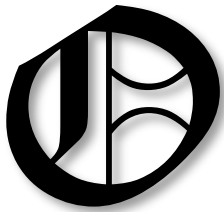


# Eastertide

APRIL 7, 2024 • SUNDAY • SUNDAY, 10:00 A.M.

QUASIMODO GENITI ~ SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER





PEN, MORTAL SINS, SUCH AS ADULTERY, HOMICIDE, FORNICATION, THEFT, ROBBERY, USURY, SLANDER, ETC. THE PURPOSE TO AVOID THESE SINS BELONGS PROPERLY TO SACRAMENTAL CONFESSION, AND TO CONFESSION BEFORE GOD IT BELONGS AT ANY MOMENT AFTER THE SINS HAVE BEEN COMMITTED; ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF ECCLESIASTICUS, "MY SON, HAST THOU SINNED? DO SO NO MORE, BUT ASK PARDON FOR THY FORMER SINS," [ECCLUS. 21:1] AND AGAIN, "MAKE NO TARRYING TO TURN TO THE LORD" [ECCLUS. 5:8].

-MARTIN LUTHER, *A DISCUSSION OF CONFESSION* (1520)

# DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -*Augsburg Confession, Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a*



## PRELUDE

*Who Is This Who Comes from Edom*

Thomas Kelly

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Please stand and face the processional cross.*

*Lutheran Service Book 471*

**“O Sons and Daughters of the King”**



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, “Your Lord will

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 9.*



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay, Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee.” Al - le - lu - ia!

*Continued on next page . . .*

4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia!

5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia!

6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
To God your hearts and voices raise.  
Alleluia! Refrain

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

*[Hebrews 10:22]*

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

*Psalm 124:8*

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalm 32:5*

Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

## **The Fourth Commandment**

*Honor your father and your mother.*

*What does this mean?*

*We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.*

### **Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Fourth Commandment:**

- *Do I submit to those whom God has put in authority over me?*
- *Have I been ashamed of, angry, stubborn, or disrespectful toward my parents, teachers, employer, pastor, government or other authorities?*
- *Do I obey all the laws of the city, state and country, and pay my rightful share of all taxes?*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

*Standing*

# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## INTROIT

*Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon: 1 Peter 2:2a*



- L** Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,\*  
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.
- L** Sing aloud to | God our strength;\*  
shout for joy to the God of | Jacob!
- C** In distress you called, and I de- | livered you;\*  
I answered you in the secret place of | thunder.
- L** I am the | LORD your God,\*  
who brought you up out of the land of | Egypt.
- C** Open your mouth wide, and I will | fill it;\*  
and with honey from the rock I would sat- | isfy you.



- L** Like newborn infants, Alle- | luia,\*  
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- | luia.

## KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

*Mark 10:47*



# HYMN OF PRAISE ~ *This Is the Feast*

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9


*Refrain*




**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
5 For the Lamb \_\_\_\_\_ who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*  
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 37:1-14

**A** The Old Testament Reading for Quasimodo Geniti is from Ezekiel, chapter 37.

**A** In those days: The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley; and indeed they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophesy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.'"" So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but there was no breath in them. Also He

said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' " So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken it and performed it," says the LORD Almighty.'"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.



- A** The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter five.
- A** Dearly Beloved: Whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that
- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness on earth: the Spirit, the water, and the blood; and these three agree as one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself.

*Standing*

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

*Matthew 28:7b; John 20:26a, c*



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** He has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee.



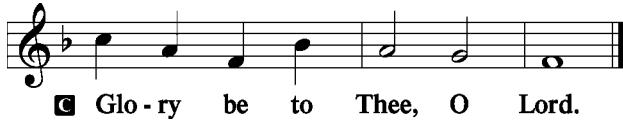
**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

- L** Eight days later Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



**P** At that time: The same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the

print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

## CATECHETICAL RECITATION

## The Sixth Petition

**P** What is the Sixth Petition of the Lord's Prayer?

**C** And lead us not into temptation.

**P** What does this mean?

**C** God tempts no one. We pray in this petition that God would guard and keep us so that the devil, the world, and our sinful nature may not deceive us or mislead us into false belief, despair, and other great shame and vice. Although we are attacked by these things, we pray that we may finally overcome them and win the victory.

