

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY • MARCH 31, 2024

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Cross Lutheran Church

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Preaching/Presiding:

Pastor Scott Simmons

Director of Music:

Kenneth Kusiak

Lay Minister:

3/31 7:30 Dan Erickson 3/31 9:30 Dave Olson 4/7 Dave Olson

Assisting Minister:

3/31 7:30 Katie Erickson 3/31 9:30 Duane Gudknecht 4/7 Sherry Batterman

Cantor:

3/31 7:30 Katie Erickson 3/31 9:30 Duane Gudknecht 4/7 Peter Brown

Ushers:

3/31 9:30a Sharon Crist and Matt Wickoren 4/7 Dan Erickson and Katie Erickson

Acolyte:

3/31 9:30a Henry Mizinski 4/7 Kirby Doughty Crist

Livestream Producer:

Katie Tomek

Altar Guild:

March: Linda Duncan and Lisa LeMay April: LuAnn Lund and Carolyn Border

Coffee:

3/31 EASTER BRUNCH 4/7 Sheree Kieffer and Myrna Schultz

If you are interested in serving coffee following worship, please sign-up on the bulletin board between the narthex and the kitchen.

GATHER

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana Pietro Mascagni



*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather this day in joyous celebration because Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning, because Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed!

There is hope for this weary world, because Christ is risen!

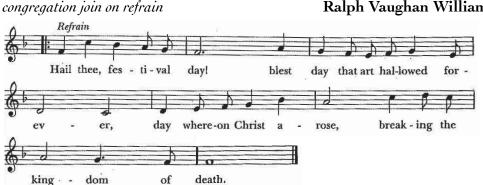
He is risen indeed!

And because Christ is risen indeed,

Come, let us worship the Lord!

EASTER ANTHEM

Hail Thee, Festival Day (Salve festa dies) Ralph Vaughan Williams



ANNOUNCEMENTS/WELCOME

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

*GREETING

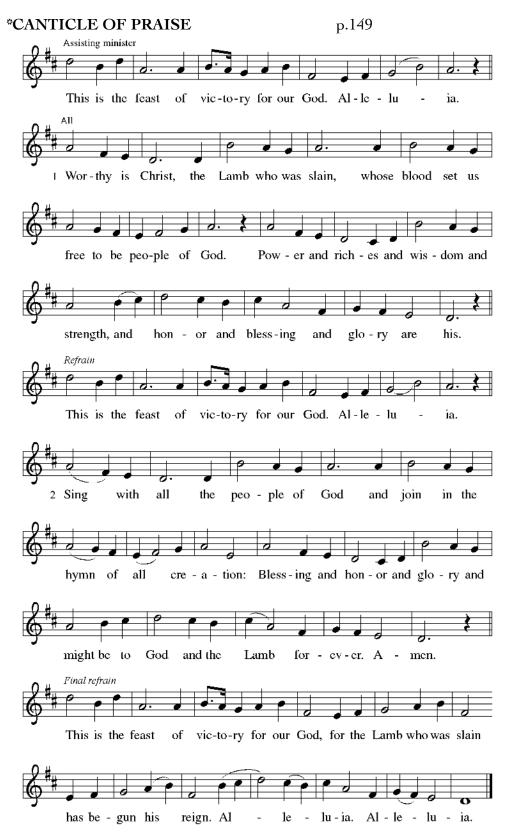
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**



f you would like to provide flowers for Sunday Worship, sign up on the bulletin board in the back of the narthex, or contact the office.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion, which we celebrate every Sunday. is the principal form of Lutheran worship. Here, the Holy Spirit gathers us around the means of grace - the saving Word of God and the sacraments. From the table of communion where Jesus Christ comes with forgiveness. life, and salvation, God sends us out to share the good news and to care for those in need.

The basic pattern of this liturgy-gathering, word, meal, sending—is a structure that allows for freedom and flexibility in the ways our worship may be shaped locally, while focusing on what the church holds in common. The whole people of God are joined by the same gifts of grace, for the sake of the same mission of the gospel, into the life of the one triune God.



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Receive our unending love and devotion as we celebrate today the undeserved gift of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with you always. And also with you.

WORD

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

FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 31: 3-6

The LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

For there shall be a day when sentinels will call

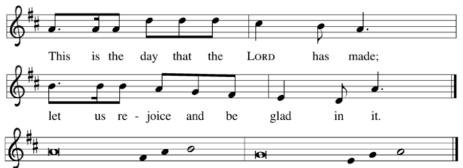
in the hill country of Ephraim:

"Come, let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God."

