

FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
1100 EAST SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, MN

March 31, 2024

8:30 a.m.

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY



*You are invited to light a candle in prayer on the Tree of Life during the service.
The candle-lighter is hanging on the wall; you may need to take a candle out to light it.*

Please pass the Friendship Notebook along your row and greet those around you that you may not know.

*We welcome children in worship. There is a family room across from the right front sanctuary doors
and a few steps to the left a staffed nursery for any who wish to use them.*

Hearing assist receivers are available at the ushers' station.

GATHERING

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

PRELUDE *Easter Rejoicing*

arr. Todd Marchand; Brass Quintet

Alleluia! Christ is Risen

arr. John Benhke; Jubilation Ringers; Bob Boman, trumpet

WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The assembly stands.

CALL TO WORSHIP

We believe in resurrection—

mysterious, beyond our understanding, and yet, true.

We believe in Easter morning—

in the promise of a God who would roll back every stone to return to us.

We believe in Jesus—

who calls us by name and asks, "Whom are you looking for?"


So we look—

for justice, for mercy, for God in our midst.


And as we look, we sing, "Alleluia!"

Amen.


PROCESSIONAL HYMN ELW #365 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!*




1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

APOSTOLIC 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.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *This is the Feast*

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



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

Refrain



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



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

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of new beginnings, open us to the mystery and joy of Easter.
Transform our hearts by your presence and love that they may beat in time with yours,
revealed in the One whom death could not hold, in Christ's name we pray. **Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

WORD

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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Dianne O. Loufman

I've Got the Joy

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Word of God.
Word of Life.

SECOND READING *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Word of God.
Word of Life.

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL *John 20:1-18*

Seeing the risen Christ

The Holy Gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

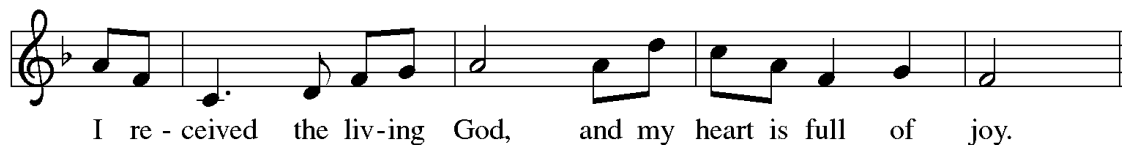
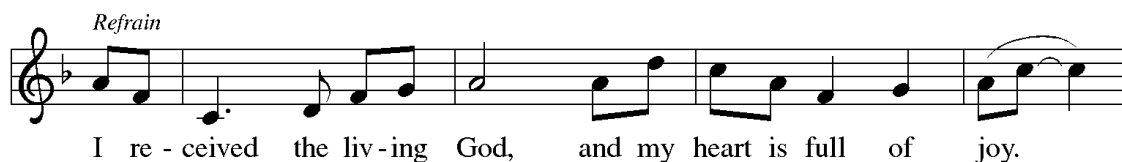
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

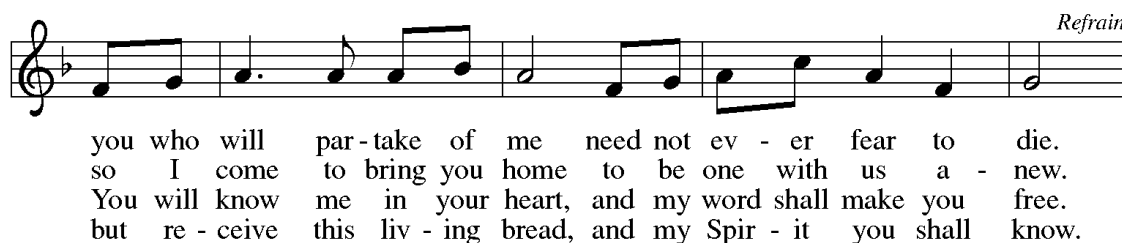
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The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #477 *I Received the Living God*



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in a God who shows up in our lives—
surprising and catching us off-guard in the best of ways.**

**We believe in a God who cares for God's people—
a shepherd who longs for her sheep to be fed and tended.**

**We believe in a God who took on flesh—
a God whose love changed the world as we know it.**

**We believe that this here-and-now God invites us out of the boat,
calling ordinary people like Peter, like us, into a life of service and community.**

And so we give our hearts. We give our whole hearts and nothing less. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us, O God. or **Bless we the Lord,**
Your mercy is great. Thanks be to God.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace. All are then seated for the offering.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

*You are invited to use our digital offering plate. Simply text “**fleduluth**” to **73256**. You’ll be sent a text with a link to give. Click on the link and enter your giving information. Thank you for supporting God’s mission through FLC.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Crown Him!*

arr. Dan Forrest (b.1978)

Soli Deo Gloria Choir and Brass Ensemble

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love--behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o’er the grave
who rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.

His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav’n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv’n from yonder glorious throne,

To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified!

The assembly stands.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together:

Generous One,

We give thanks for these gifts of the earth.

In the breaking of this bread reveal your risen self to us.