*Sitting*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 472

"These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The  
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was  
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That  
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the  
keen e - nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -  
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers  
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.  
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.  
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.  
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

## SERMON

*Standing*

## OFFERTORY

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

*Sitting*

## OFFERING

*Lo, Judah's Lion Wins the Strife*

Bohemian Melody

*Standing*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

**P** Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

*Brief silence*

**P** Heavenly Father, in Holy Baptism the children of Your Church are born again to a living hope. Feed and nourish our faith, bring us through every trial, and lend strength and joy to our praises of the risen Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** O Lord, God of Israel, You sent Your Spirit upon Your people of old and brought them back from exile. Breathe on Your Church again to renew our faith and fellowship, that we may stand as Your holy army. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Gracious Lord, give courage to all pastors as they preach and teach the Word, that all who hear may believe and that, believing, they may live in righteousness and godliness until the day Christ returns as Judge and Lord of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Merciful Father, remember those who have wandered from the household of faith. Faithful to Your promises, work all things in their lives to remind them of their need for Your unending grace and steadfast love, that they might return to the faith and delight in Your Son, crucified and raised for them. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Almighty God, You appoint rulers and officials for the sake of order and peace. Bless those You have placed in authority in federal, state and local governments. Give to them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Blessed Lord, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to the troubled in our midst [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Comfort also those who weep [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_] with the blessed joy of Easter morning. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Father in heaven, You gave the testimony of Your Spirit in the water and blood that poured from Christ's wounded side. Grant that, having received this testimony in the water of Baptism, we may also receive it in the body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and so overcome the world by our faith in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

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

**P** Lord, give us all things good and beneficial to us and to our salvation, and keep us from all things harmful; through Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

*Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3*

*Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.*

*Please remain standing.*

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]*



**P** The Lord be with you.



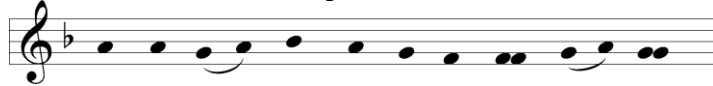
**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

