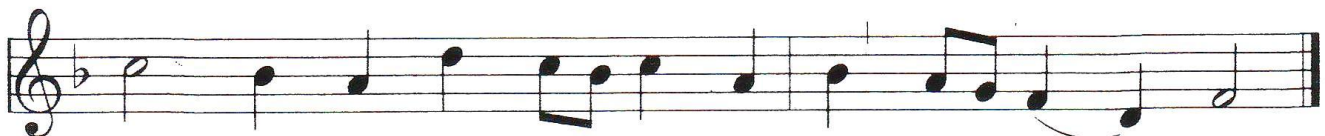
☐ Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER:

P: Risen Christ, you have refreshed us through the healing power of your real presence. Help us to be signs of your Resurrection life in all that we say and do.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

P: Now, may the God who turns graveyards into gardens, allow the seed planted in your heart to flourish. May your friends and strangers taste the fruit of love in your life.

C: Amen

SENDING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



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!

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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Toccata (5th Symphony – Charles-Marie Widor



Easter Lilies given in honor and memory



Pastor Amy & Drew Balcam

*In memory of Mary Lou Bartleson, Erik Bartleson,
Aldon Balcam, Dixie Balcam, Ann Balcam, Scott Barrett*

Jenny Boggs

*In memory of Tom & Jane Francisco, Mary & Russell
Francisco, Betty & Roy Bauman*

Ed Boone

In memory of my wife, Valinda

Theresa & Gary Forkert

*In memory of: Raliegh, John, & Philomena Illgen
Rollan & Norma Forkert*

The Fuhs family

*In honor of Our friends and family.
In memory of Loved ones who have gone before us.*

Ann & Bill Haas

*In memory of our parents: Lester & Dorothy Haas
Maynard & Celestia Ingraham*

Cara Jeffries

*In memory of: My husband, parents, brother,
and grandparents*

Gwen Keller

In memory of Ray Keller.

Tom & Joy Lindsay

*In memory of: Maurice & Catherine Lindsay
Richard J. & Ethel A. Stark*

Tom & Sue McKinley

*In memory of: Robert & Willadean McKinley
Roy & Ruth Brasmer*

Dave & Diane Parsons

*In memory of our parents: Jim & Boots Boebmler
Don & Dody Parsons*

Kelly Shelton

*In memory of: Gene & Inyl Carlin
Dennis & Hazel Shelton*

Paul & Carla Wolff

*In Memory of: Mr. & Mrs. Lester Wolff
Mr. Carl Radenheimer*

