



ADVENT
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

**RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD**
MARCH 31, 2024

PRELUDE

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT ^

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

On this day the Lord has acted, let us rejoice and be glad in it! **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Jesus, our Lord, has conquered the grave; sin and death shall reign no more.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In baptism we have been buried with Christ; in baptism we have been raised with Christ.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

This is the joyful feast of victory for our God!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

In every place and in every tongue, the Church proclaims:

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

During the singing of the Gathering Hymn, the assembly is sprinkled with water in thanksgiving for the gift of baptism.

HYMN ^ "JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY"

ELW #365

GREETING ^

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

GLORIA ^

ELW p. 159

PRAYER OF THE DAY ^

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.



A - men

SERMON ON THE STEPS

Children and caregivers are invited to gather on the front step.

READING 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.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY”

READING 1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-11

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, through 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. For 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, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe. Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ^



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



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

GOSPEL ^ JOHN 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their

homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

HYMN ^ “THE DAY OF RESURRECTION”

ELW #361

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

After each petition: Hear us o God, **your mercy is great.**

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

PEACE ^

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church. Thank you for your generosity. New to Advent? Consider placing a communion card in the offering.

ANTHEM “ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS TO THE RISEN LORD”

OFFERING SONG ^



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.



All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.



Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.



Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

Text: Claire Cloninger, b. 1942

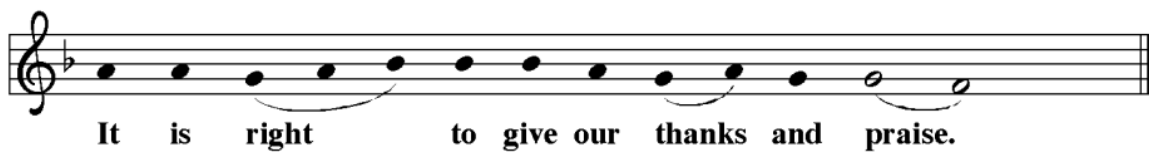
Music: COME TO THE TABLE, Martin J. Nystrom, b. 1956

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OFFERING PRAYER ^

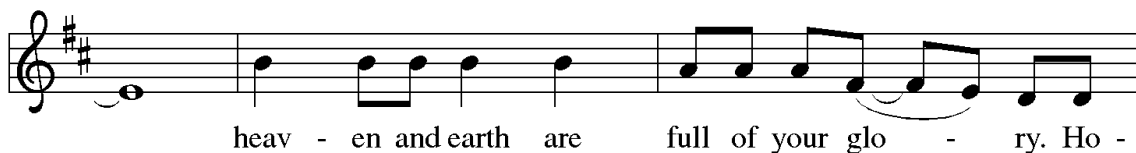
Lord Jesus, As you fed the five thousand from the gifts of a young child, we pray that you will use our gifts, our lives, and our praise to feed this hungry world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE ^



It is indeed right... join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS ^





comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION ^

...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

... one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER ^

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

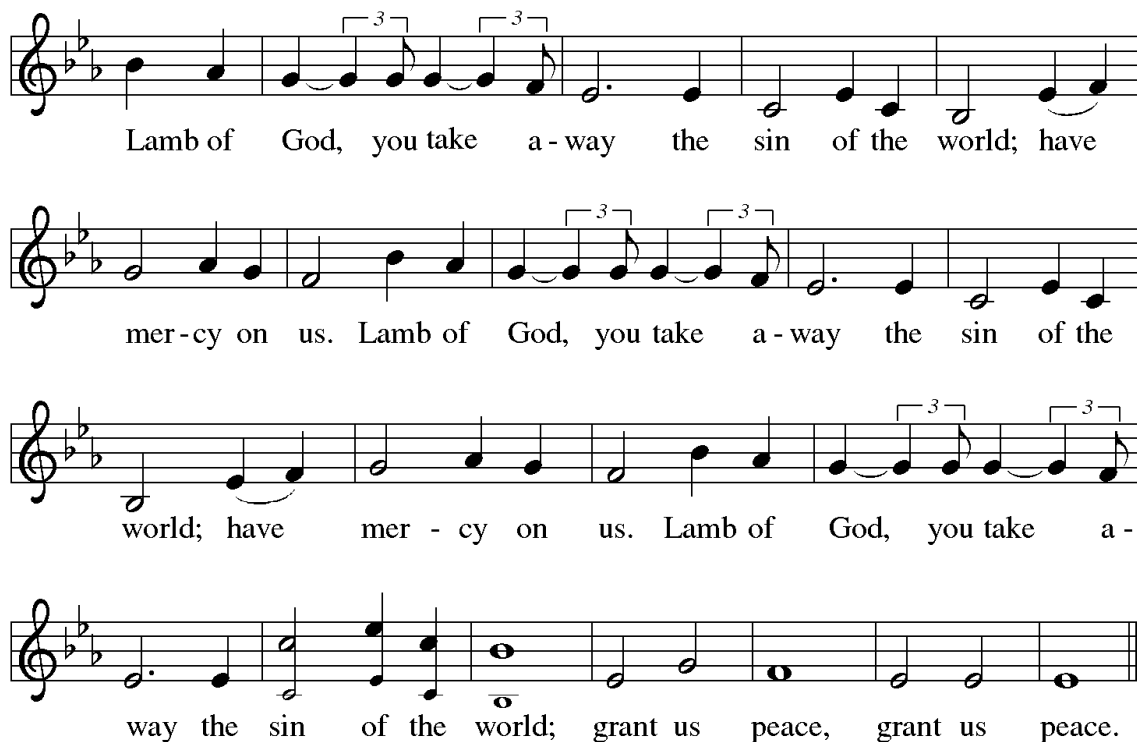
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

THE MEAL

The assembly is invited to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available. Please place your cup in the bowl as you return to your pew. There are no outcasts, strangers, or unwelcome guests at our Lord's table.



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.

HYMN "WITH HIGH DELIGHT, LET US UNITE"

ELW #368

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER ^

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our death: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING ^

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed, Alleluia!**

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life. **Amen.**

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disci-
ples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Ho-
ly Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN ^ "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES"

ELW #619

DISMISSAL ^

Go in peace. Remember the vulnerable. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



Please join us for refreshments after today's service.