**In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to your world;
through Christ, the Risen One.**

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

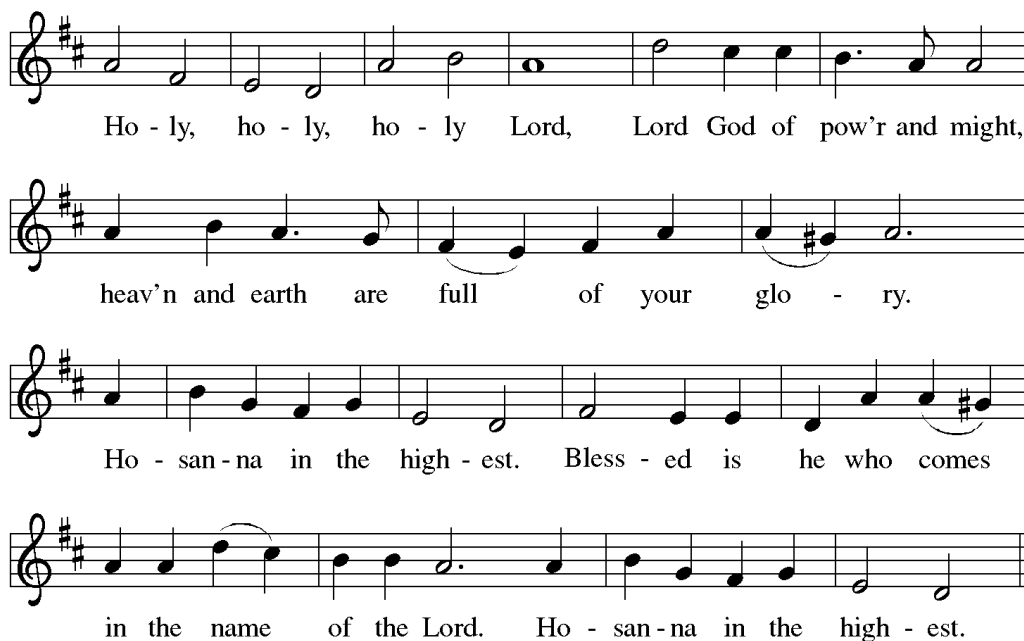
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 all the choirs of angels, with all of creation,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The minister continues, then the congregation responds:

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

... Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

... we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

The thanksgiving continues with the Words of Institution, concluding with the Lord's Prayer

We are bold to pray the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:

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

Come to the table. Here is the One we've been looking for.

The assembly is seated.

We practice Eucharistic hospitality; all are welcome. Receive the bread and dip it into the wine (red) or grape juice (white). Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

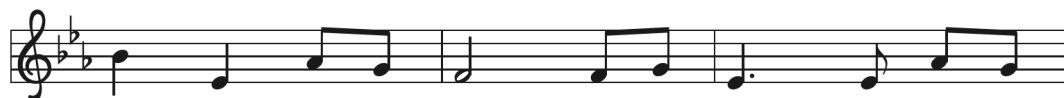
HYMN ELW #460 *Now the Silence*

Now the si-lence Now the peace Now the emp-ty hands up-lift-ed
Now the kneel-ing Now the plea Now the Fa-ther's arms in wel-come
Now the hear-ing Now the pow'r Now the ves-sel brimmed for pour-ing
Now the bod-y Now the blood Now the joy-ful cel-e-bra-tion
Now the wed-ding Now the songs Now the heart for-giv-en leap-ing
Now the Spir-it's vis-i-ta-tion Now the Son's e-piph-a-ny
Now the Fa-ther's bless-ing Now Now Now

HYMN ACS #966 *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
 2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
 3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
 4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



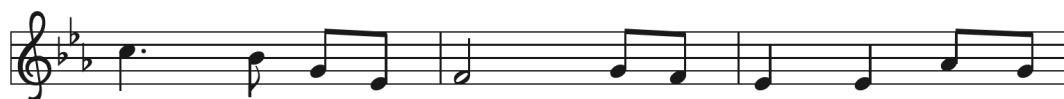
Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
 qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
 faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
 in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
 gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your

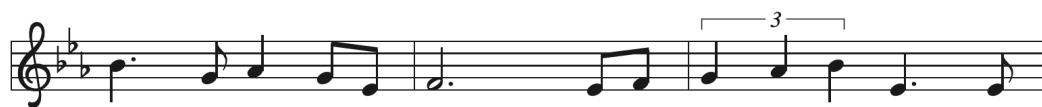


peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

HYMN ACS #1025 *If We Live, We Live to the Lord*



If we live, we live to the Lord. If we



die, we die to the Lord. So then, wheth-er we live or



wheth - er we die, we are the Lord's.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

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 reveal your heart to the world

and serve all creation in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN ELW #867 *In Thee Is Gladness*



1 In thee is glad-ness a-mid all sad-ness, Je-sus, sun-shine of my
2 Je-sus is ours! . . We fear no pow-ers, not of earth or sin or

heart. By thee are giv-en the gifts of heav-en, thou the
death. He sees and bless-es in worst dis-tress-es; he can

true re-deem-er art. Our souls thou wak-est; our bonds thou
change them with a breath. Where-fore the sto-ry tell of his

break-est. Who trusts thee sure-ly has built se-cure-ly
glo-ry with heart and voic-es; all heav'n re-joic-es

and stands for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! Our hearts are
in him for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia! We shout for

pin-ing to see thy shin-ing, dy-ing or liv-ing,
glad-ness, tri-umph o'er sad-ness, love him and praise him

to thee are cleav-ing; naught can us sev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!
and still shall raise him glad hymns for-ev-er: Al-le-lu-ia!

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Toccata from Symphonie V*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)
Karen Sande, organ

Ministers	All People of First Lutheran Church
Pastor	The Rev. Dianne O. Loufman
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Reader	Mark Boyce
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Easter lilies and tulips

In memory of:

Cardelle Matuseski
Joy Liberda
Parents Henry and Lois Schipper
Naomi Storsteen
Catherine Storsteen
Pastor Ham Muus
Jean Anderson
Pastor Michael Wuchter
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Clara Donner
Our parents
My husband William Francis
Our parents

In honor of:

My wonderful parents, Philip
and Catherine Karsell
Glenn and Erna Peterson
Norma Hoffbauer
In honor of loved ones
Our children, grandchildren,
and great-grandchild

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