

*Gathering in silence,  
we have come to visit the grave of a friend, a friend who is not here.*



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

**Gathering Song *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* (ELW 365)**



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 - um - phant 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!

## Canticle of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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

All



1 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.

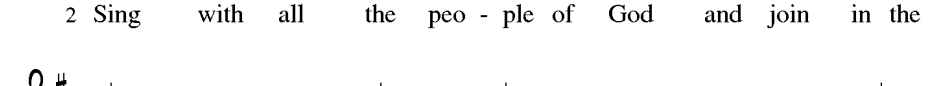
*Refrain*



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



2 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.

*Final refrain*



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.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-6

<sup>1</sup>At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

<sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord:

The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness;  
when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

<sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!

Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

<sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

<sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:

“Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.”

### Psalm: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24



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

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare,**  
**“God's mercy endures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**  
**“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,**  
**and declare the works of the Lord. R**

<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me**  
**and you have become my salvation. R**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the Lord has this been done;**  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. **R**

## Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

<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.”

## Gospel Acclamation

*The Alleluia, absent during the somber season of Lent, returns. It is sung before and after the Gospel reading.*

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

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

**Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Gospel Acclamation Repeats

# Sermon



## Hymn of the Day *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* (ELW 367)



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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## 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

*Each petition will end with the words “Risen Lord, in your mercy,” and the assembly responds with “hear our prayer.”*

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

### And also with you.

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, “Peace be with you.”*

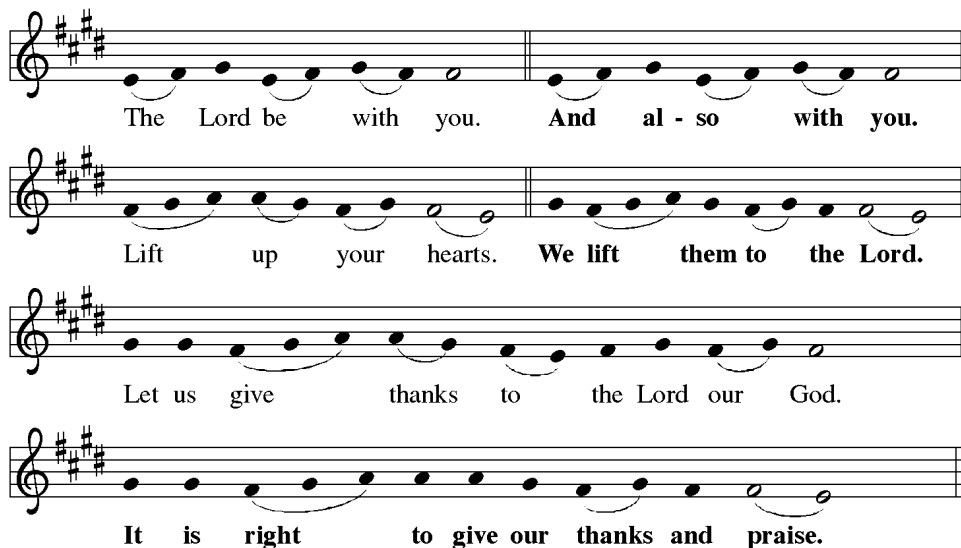
## Anthem: There Is A Redeemer

### Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

## Offering Prayer

## Great Thanksgiving Dialogue



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

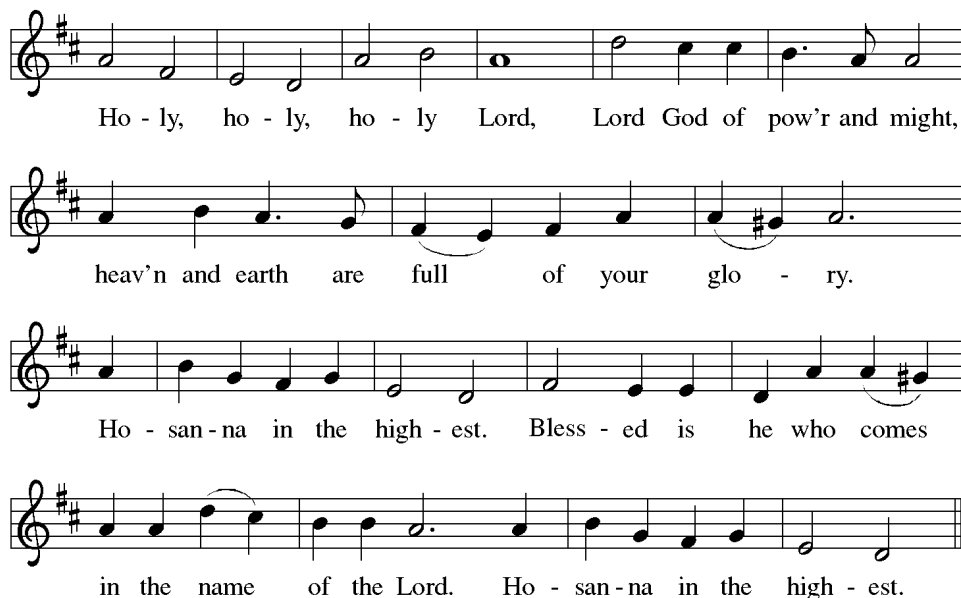
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## Preface

