

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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

A READING FROM ACTS

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?

¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

(Acts 3:12-19)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4 (Read responsively)

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;

you set me free when I am hard-pressed; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²“**You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;**

how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;

when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;**

speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,

and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!”

Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,

more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

⁸**I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;**

for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

A READING FROM FIRST JOHN

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. (1 John 3:1-7)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Refrain

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais-es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”
(Luke 24:36b-48)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day of Arising”
[See back of bulletin]

NICENE CREED (Read in Unison)

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;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified,
He 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

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

As we share the holy meal, that is the body and blood of Christ Jesus, lead us to share all that we have in generosity, abundant life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring water to parched places and protect all that you have made good. Open our eyes to the beauty of your creation and teach us to be good stewards. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Touch the hearts of those who are called to positions of authority and leadership. Help them make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect those who face war and violence. Bring healing and wholeness to all who suffer. We especially pray for everyone on our prayer list and all those whose needs are known only to you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Help us to remember that our lives have been bought and paid for by the blood of the Lamb. Open our eyes to new opportunities to love our neighbors as you love us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for all your saints who lived and died in faith. Fill us with resurrection joy, as we await that day when every tear will be wiped from our eyes; and mourning, crying, and pain will be no more. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

(The Pastor concludes): Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

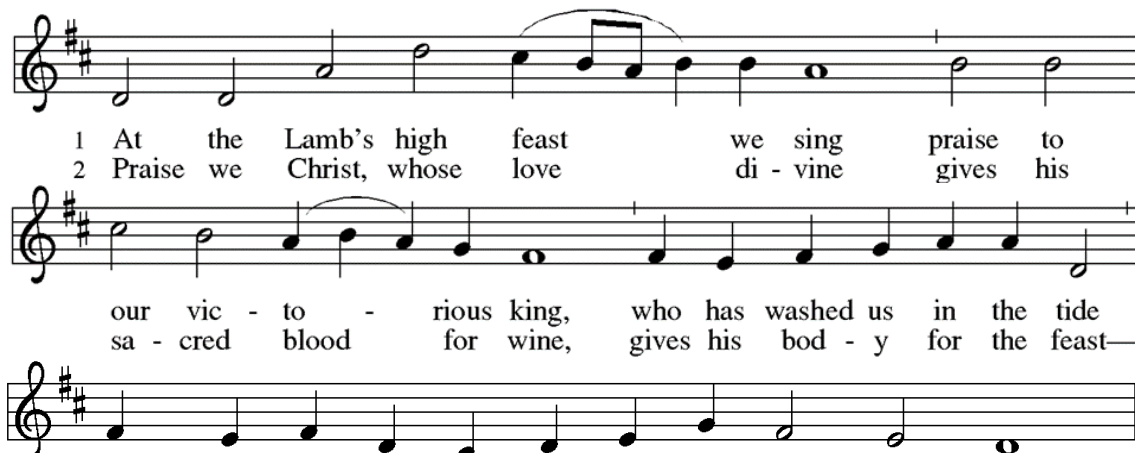
The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:00 AM) “Trumpet Tune” D. Lasky

ANTHEM (10:30 AM) *“Death, Where Is Your Sting” L. Larson

OFFERTORY HYMN “At the Lamb’s High Feast”



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Merciful God, our gifts seem so small for such a great celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our little lives. Feed us again at this table that we might go forth to serve in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ.

Amen.

MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

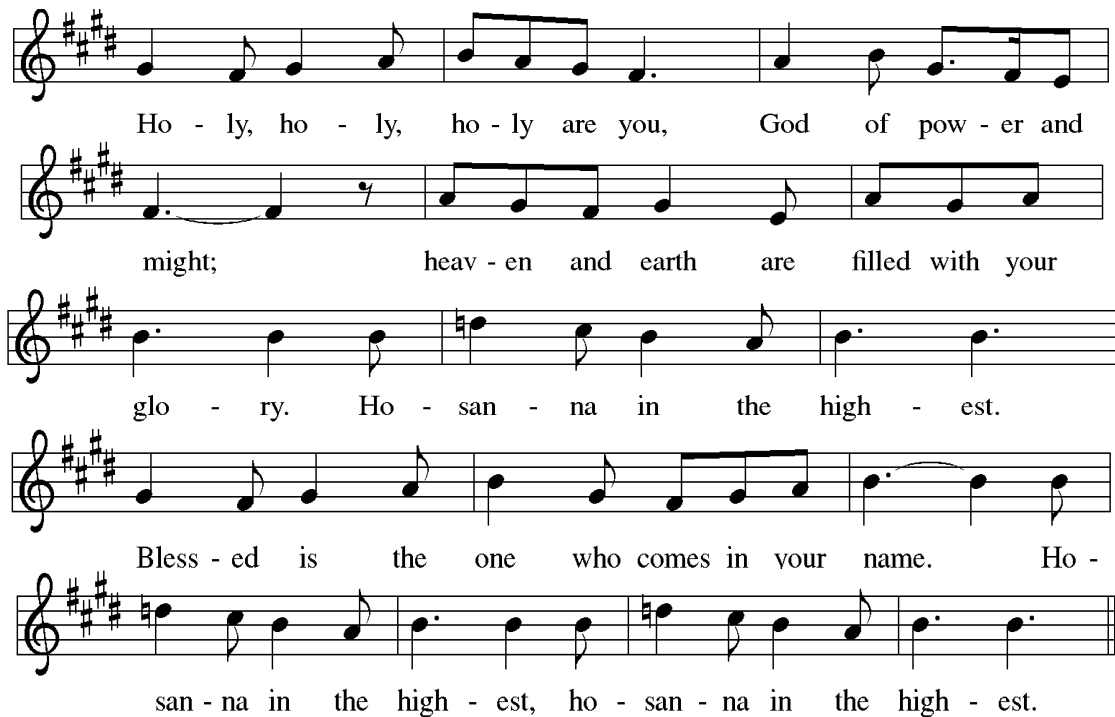
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary that we should in all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But, chiefly we are bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
 might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith

as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

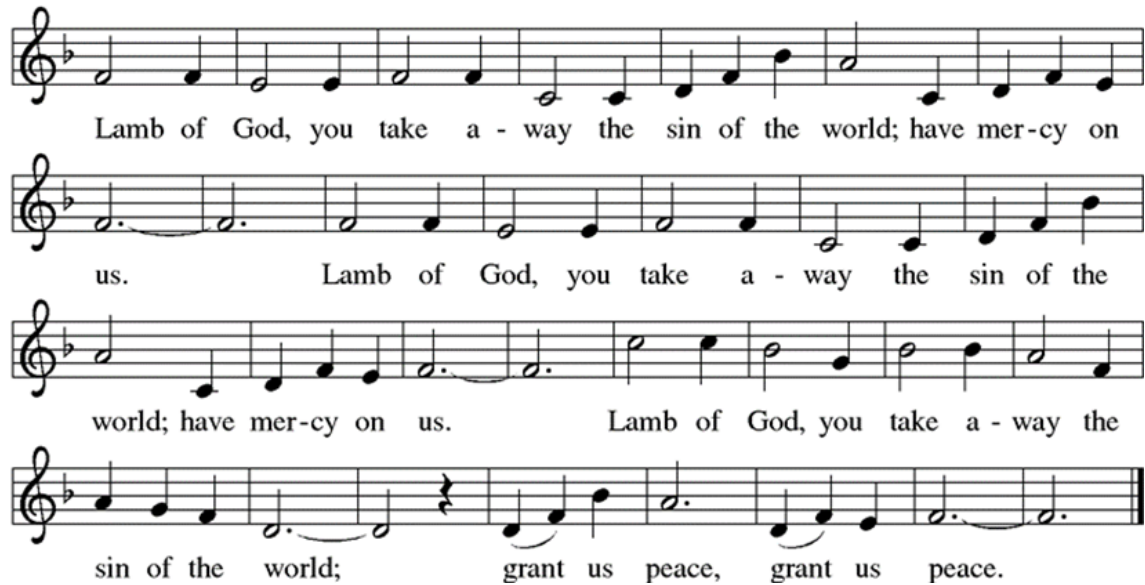
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
 and the power, and the glory,
 forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

When we eat this bread, we share the body of Christ.
When we drink this cup, we share the blood of Christ.

