#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

#### April 4, 2021

#### **INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

#### SILENT PRAYER

**PRELUDE:** *Rondeau* 

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Easter Acclamations* Senior Choir Schrader

#### **GATHERING (ENTRANCE RITE)**

Stand

**HYMN:** Jesus Christ Is Risen Today Printed on the next page.

Mouret

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (ABSOLUTION)**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism.

- In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen.

 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.

**G** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

#### Kneel/Stand

**P** Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive 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. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God 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.

**G** Amen.

## Stand

#### GREETING

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

FIRST READING

#### Sit

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

#### **A** reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- **A** The word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

**PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24** (*The congregation's verses are printed in bold font.*) <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good; his mercy en- | dures forever. <sup>2</sup>Let Israel | now proclaim, "His mercy en- | dures forever." <sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song, and he has become | my salvation. <sup>15</sup>There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory in the tents | of the righteous: <sup>16</sup>"The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed! The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!" <sup>17</sup>I shall not | die, but live, and declare the works | of the LORD. <sup>18</sup>The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely, but he did not hand me o- | ver to death. <sup>19</sup>Open for me the | gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD. <sup>20</sup>"This is the gate | of the LORD; he who is right- | eous may enter." <sup>21</sup>I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me and have become | my salvation. <sup>22</sup>The same stone which the build- | ers rejected has become the chief | cornerstone. <sup>23</sup>This is | the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous | in our eyes. <sup>24</sup>On this day the | LORD has acted; we will 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.

**A** reading from First Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>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, <sup>2</sup>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.

<sup>3</sup>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, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

A The word of the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The congregation sings the Acclamation.



Christ being raised from the dead will never | die again; death no longer has dominion | over him.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



On this day the | LORD has acted; we will rejoice and be | glad in it.

The congregation repeats the Acclamation.



#### GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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

**P** The holy gospel according to Mark.

## **G** Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>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]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But 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. <sup>7</sup>But 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." <sup>8</sup>So 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.

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

**G** Praise to you, O Christ.

## *Sit* SERMON

Pastor Weleck

#### Stand

**HYMN OF THE DAY:** Low in the Grave He Lay Printed on the next page.



The Nicene Creed is appropriate during Advent, Christmas, Easter, and on festival days; the Apostles' Creed during Lent and at other times. **NICENE CREED** 

**P** With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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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

- A With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.
- A We pray for the church, for its pastors and other ministers, for the newly baptized, for all the faithful, for this congregation here gathered, and for our growth in grace.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

A We pray for all nations, for all rulers, legislators, and judges, for an increase of justice in our lands, and for all who work for peace among nations and among peoples.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

A We pray for all in any need, for the hungry and the homeless, for victims of war and injustice, for prisoners, for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, for the sick and infirm, for all with incurable illness, and for all who this day will die. We pray especially for those we name in the silence of our hearts... Lord, in your mercy,

#### **C** hear our prayer.

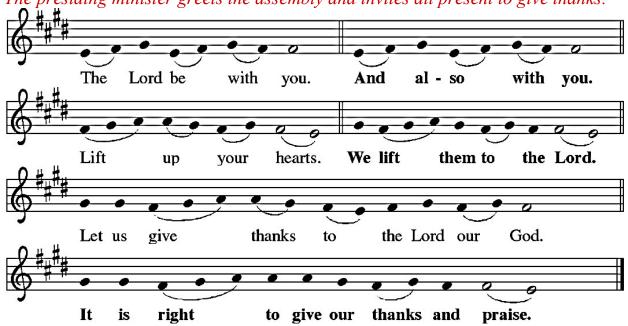
A We pray for the members of our armed forces wherever they serve, and especially when they serve in harm's way, that they might speedily complete their mission and be safely reunited with their loved ones. Lord, in your mercy,

## **C** hear our prayer.

- Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
- **C** Amen.

The Offering will be collected in the Narthex as you leave the church. The service continues with the Great Thanksgiving.