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118: 21-27



I give thanks to you, for you have I answered me and you have become I my salvation.

The stone that the build- | ers rejected

has become the chief | cornerstone.

By the Lord has I this been done;

it is marvelous | in our eyes.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

Hosanna! | O Lord, save us!

We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord;

we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.

This is the day that the | Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R

We gather around the **WORD** in reading, preaching, and song, as we enter into the steadfast love of God as proclaimed through Holy Scripture.

For Lutherans, the

Gospel of Christ—the
Good News of what
God has done in Jesus
—is at the heart of our
public witness and
proclamation.

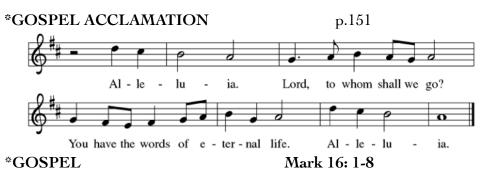
This Good News is received through the Gospel accounts of the apostles Matthew. Mark, Luke, and John, ves. but also in the writings of Paul, John. and Peter; in the witnesses of the Old Testament prophets; the memories of the people of Israel; and through the poetry and prose of Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Proverbs and others. The Gospel is truly the Good News of Christ proclaimed from Genesis to Revelation. whenever and however it points to God's loving, redeeming, and creative power in, with, and through Jesus Christ and by the Holy Spirit. Good News indeed.

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

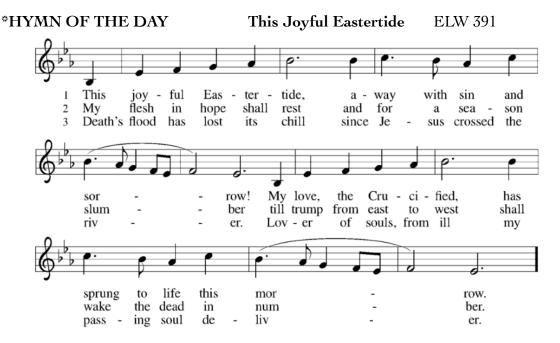
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you O, Lord.

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. 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. 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." 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. The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON



PREACHING SCRIPTURES

As we continue through this year of Mark, here are the main biblical texts for the coming weeks:

March 31. Resurrection

Mark 16:1-8 Psalm 118:21-27

April 7. You Shall Be My Witnesses.

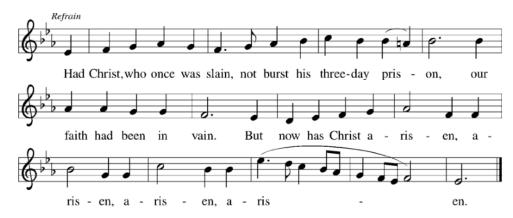
Acts 1:1-14 Mark 6:7-13

April 14. Peter Heals in Jerusalem.

Acts 3:1-10 Mark 6:53-56

April 21. Church at Thessalonica.

Acts 17:1-9 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Mark 13:9-11



*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 THE PEOPLE

God in Your Mercy, Hear Our Prayer.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERTORY Christ Arose Robert Lowry, arr. Teresa Wilhemi

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

This week we pray for:
David, Bud and Margo,
Roman Joseph, Marya,
Marilee, Sherry, Sharon,
Ray and Clara, Dawn,
Brady, Richard, Andrew,
Judy, Sheree, Marv,
Dottie, Alicia, Debbie,
BettyLu, David, Greg,
Kennedee, Kenny,
Robin, Hailey, Jerrod,
and Kelly.

If you have a name to add or remove from this prayer list, please contact Pastor Scott or Katie Tomek, Admin. Assistant.

OFFERING

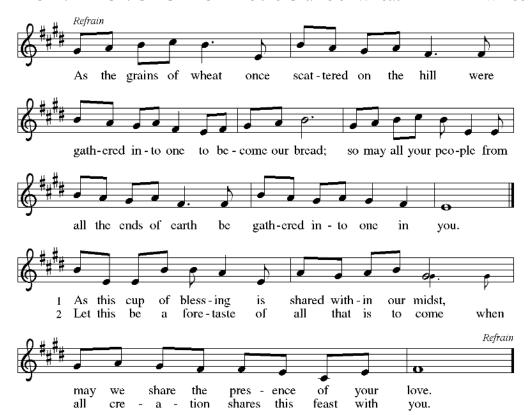
We bring our offerings to God with grateful hearts, in confidence they will be used to support the work of the church both here and throughout the world.