**Reveal yourself to us, O Lord, in the breaking of bread,
as once you revealed yourself to your disciples.**

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.

INSTRUCTIONS

All who are baptized and seek forgiveness of their sins and the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion by intinction. Communicants may dip a wafer of bread (the Body of Christ) into a chalice of wine (the Blood of Christ) before consuming it. After you have received the Sacrament, you may choose to briefly stand at the chancel rail before returning to your seat.

If you or your child would like to receive a blessing rather than the Sacrament, please come forward and say, "A blessing," or cross your arms over your chest.

Those who are unable to come forward should indicate that they wish to receive the Sacrament and they will receive it as they sit in their pew.

Communion is shared with those seated on the pulpit side and then with those seated on the lectern side.

COMMUNION HYMN "Bread of Life from Heaven"
[See back of bulletin]

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God, you have fed us with your word, and opened us to your presence. Now send us forth to share the gifts of Easter with all in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

May Almighty God open your heart and transform your mind,
so that you may know and love the Risen Christ. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” vs. 1, 2, 7, 8
[See back of bulletin]

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen, just as he said. Go now in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“Come, You Faithful”

L. Smith

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Altar flowers are presented in honor of Victoria Spidler by her parents, Tina and
Scott Butler.

Bulletins are presented in honor of Heather L. Jenkins on her birthday by her
parents, Barry and Dana.

Chancel flowers are presented to Juli Schenck. Happy Birthday Juli! with love
from Sue and Kurt Schenck.

Anthem * “Death, Where is Your Sting” presented in loving memory of Dick Teets
by Duke and Sue Schenk and Family. (1997)

Introduction to the day: The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in
which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter
template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today’s gospel, Jesus both shares
the disciples’ food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and
resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

PLEASE FILL OUT A COMMUNION CARD

Members should confirm that they have received the Sacrament at least once during
each calendar year. If you have not completed a Communion card this year, please
fill one out and drop it in the offering plate before you leave the church today.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday, April 14	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum and Teen Class
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion Youth Class
Wednesday, April 17	6:00 PM	Bell Choir
	7:00 PM	Chancel Choir
Thursday, April 18	1:00 PM	Rainbow Friends
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Second Sunday Family Meal
Friday, April 19	5:30 PM	Volunteers at the Food Pantry
Saturday, April 20	8:45 AM	Volunteers at the Food Pantry
	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, April 21	8:00 AM	Worship with Holy Communion
	9:15 AM	Adult Forum
	10:30 AM	Worship with Holy Communion

SERVING TODAY (4/14/24)

8:00 AM

GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike
LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Ruth Ann Withers

10:30 AM

GREETER: Tina Butler; USHER: Bill Smoot
LECTOR: Deb O'Connor; COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Elinda Lado
ALTAR GUILD: Joyce O'Rourke and Becky Smoot
COUNTERS: Joyce O'Rourke, Gloria Dierwechter, and Pat Davis

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (4/21/24)

8:00 AM


GREETER: Krista Harding; USHER: Pastor Mike
LECTOR/COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Kay Weidensaul

