

*Sunrise*  
SERVICE

# WELCOME

*We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!*

*If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME.*

*If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.*

*Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,*

*Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!*

*Again welcome ...*

*Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.*

*Please note that all the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

*We are silent and wait in the darkness, just as Good Friday service ended.*

# THE GATHERING

*The light of the living Christ comes through the cemetery and into the worship space.*

## **HYMN**

*Were You There?*

Augsburg Fortress/OneLicense #51959

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

Were you there when he rose up from the grave?

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Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they rolled the stone away?

## **GREETING**

In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.

In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.

***Wash away our sin  
and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.  
We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. Amen.***

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen! *He is risen!***

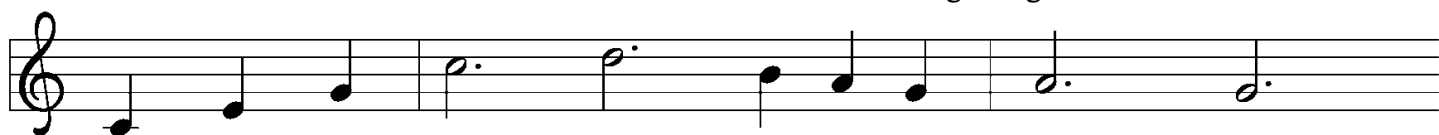
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## **HYMN**

### *Morning Has Broken*

Augsburg Fortress/OneLicense #55206



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en,  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,



black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.  
like the first dew - fall on the first grass.  
born of the one light E - den saw play!



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!  
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,  
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.  
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*We pray together.*

***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.***

## THE WORD

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

*A reading from 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

## **Holy Gospel: John 20:1-10**

*The holy gospel according to St. John the 20<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

*Glory to you, O Lord.*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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.” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples returned to their homes.

The gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

*Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.*

SERMON

*today, we know more of the story*

HYMN

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

Founds/CCLI #117947

G C D C G C

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your

D C G C D C

prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,

G C Dsus D G C

I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth

D C G C

to show the way, from the earth to the cross,

D C G C

my debt to pay; from the cross to the grave

D Em7 Am7 Dsus D G C/G G

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **MUSIC**

*The Easter Song*

Herring/CCLI #122279

## **THE MEAL**

*Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.*

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you.*

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord.*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

In the night in which he was betrayed...

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.*

*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

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## OFFERING

*You may place your offering in the basket as you come forward to receive communion.*

## MUSIC

*Communion Medley*

Price

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you and keep you in His grace. *Amen.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*We pray together.*

*Gracious God,*

*in you we live and move and have our being.*

*With your word and this meal of grace,*

*you have nourished our life together.*

*Strengthen us to show your love*

*and serve the world in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## THE SENDING