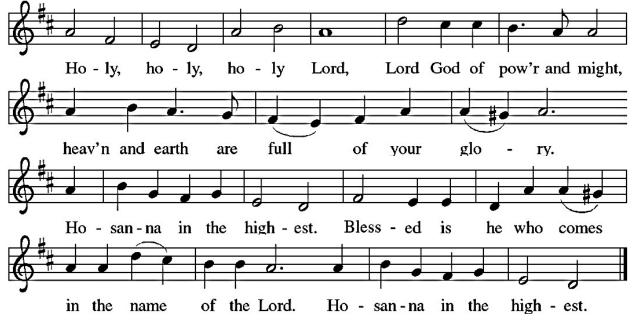
#### LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks:

## The minister continues with the PROPER PREFACE:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... Here the minister continues with the P *preface for the day, concluding:* ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn: The assembly sings the SANCTUS:



# The WORDS OF INSTITUTION are sung to the music Blessed Martin Luther himself composed specifically for this purpose.

 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.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

**P** 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**

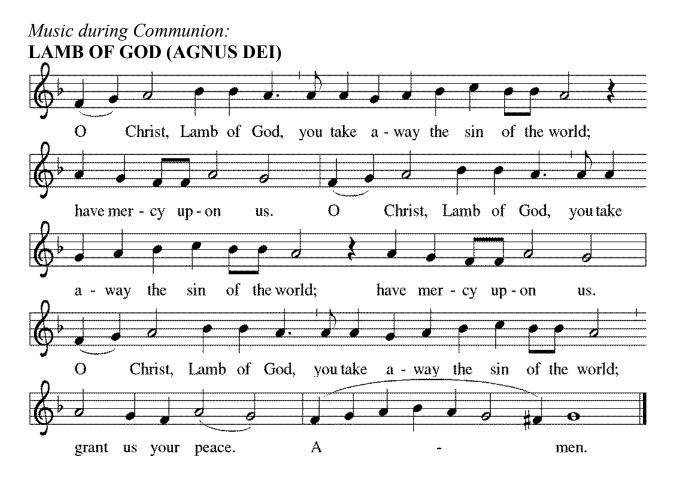
Behold the Lamb of God,behold him who takes away the sins of the world.Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

 Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

#### *Sit* COMMUNION

When giving the bread, the communion ministers say The body of Christ, given for you. and each person may respond Amen.

We Lutherans believe that the Body and Blood of Christ are "truly and substantially" present "in, with, and under" the forms of bread and wine. We invite to the communion all who are baptized and communing in this or another Christian denomination. We welcome children and others who are not communing to come forward for a blessing. At the direction of the ushers, approach the communion station, receive the host in your palm, move to the side and place the host in your mouth, and return to your seat.



#### **ANTHEM:** Christ the Lord Is Risen

Bach/Fettke

#### Stand

#### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

- The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- **C** Amen.

**ANTHEM:** Hallelujah Chorus

GF Handel (1685-1759)

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

 Let us pray.
 We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**G** Amen.

#### SENDING





## DISMISSAL

- **A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.



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## Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!





**POSTLUDE:** Festival Toccata

Fletcher

## **OFFERING**

The offering will be collected as you leave the Church.

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**The Easter Cycle** celebrates the events surrounding our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. Beginning with Ash Wednesday, the Easter Cycle includes the Lenten season, Holy Week, and the Easter Season. This cycle concludes with the Day of Pentecost, as the culmination of the resurrection through the coming of the Holy Spirit to Christ's followers.

**The Paschal Candle,** symbolic of our Lord's resurrection, is positioned on the Gospel side of the altar and is lighted at all services during the Easter season (up to and including the Day of Pentecost).

**The liturgical color white,** symbolic of purity, joy, and the light of Christ, is used on the festivals of Christ. Gold is a more festive version of white.

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#### We're so glad to see you today!

We hope you are as glad to be back at worship as we are! Please keep in mind that the church, like everywhere else during these careful times, has had to make changes in order to adhere to CDC guidelines. Some of these changes are inconvenient, but we must all do our part to protect ourselves and our church family. Your patience and cooperation are very much appreciated. If you have questions about new policies, please feel free to speak with one of the Vestry ushers.

We will continue to post videos of our services on our web site along with the complete bulletin for those who are unable to join us during this strange time in which we live.

<u>The Church office and all church buildings will remain closed.</u> Please check our web site for opening updates. The Parish Administrator is available during normal office hours via telephone or e-mail. **We are never alone during this stressful time. Jesus walks alongside us every step of the way.** 

#### **Augustus Re-Opening Information for Parishioners:**

- Please stay home if you are sick, feel ill, have a fever, or have been exposed to an individual diagnosed with Covid-19 (Coronavirus) within the last 14 days.
- Please stay home if you are at higher risk of severe illness with COVID19. If you are uncertain about your risk status, please consult your doctor.
- Worship will be held at the usual times: 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM.
- Before entering the Church, please put on your own facemask or cloth covering. (Facemasks will not be provided by Augustus.) Exceptions to wearing a facemask or other covering are "children younger than 2 years old, anyone who has trouble breathing ... and anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance" (CDC Guidelines).
- Please maintain social distancing guidelines with those people who are not members of your household.
- Due to current restrictions, you will probably not sit in your usual place at worship. Ushers will direct you to your seat, filling the church from the front to back to minimize contact. The only appropriate response to this temporary but necessary change is a patient and loving spirit.