10:30 AM

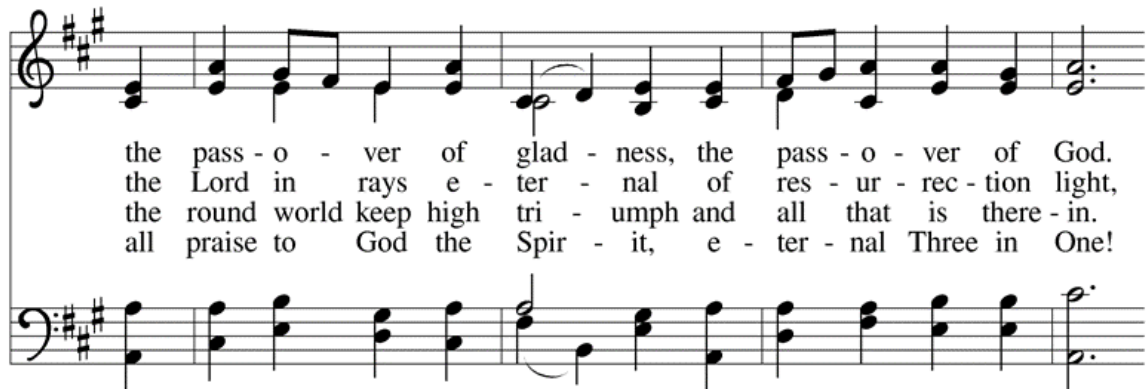
GREETER: Evan Davis; USHER: David Kriner; LECTOR: Wendy Schuld
COMMUNION ASSISTANT: Bill Smoot
ALTAR GUILD: Kathy Miller and Connie Teter
COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

GATHERING HYMN

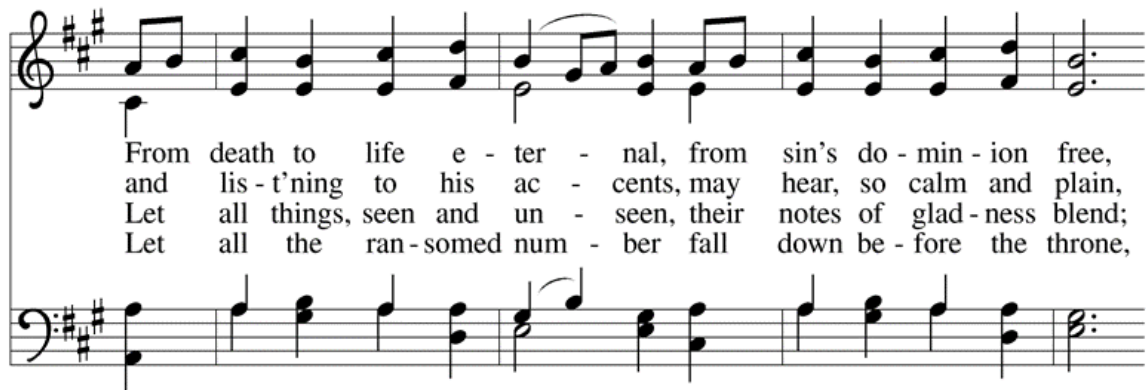
“The Day of Resurrection”



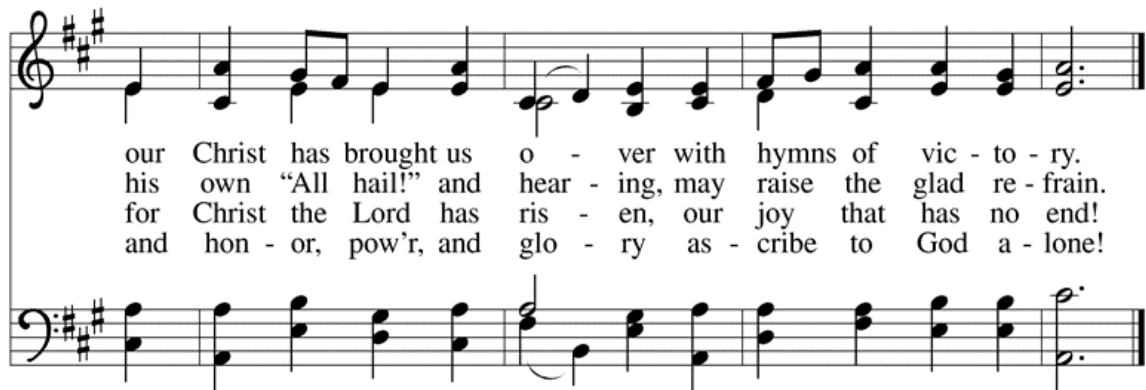
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.
the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.
all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;
Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
his own “All hail!” and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!
and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

PLEASE RECYCLE!