In ELCA liturgy, the Offering is set within the context of the Meal, for it is here that we set the table with the fruits of our hands— financial offerings, yes, but also bread and wine which are products of human effort and gifts of our gracious God. It is from this table of blessing that God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

In Holy Communion, we receive the gift of Christ's presence in bread and wine (the body and blood of Jesus) through the holy promise that this gift is "for you." All who desire to receive Christ's presence in, with, and through the wine and the bread are invited to this table.

We remember God's faithfulness to God's people and God's purposes.

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS As the Grains of Wheat

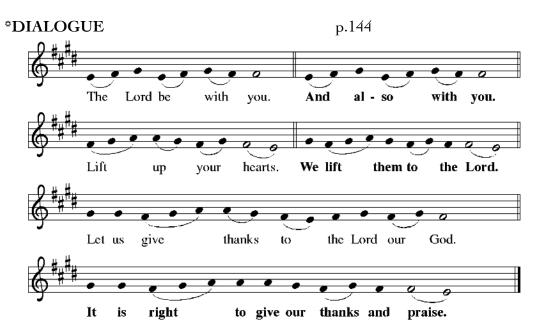


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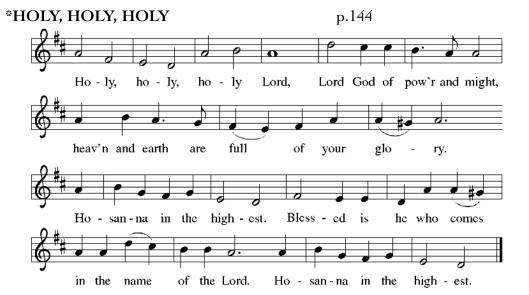
*OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING



*PREFACE



*PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, in his death, resurrection, and ascension, opened his arms to all, inviting us to share the table of his love and proclaim to all the sacred story...

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

*PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

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 forever. Amen.

All are invited to proclaim the words of institution along with the presiding pastor.

Today we practice continuous communion using a pouring chalice as a common cup. Ushers will invite you to proceed up the aisle towards the pastor and the bread. Please offer your cupped hands to receive the bread.

Proceed to the cupbearer, picking up an empty cup from the tray. Hold out your cup for the lay minister to fill from the common pouring chalice.

Please recycle your cup in the basket provided and return via the side aisle.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please tell the pastor when you approach to receive the bread. Pre-filled grape juice cups are available. Please ask your server.

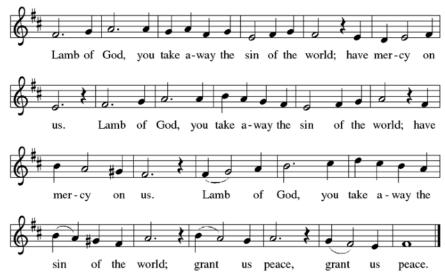
Children who are not yet communing and others wishing not to commune may approach the pastor for a blessing. Please indicate by crossing your arms over your chest.

If you are not comfortable with coming forward for communion due to health concerns, individual communion sets are available at the sanctuary entrance. Please indicate to the usher if you would like one.

ANOINTING After communing, you may receive prayer and anointing with oil from the assisting minister stationed in the narthex.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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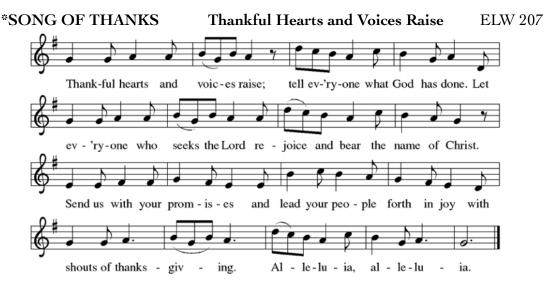


SONGS DURING COMMUNION

Thine is the Glory-376, Now the Green Blade Rises-379, Alleluia! Jesus Has Risen-377

DISTRIBUTION

*COMMUNION BLESSING



*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, in the mystery of Christ's resurrection you send light to conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to your Son's resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