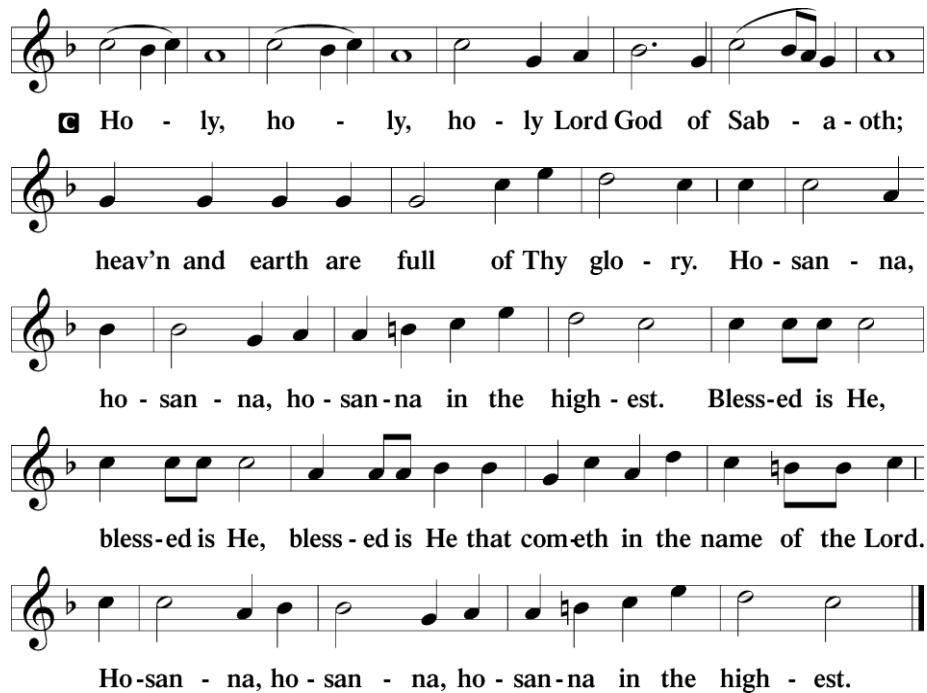


**C** It is meet and right so to do.

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,  
 ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,  
 bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C** **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.**

# THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

**P** Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,  
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the  
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My <sup>†</sup> bod - y, which is giv-en for you.  
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so  
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it  
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in  
My <sup>†</sup> blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.  
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

## PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

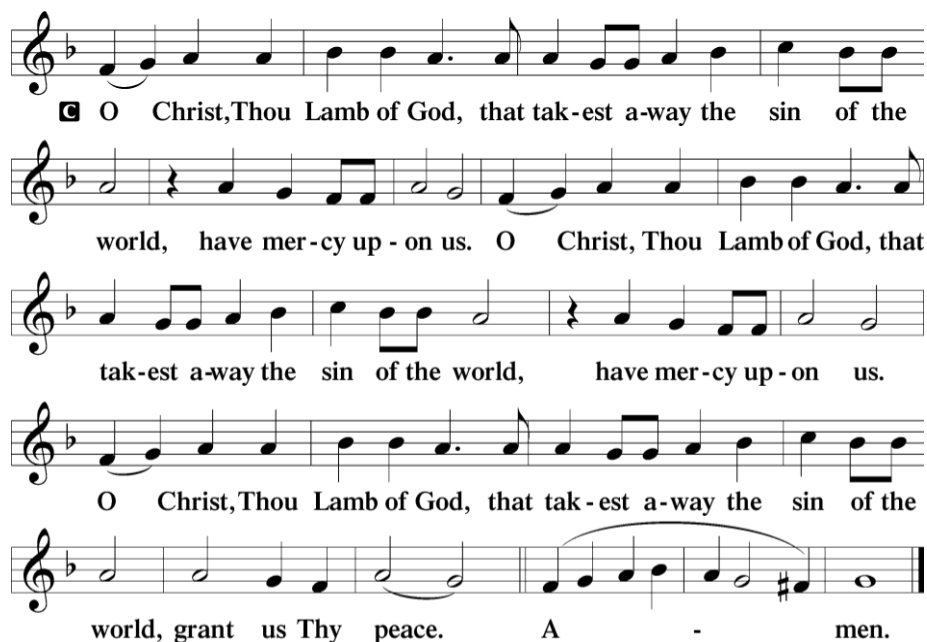
John 20:19

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.  
**C** A - men.



# AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

*Sitting*

*About participation in the Lord's Supper:*

*The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.*

*Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]*

*For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.*

*(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)*

# MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 466

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear!  
4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;  
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.  
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
He who gives life did death un - der - go;  
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;  
Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
And in its con - quest His might did show.  
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”  
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”  
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Our life was pur - chased by His loss; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 O death, where is your dead - ly sting? Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 And where your vic - to - ry, O grave, Al - le - lu - ia!



He lives a - gain who once was dead! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 He died our death up - on the cross. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 As - sumed by our tri - um - phant King! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 When one like Christ has come to save? Al - le - lu - ia!