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## Words of Institution

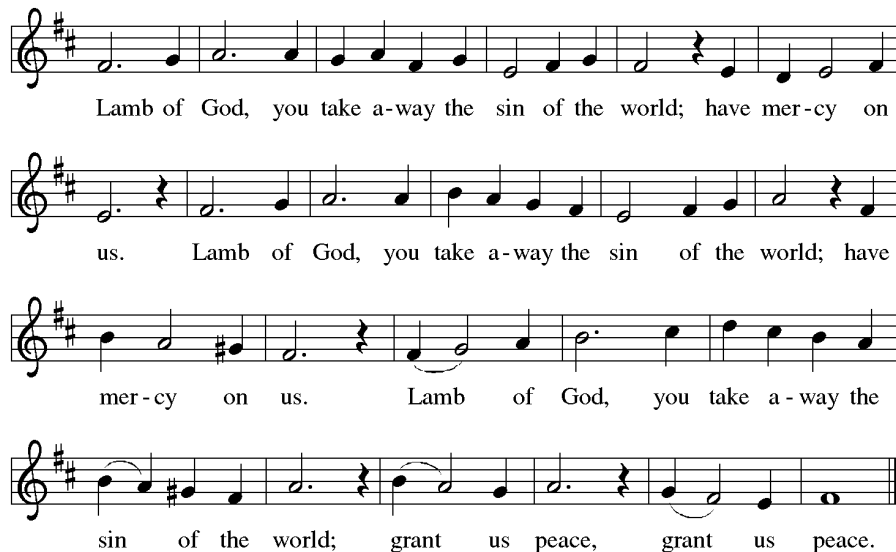
## Lord's Prayer

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.**

## Lamb Of God



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.

## Communion Song: *Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers* (ACS 938)



1 Christ has ris - en while earth slum - bers, Christ has ris - en  
2 Christ has ris - en for the peo - ple whom he died to  
3 Christ has ris - en to com - pan - ion for - mer friends who  
4 Christ has ris - en and for - ev - er lives to chal - lenge

where hope died, as he said and as he prom - ised,  
love and save; Christ has ris - en for the wom - en  
fear the night, sens - ing loss and lim - i - ta - tion  
and to change all whose lives are messed or man - gled,

as we doubt - ed and de - nied. Let the moon em -  
bring - ing flow'rs to grace his grave. Christ has ris - en  
where their faith had once burned bright. They be - moan what  
all who find re - li - gion strange. Christ is ris - en,

brace the bless - ing; let the sun sus - tain the cheer; let the  
for dis - ci - ples, hud - dled in an up - stairs room. He whose  
is no long - er, they ex - pect no hope - ful sign till Christ  
Christ is pres - ent mak - ing us what he has been: ev - i -

world con - firm the ru - mor: Christ is ris - en, God is here!  
word in - spired cre - a - tion can't be si - lenced by the tomb.  
ends their con - ver - sa - tion, break - ing bread and shar - ing wine.  
dence of trans - for - ma - tion in which God is known and seen.

## Prayer after Communion

### 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.**

### Sending Song *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (ELW 366)



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



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!  
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!  
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

*After the final stanza*



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



**Easter Day 2023**

**First Lutheran Church, San Marcos, Texas**

*Artworks on the worship book today are by Frank Wesley, a 20th century artist originally from India. .  
They depict the women, who were the witnesses of the empty tomb.*