### BLESSING

The God of all,

who raised † Jesus from the dead,

bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit

to live in the new creation. *Amen.*

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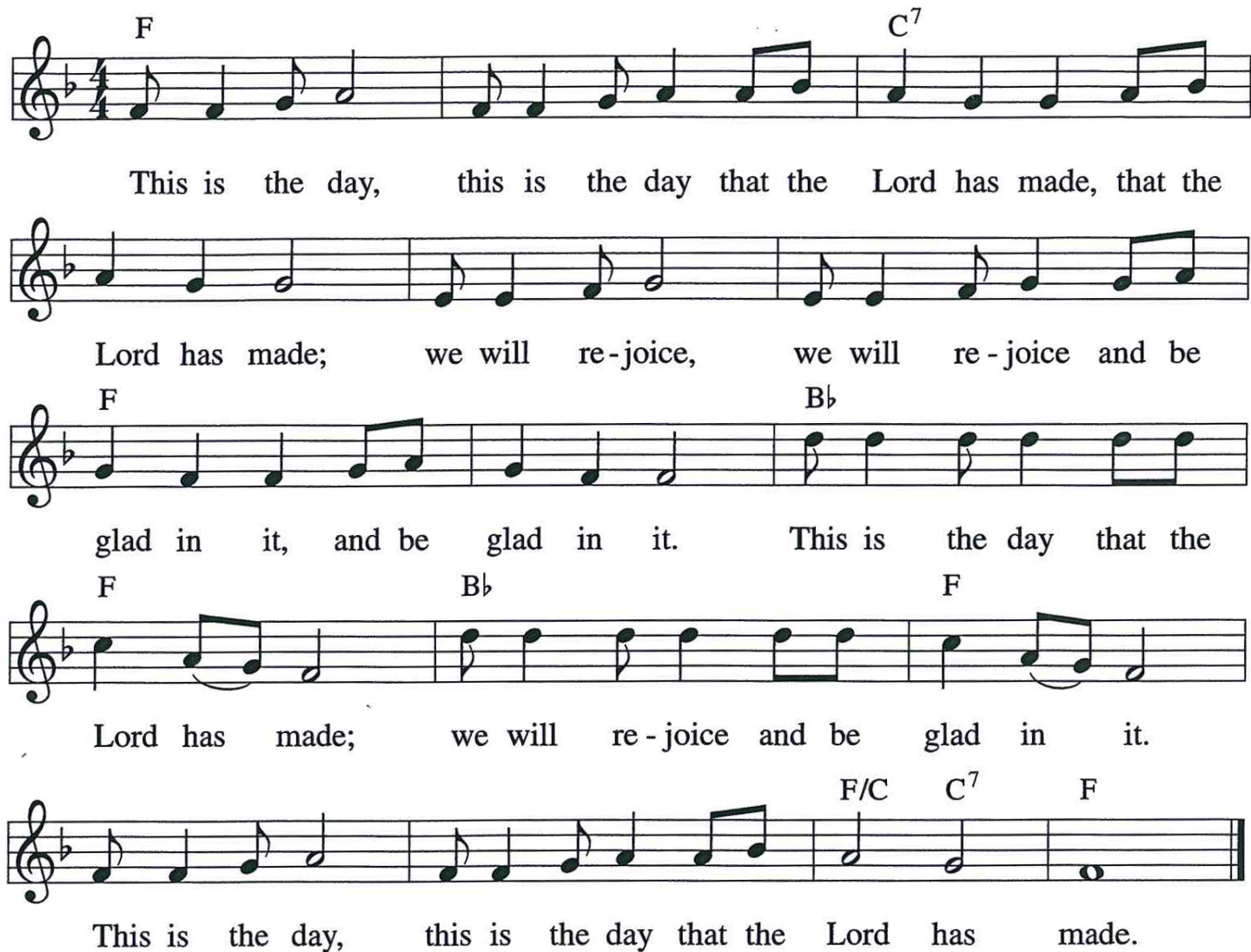
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## HYMN

*Sing Twice*

*This is the Day*

Garrett/CCLI #32754



This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

## SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

We follow the light of Christ into the world.

We are God's people on a mission.

*We have gathered. We have been fed.*

*Now, we go out to make a difference in the world. Amen.*

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

*You are invited to a breakfast in the Fellowship Hall.*

*Please join us!*

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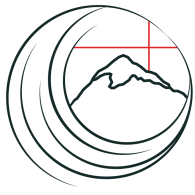
**MAY 4, 2025**  
**11 am**

Please bring:  
a dish to share  
a bag chair to hang out in

**Lots of Activities:**  
**New Pickleball Court Dedication**  
**Music by Ryan Price**  
**Games for all ages**



Plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Food set-up and gathering will begin at 11 am. Tables will be set up for a covered dish lunch under the bus shed. The church will provide bottled water and juice boxes. Bring a picnic dish to share and a bag chair to hang out in. We will have a dedication for the new Pickleball court, music provided by Ryan Price, and games for all ages! Casual dress for Worship that day! *\*In case of rain, event will be moved to the Fellowship Hall.*



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## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

### Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday

6:30 am Sunrise Service

7:30 am FH: Easter Breakfast by the Youth

9:00 am Worship / Flowering the Cross

### Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

2:00 pm Graveside Funeral for Bobby Carver at Woodridge

### Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

6:30 pm CR: Support Team

6:30 pm LIFE Group at Jacksons

### Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry

(Dave & Debra Butts, Rick & Debbie Duval)

12:05 pm OneBody

### Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Food Pantry (Diane & Parker Boulware)