- A complete large print worship bulletin will be given to you by an usher. No hymnals will be used. When leaving the church, please take the bulletin with you or place it in the recycle bin. It cannot be re-used.
- We will sing less than customary at this time. This is an added disappointment for Lutherans, but it is only a temporary restriction.
- Communion will be distributed to you as you come forward at the direction of the ushers. Only the host will be distributed. It will be placed in the palm of your hand. Please keep your mask on and move away from the Pastor. Then remove your mask, place the host in your mouth, and put your mask back on and return to your seat.
- The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows starting in the back of the church. Please proceed immediately and directly to the exit of the church building.
- The offering will be received as you leave. Please place your offering in one of the receptacles at the door.

#### Worship Assistants

Vestry Greeters: Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul Ushers: Dick Allebach, Scott Halteman, Gary Wessner, and Mike Taylor Lectors: 8:00 am: Laurie Mueller 10:30 am: Sonya Sowards Altar Guild: Becky Quirk and Sally Sweeney Offering Tabulation: Gary Wessner, Lois Robinson, and Frank DePaul Video Production: Jim Lien

<u>The Flowers that Adorn the Altar in the Brick Church Nave</u> are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Mother and Father Lois A. Ochran and George T. Ochran from their children and grandchildren.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God by Peg DeWane in memory of loved ones.

<u>The Worship Bulletins</u> are given to the glory of God by Deborah Scholl and Family in memory of loved ones.

#### First Holy Communion

The following students will receive their First Holy Communion during the service today. Congratulations to these young people and their families as they continue their journeys of faith.

Erick Lyaro Abigail Leigl Charlotte Richvalsky

<u>Altar Guild Help Wanted:</u> Altar Guild members attend to the altar on Sundays. They change and adjust the paraments, prepare the Holy Communion elements, place and remove the flowers, and a host of other small jobs that are so important to our weekly worship. Are you interested in helping? No experience required! We'll train you! Contact Deb Scholl at <u>Schollde@aol.com</u>.

**ON-LINE ONLY on April 11:** Our Synod has provided a complete online service to be used during the Easter season so that clergy, musicians, and volunteer tech personnel can take a vacation Sunday. **We will use this online service for Sunday, April 11, 2021.** Therefore, worship on Sunday, April 11, 2021, will be **online only** with **no in-person worship** at all.

## Easter Flowers 2021

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Allebach in memory of loved ones.

Augustus Women of the ELCA given to the Glory of God in loving memory of all their faithful departed members.

Nancee Clelland in loving memory of husband, William Clelland.

Nancee Clelland in loving memory of parents, Sara and Gunnar Rambo.

Nancee Clelland in loving memory of brother, Gunnar Rambo Jr.

Anita Halteman in memory of husband, Galen Halteman.

Anita Halteman in honor of my family.

Cheryl and Rich Holcombe in memory of loved ones.

Elaine Johnston in memory of my husband, Jay.

John and Marie Kochel in memory of our parents: Donald and Joan Kochel, Joseph and Elizabeth Julia.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of parents, Tom and Anne Lachenmayer.

Karen Lachenmayer in loving memory of Dorothy E. Keffer and Miriam Bennett.

Jim and Sally Lorah in memory of Loved Ones.

Mr. and Mrs. Bryan McClain in honor of our daughters, Maggie and Sean.

Phyllis Oehlert in loving memory of my husband, Paul.

Dale, Patrick and Brian O'Hara given to the Glory of God in loving memory of family and friends.

Rich and Dot Opperman and family in memory of loved ones.

Spring Ahead! In loving memory of parents Mary Redeyoff and Dick Miller and of Amy Redeyoff. Love, The Redeyoff Family

Mary Saylor and Laura Peljae in loving memory of Kenneth N. Saylor.

Mary Saylor in loving memory of her children – John Madill, Cynthia (Madill) Klacik and Pamela Madill.

Deborah Scholl in memory of loved ones.

Susan Snow and Barry Amole in honor of their children and grandchildren.



# Easter Flowers 2021

Michael and Janet Stokes in loving memory of our parents, Edward and Catherine Stokes and James and Kathryn Shelly.

Michael Van Blaricum

Pat and Phil Vento in grateful thanksgiving for healthy grandchildren.

In honor of children Alisha, Lindsey, Emily, Julieann, Michael and Justin.

LaVonne Johnson in loving memory of husband, Dennis L. Johnson.