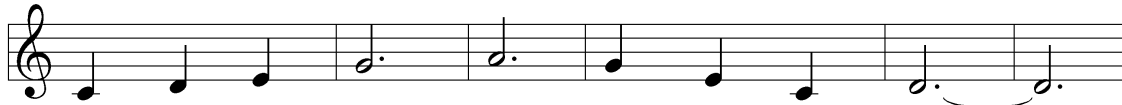
As we approach Earth Day 2024, we remind everyone to “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” for a healthier planet.

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Day of Arising”



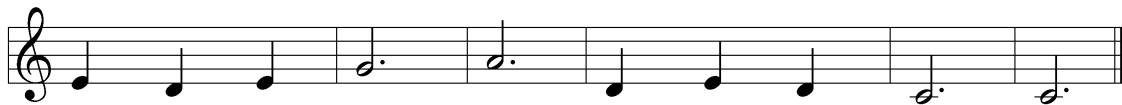
1 Day of a - ris - ing, Christ on the road - way,
2 When we are walk - ing, doubt - ful and dread - ing,
3 Lo, I am with you, Je - sus has spo - ken.
4 Christ, our com - pan - ion, hope for the jour - ney,



un - known com - pan - ion walks with his own.
blind - ed by sad - ness, slow - ness of heart,
This is Christ's prom - ise, this is Christ's sign:
bread of com - pas - sion, o - pen our eyes.



When they in - vite him, as fades the first day,
yet Christ walks with us ev - er a - wait - ing
when the church gath - ers, when bread is bro - ken,
Grant us your vi - sion, set all hearts burn - ing



and bread is bro - ken, Christ is made known.
our in - vi - ta - tion: Stay, do not part.
there Christ is with us in bread and wine.
that all cre - a - tion with you may rise.

PRE-SALE SAUSAGE SANDWICH ORDERS

On Saturday, April 27, the Men of St. Paul's will hold a "Sausage Sandwiches on the Square" sale beginning at 11 a.m. Tasty sausage sandwiches will be priced at \$7 each (or three for \$20). They come with or without sauce and "the works."

Pre-sale orders are being accepted now. Please see Doug Travor or any of the Men of St. Paul's for details.

“SECOND SUNDAY” SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our Second Sunday School class will take place TODAY, April 14! Children ages 1-10 are welcome to come upstairs during the 10:30 AM service for Bible stories, fun, fellowship, and a snack. Please contact Sarah Eger with questions or to volunteer. (570) 394-3522 (cell) swoodring86@hotmail.com

COMMUNION HYMN “Bread of Life from Heaven”

Refrain

Bread of life from heav-en, your blood and bod - y giv - en,

we eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

- 1 Break now the bread of Christ's sac - ri - fice; giv - ing
- 2 Seek not the food that will pass a - way; set your
- 3 Love as the one who, in love for you, gave him -
- 4 Dwell in the one who now dwells in you; make your
- 5 Drink of this cup and de - clare his death; eat this

thanks, hun - gry ones, gath - er round. Eat, all of you, and be
 hearts on the food that en - dures. Come, learn the true and the
 self for the life of the world. Come to the one who is
 home in the life - giv - ing Word. Know on - ly Christ, Ho - ly
 bread and be - lieve Eas - ter morn; trust his re - turn and, with

Refrain

sat - is - fied; in Christ's pres - ence the loaves will a - bound.
 liv - ing way, that the full - ness of life may be yours.
 food for you, that your hun - ger and thirst be no more.
 One of God, and be - lieve in the truth you have heard.
 ev - 'ry breath, praise the one in whom you are re - born.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to pack boxes at the Food Pantry in the basement of St. John U.C.C. at 5:30 p.m. on Friday evening, April 19. Several strong volunteers will also be needed from 8:45–11:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, April 20, to help carry heavy boxes and other items to the clients' cars. If you can help or need more information, please contact Kay Weidensaul at 570-573-0007.

SENDING HYMN

“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

vs. 1, 2, 7, 8

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,

once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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