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To glorify God, to grow in faith,
to give in service, together in Christ

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
8 and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Nancy M. Raabe, Pastor
Kevin Freaney, Minister of Music
Lynn Fasick, Office Administrator
Jessica Moran, Stepping Stones Director

In today's gospel the risen Christ appears to the disciples and offers them the gift of peace. Even amid doubts and questions, we experience the resurrection in our Sunday gathering around word and meal, and in our everyday lives, and we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

Prelude: I Know That My Redeemer Liveth

G.F. Handel

(At the end of today's Prelude, Kevin will play through "Let Us Go Now" as an introduction to this simple melody which we will sing as our Gathering Hymn)

GATHERING

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

P. At Grace Lutheran Church, we gather:

C. To glorify God, to grow in faith, to give in service, together in Christ.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **C. Amen.**



P. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew.

Water is poured into the font.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

C. Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

P. Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

ELW 523

Refrain.



Let us go now to the ban - quet. to the



feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is



wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



1 I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com -



2 God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the



3 May we build such a place a - mong us where all



mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for me. With a spring in my step I'm



ban - quet of jus - tice and good where the har - vest will not be



peo - ple are e - qual in love. God has called us to work to -

Refrain.



walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.



hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.



geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

Greeting

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

Hymn of Praise

Refrain

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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

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

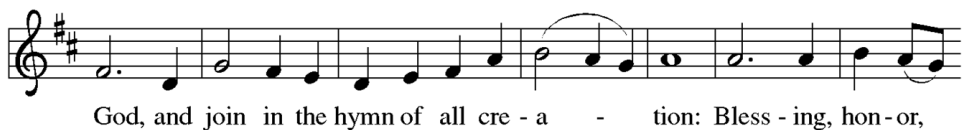
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich-es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

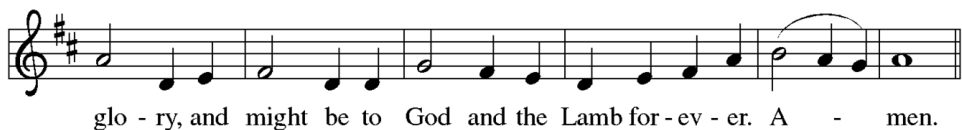
Refrain

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



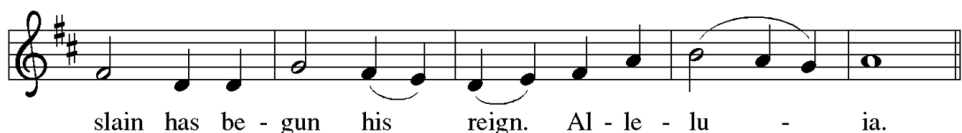
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



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



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

Prayer of the Day

P. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD



First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 22-32

^{14a}Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], ²²“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know—²³this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. ²⁴But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. ²⁵For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
²⁶therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

²⁷For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

²⁸You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. ³⁰Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

³²This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Word of God, word of life.

C. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16



¹Protect me, O God, for I take ref- | uge in you;

I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good a- | bove all other."

²**All my delight is in the godly that are | in the land,**
upon those who are noble a- | mong the people.

³But those who run after | other gods
shall have their troubles | multiplied.

⁴**I will not pour out drink offerings | to such gods,**
never take their names up- | on my lips. R

⁵O LORD, you are my portion | and my cup;
it is you who up- | hold my lot.

⁶**My boundaries enclose a | pleasant land;**
indeed, I have a | rich inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD who | gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night | after night.

⁸**I have set the LORD al- | ways before me;**
because God is at my right hand, I shall | not be shaken. R

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spir- | it rejoices;
my body also shall | rest in hope.

¹⁰**For you will not abandon me | to the grave,**
nor let your holy one | see the pit.

¹¹You will show me the | path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
for- | evermore. **R**

Psalm Prayer

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, ⁷so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: John 20:19-31

P. The gospel of our Lord, according to John, the 20th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the

Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P. The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon: Just Believe

Pastor Nancy Raabe

Please stand.