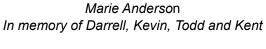
SENDING HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus **ELW 392** Sing 1 Al - le - lu ia! Je his the to sus: scep - ter. - lu 2 Al - le ia! Not or - phans are left as 3 Al - le - lu -Bread of heav - en, earth ia! here on our 4 Al - le - lu -King Lord nip - o ia! e ter nal, om 5 Al - le - lu ia! Sing to Je sus; the scep - ter, his the throne: Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the Al - le - lu - ia! sor - row now; he is near us; faith be Al - le - lu - ia! food, our stay; here the sin - ful flee to tent we own; Al - le - lu ia! born of Mar - y, earth your the throne; Al - le - lu ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re you from day to day. In - ter - ces sor, friend of heav'n your throne. As with - in foot - stool, the veil you Hark! The songs vic - to ry a - lone. of peace - ful "Je -Zi on thun - der like might - y flood: sus ceived him when the for ty days were o'er, shall our sin - ners, earth's re deem - er, hear our plea where the en - tered, robed in flesh, our great high priest, here on Zi - on thun - der like might - y "Je sus flood: 'ry tion has re - deemed us by his blood." of ev na hearts for - get his prom ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"? the crys - tal songs of all the sin less sweep a - cross sea. earth both priest and vic tim in the eu cha-ris - tic feast. of 'ry na tion has re - deemed us by his blood." out ev -*DISMISSAL Go in peace. Christ is Risen. Christ is Risen Indeed, Alleluia!

Prelude on "Easter Hymn"

The Holy Spirit **SENDS** us, restored and refreshed in the Word and the Meal, to share the Good News.

C.V. Stanford

The flowers decorating our sanctuary today are given by



Sherry Batterman
In memory of Peter, Geri and Dean

Dottie Bingman
In memory of Richard Gene Bingman

Linda Duncan
In memory of Clay Duncan and Catherine McKenzie

Dan and Tammy Erickson
In memory of Harry Erickson, Bill Lewinski and Tom Featherstone

Katie and Emily Erickson
In memory of Kristen Lewinski, Margaret Nierad and Matt Kadilak

Sylvia Graham In memory of Michael and Corinne

Duane and Jamie Gudknecht
In memory of Betty Gudknecht and Lou Ann Olson

Carol Hastings In memory of Marion Hastings and in celebration of our family of Cross Lutheran

> Sherry Kieffer In memory of my husband, Roger

Cody LeMay In memory of Cecelia and Sheryl Howard

Lisa and Cody LeMay
In memory of Catherine McKenzie and Clay Duncan

Cliff and Sharon McGinnis
In celebration of family

Kelli and Scott Simmons
In celebration of our children and grandchildren

Kay Stack
In memory of Arlo, Allen and Dick

Kim Stack and Keith Lindquist In memory of loved ones

Mary Vatne
In celebration of kindness and friendship





TODAY AT CROSS

EASTER BRUNCH is at 10:30am in the community room. All are welcome.

COMING UP AT CROSS

JOHN GLENN LAUNCHING PAD April is a time to donate socks. Chisel type Expo markers, gloves/mittens and Kleenex tissues are still needed.

CHOIR PRACTICE

Cross Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 6pm. All experiences and backgrounds are welcome. Choir will be singing two times per month. Participation is encouraged even if you can't be at every service! If you have questions, please contact Ken at worship@crosslutheranchurch.org.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY Thursdays at 10:30 am. All are welcome to join! It's always a lively time.

BLOOD DRIVE The May 2nd Blood drive is ready for scheduling. If you would like to donate, go to the American Red Cross website. If you have questions, please see Sylvia Graham. Thanks so much!

SPRING WORK DAY! Please join us for a few hours on Saturday morning April 20th at 9am to do some spring cleaning in and around the building. Feel free to bring a rake, broom and a pair of gloves if you can.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS

Sunday, March 31

7:00 am

Easter Sunrise Worship

9:30an

Easter Sunday Worship

10:30am

Easter Brunch

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Promesa De Dios

1:30 - 2:30 pm

Easter @ Shores

5:00pm – 9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Monday, April 1 Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2

1:00-5:30pm

Pastor Scott office by apt

6:00-8:00pm

Lay Ministry Meeting

Wednesday, April 3

1:00-6:00p

Pastor Scott office by apt

7:00-9:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Thursday, April 4

8:00am - 5:00pm

Katie Tomek Ōffice

10:00am – 11:00am

Bible Study (Comm Rm)

11:30pm - 2:30pm

Pastor Scott Office

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Worship at The Shores

Friday, April 5

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Pastor Scott Office 5:00pm

- 9:00pm

Ebenezer Elim

Saturday, April 6

9:00am – 1:00pm Adventista Septimo Dia

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Cross Organ Practice

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Adventista Septimo Dia

Sunday, April 7

9:30am

Worship

10:30am

Coffee Fellowship

11:00am

Adult Ed

1:00pm - 5:00pm

Promesa De Dios

5:00pm - 9:00pm

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