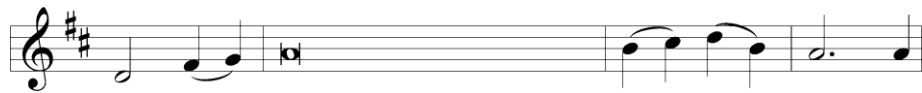
**5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,  
 Alleluia!  
 Before our mighty Savior fall!  
 Alleluia!**

**△ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,  
 Alleluia!  
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost!  
 Alleluia!**

*Please remain standing.*

### NUNC DIMITTIS ~ Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -



cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



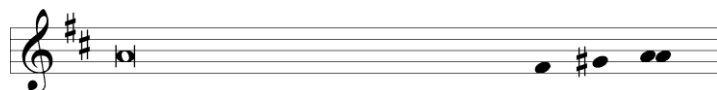
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,



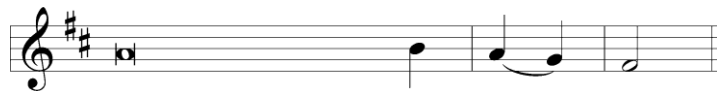
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

# THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



**C** and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

# POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

# SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

# BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make  
 His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.  
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.  
**C** A-men, a-men, a - men.

# EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

# RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lutheran Service Book 490*

**“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”**

1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -  
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is  
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus  
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall  
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -  
 pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!  
 giv - en, I shall go where He is gone,  
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,  
 sev - er, Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell  
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath  
 From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er  
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is  
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I  
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will  
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall  
 scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.  
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

POSTLUDE

*Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*

John M. Neale

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Maddie Abi, *Acolyte*

Fred Durden, *Gospel Bearer*

### **Organist**

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Briana Darden

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Will Davis, trumpet

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### **Fellowship Host(s)**

Nancy Grossberg

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,  
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT  
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS  
YOURSELF.”

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)



# THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 4/7	<b>Quasimodo Geniti ~ Second Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Open Arms Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship
Monday 4/8	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 4/9	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 4/10	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 4/11	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 4/12	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 4/13	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 4/14	<b>Misericordias Domini ~ Third Sunday of Easter</b> Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour Church Board Meeting	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass Following Fellowship

# LOVING THE LORD

## ✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Nation of Israel***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.  
Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the nation of Israel. Beginning with 1 Samuel then moving on to the Books of Kings, Chronicles, and beyond, we will take a tour of the turbulent history of God's people, and His faithfulness despite it all, after their establishment as a nation.

## ✝ **Bethany Lutheran College Choir Concert**

Tuesday May 14, at 7:00 P.M.  
Church sanctuary

The student choir of Bethany Lutheran College (ELS) in Mankato, MN has included our congregation as a stop on their choral tour. They have prepared a concert of sacred choral music, and everyone is invited. Please join us in showing good hospitality, as well as to enjoy a wonderful evening of musical praise to the Lord! There is no cost to attend, but an offering will be taken up to help support the choir and defray costs.

## ✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

## ✝ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

# LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

## + LWML Zone Rally

Saturday April 20, beginning at 9:00 A.M.

Ascension will be hosting the next Lutheran Women's Missionary League Zone Rally. It will begin with registration at 9:00 A.M., Mass at 9:30 A.M., then ladies will discuss LWML business, and close with a luncheon. We encourage all congregational members (men and children included) to attend 9:30 Mass. We are also requesting volunteers to please provide and serve lunch to the LWML. Please consider serving this dedicated group of women, which is so selflessly committed to sharing the Gospel with our neighbors and providing mercy work to those in need.

## + Potluck Fellowship

Sunday April 28, following Mass

Join the Ascension family for a potluck on the last Sunday of every month! It's a great time to not only feast on good food, but to get better acquainted over good conversation. Please consider bringing a main dish, side, salad, and/or dessert to share.

## + Book Club: *Gone with the Wind*

Sunday April 28, at 3:30 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Margaret Mitchell's page-turning, sweeping American epic has been a classic for over eighty years. Beloved and thought by many to be the greatest of the American novels, *Gone with the Wind* is a story of love, hope and loss set against the tense historical background of the American Civil War.