HYMN of the DAY: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen

ELW 377

Baptism of Mikayla Renee Hercolini (10:30am, see insert)

PRAYERS

To the petition “Hear us, O God” please respond, “Your mercy is great.”



GREETING OF THE PEACE

Please be seated.

OFFERING

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Music at the Offering: He is Risen
Grace Choir (10:30)

Sally DeFord

He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice, He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered, man is free. Christ has won the victory.

Come with high and holy hymning; chant our Lord's triumphant lay. Not one dark-some cloud is dimming yonder glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple East, symbol of our Easter feast.

*He is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate. We are free from sin's dark prison; risen to a holier state.
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.*

Please stand.

OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray.

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

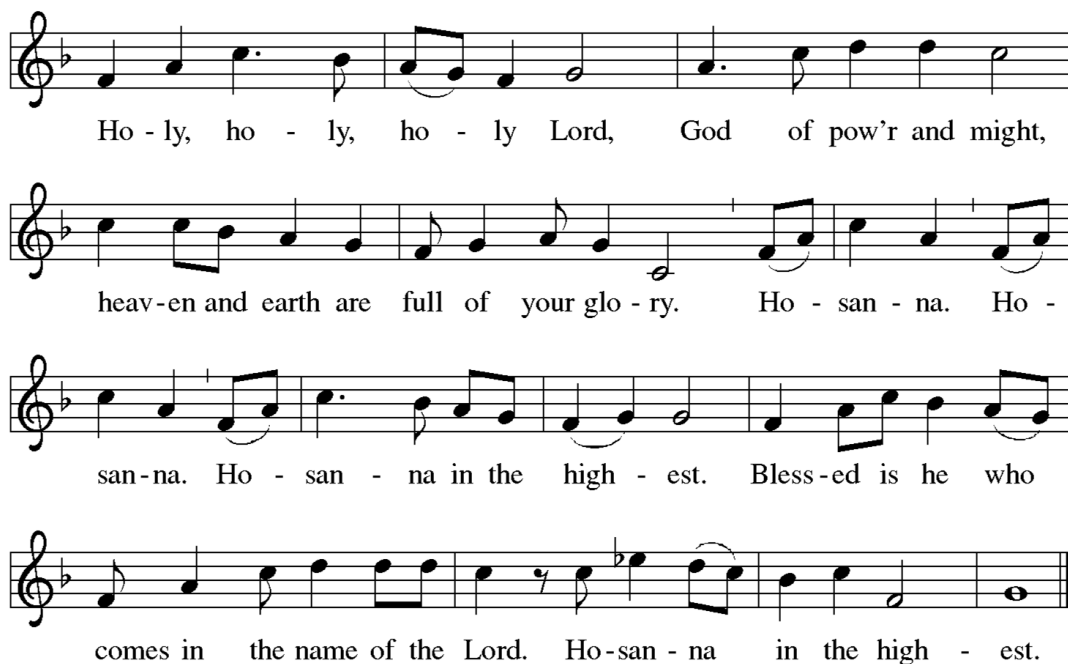
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in 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:





Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father....

In the night in which he was betrayed....

P. For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
 we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C. Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven....

Invitation to Communion

Come and know Christ,
 broken and poured out for you.

Please be seated.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN: Now We Remain

ELW 500

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. Gracious God, in you we live and move and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand.

Sending Hymn: Christ Is Alive, Let Christians Sing

ELW 389

DISMISSAL

P. Go in peace. Share the good news! Alleluia!

C. Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



Postlude: Concerto in F Major

G.F. Handel

Virtual Organ: St. Emmeram's Cathedral in Nitra, Slovakia. The style of the building and the organ is that of the Baroque period, when composers such as J.S. Bach and Handel were alive. The organ is played in combination with our Allen Protege using the program "Hauptwerk".

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Serving today – Thank You!!

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Minister of Music, Kevin Freaney

Lector: 8:00 am, K. Seiler; 10:30 am, R. Badman

Ushers: 8:00 am, K. Seiler & D. Ball; 10:30 am, J. Krout & K. Deussing

Communion Assistants: 8:00 am, K. Seiler; 10:30 am, R. Reilly

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