The lovers at the novel's centre – the selfish, privileged Scarlett O'Hara and rakish Rhett Butler – are magnetic: pulling readers into the tangled narrative of a struggle to survive that cannot be forgotten.

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'For sheer readability I can think of nothing it must give way before' *The New Yorker*

'What makes some people come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong, and brave, go under?' Margaret Mitchell

## ✠ **Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell**

Deadline for donations: Sunday, July 28

A former son of the congregation, Charles Schnell, will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in the fall. He is studying to become a pastor in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. His education will include three academic years and one year of hands-on training as a vicar at a sister congregation. While seminary tuition is prepaid for students at this time, Charles will still require money for room and board, as well as his textbooks. Please consider adopting Charles and supporting his studies. You may do so as a one-time gift or an ongoing donation of a set amount per month. It's all up to you. You may coordinate with the Business Manager, Darlene Beckman. Please be sure to mention "Charles Schnell" in the memo line to distinguish your gift from regular plate offerings. We are accepting donations through the end of the summer so that we, as a congregation, may give a donation that matches the total sum of private donations. Thank you for supporting Charles!

# LIFTING HOLY HANDS

## Celebrations

### *Birthdays:*

- ✝ J.P. Morr, 4/9
- ✝ Kerstin Popescu, 4/11

### *Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):*

- ✝ Whitney Worthington, 4/11

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

- ✝ J.P. & Lauren Morr, 4/9

### *Membership Anniversaries:*

- ✝ Tracy & Lucie Woolery, 4/7
- ✝ Tom Lawton, 4/9

## Recent Requests

### *For persecuted Christians:*

- ✝ Sudan

### *For comfort, health, and recovery:*

- ✝ Mick Augustitus (child of Keith Worthington's friend)
- ✝ Barbara Collins-Hopkins (Director of Open Arms LCDC)
- ✝ Cameron McClain and family (relatives of the Woolerys)
- ✝ Patrice Merkerson-Moore (Open Arms teacher)
- ✝ Jean Meyers
- ✝ Michelle Noel
- ✝ Claire Pak (friend of Laura Darden)
- ✝ Bill Vester

### *For those requesting special prayers:*

- ✝ Gainful employment for all those in this congregation who are actively seeking meaningful work and a fair wage.

## Ongoing Requests

### *For family and friends of the congregation:*

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Brian Beckman
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

### *For the leaders of Church and state:*

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials



**I**T IS, ACCORDINGLY, NECESSARY TO KNOW AND TO TEACH THAT WHEN HOLY MEN, STILL HAVING AND FEELING ORIGINAL SIN, ALSO DAILY REPENTING OF AND STRIVING WITH IT, HAPPEN TO FALL INTO MANIFEST SINS, AS DAVID INTO ADULTERY, MURDER, AND BLASPHEMY, THAT THEN FAITH AND THE HOLY GHOST HAS DEPARTED FROM THEM [THEY CAST OUT FAITH AND THE HOLY GHOST]. FOR THE HOLY GHOST DOES NOT PERMIT SIN TO HAVE DOMINION, TO GAIN THE UPPER HAND SO AS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, BUT REPRESSES AND RESTRAINS IT SO THAT IT MUST NOT DO WHAT IT WISHES. BUT IF IT DOES WHAT IT WISHES, THE HOLY GHOST AND FAITH ARE [CERTAINLY] NOT PRESENT. FOR ST. JOHN SAYS, 1 JOHN 3:9: WHOSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD DOETH NOT COMMIT SIN, ... AND HE CANNOT SIN. AND YET IT IS ALSO THE TRUTH WHEN THE SAME ST. JOHN SAYS, 1:8: IF WE SAY THAT WE HAVE NO SIN, WE DECEIVE OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US.

*-SMALCALD ARTICLES, PART III, ARTICLE III. OF REPENTANCE, 43*



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