



A Congregation of the  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN  
CHURCH IN AMERICA

We are a *Reconciling in Christ*  
congregation, affirming the  
diversity of God's children



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## Second Sunday of EASTER



April 11, 2021  
10:00 am

Followers of Jesus, sharing God's love with all...  
*an adventure for life!*

# THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### In Preparation for Worship

- Within the sanctuary please remember that some people use this time of silence to prepare for worship.
- Whenever the cross is carried in procession through the congregation, we turn to face the cross to signify our way of life as followers of Jesus.
- Large-print bulletins and copies of the worship order are available; ask an usher for assistance.
- Assistive hearing devices are available from the ushers.

### Pandemic Safety Protocols

- Please spread yourselves out in the sanctuary. Leave the first two rows of pews for worship leaders.
- Please remain seated throughout the service.
- You can sing the hymns softly with your mask on.
- Individual communion elements are available to pick up at the front door.
- If you wish to use one of the first-floor bathrooms, please follow instructions in the bathroom about disinfecting it after your use.
- We will want everyone out of the building by 10 minutes after the service ends.

## WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*, arr. Mark Hayes

Welcome



# Hymn

## The Risen Christ



- 1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet
- 2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,
- 3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand
- 4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark - ened cit - y street,  
 breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
 the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
 with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
 whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
 re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
 till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
 new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
 en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
 re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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## Greeting

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



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



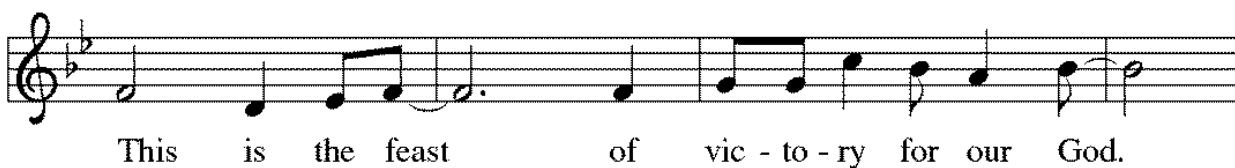
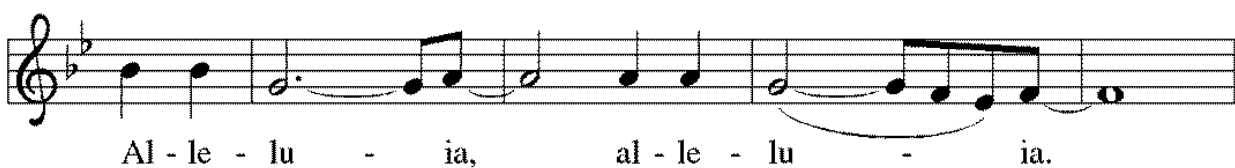
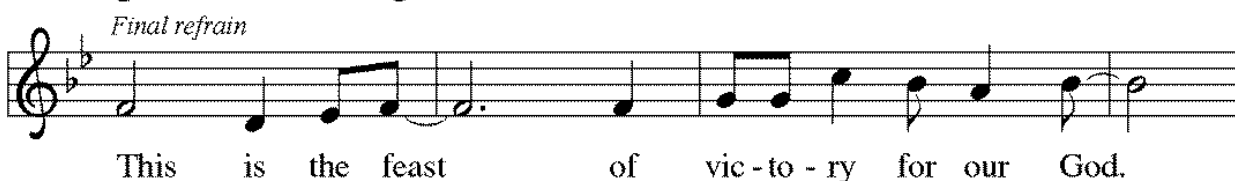
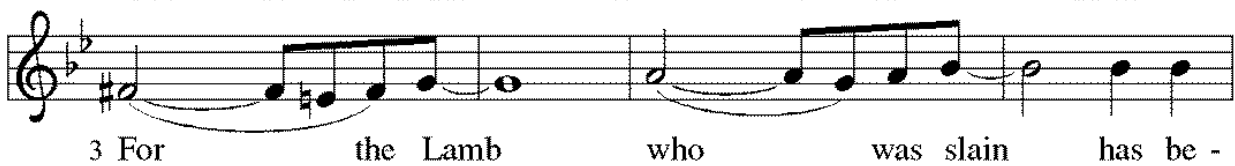
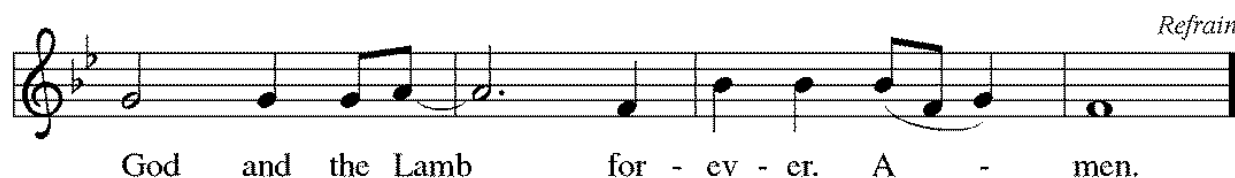
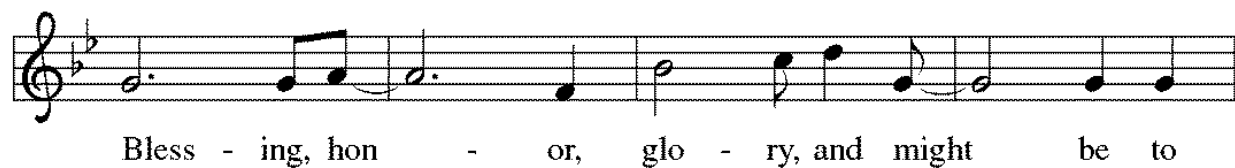
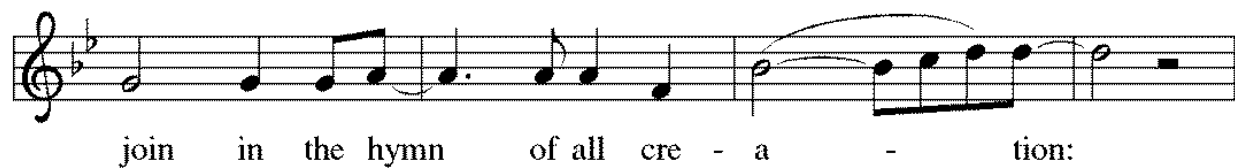
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.



Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



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



## WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

### Ministry of Music

*The Strife is O'er*

arr. Douglas E. Wagner  
Chime Choir

### Reading

**Acts 4:32-35** (Common English Bible)

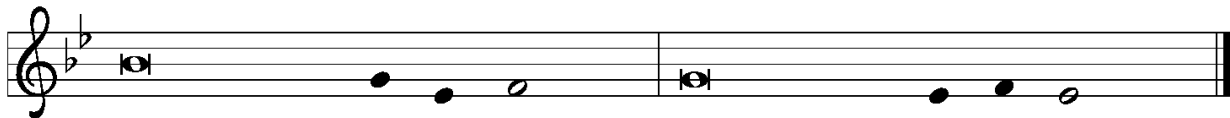
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, "This is mine!" about any of their possessions, but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 133



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How good and how pleas- | ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his  
robe.**

It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.  
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore.

## **Gospel**

**John 20:19-31** (The Message, alt.)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of the day Jesus was raised from the dead, the disciples had gathered together, but, fearful of the religious leaders, had locked all the doors in the house. Jesus entered, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you." Then he showed them his hands and side.

The disciples, seeing the Master with their own eyes, were awestruck. Jesus repeated his greeting: "Peace to you. Just as my Abba sent me, I send you."

Then he took a deep breath and breathed into them. "Receive holy spirit," he said. "If you forgive someone's sins, they're gone for good. If you don't forgive sins, what are you going to do with them?"

But Thomas, sometimes called the Twin, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples told him, "We saw the Master."

But he said, "Unless I see the nail holes in his hands, put my finger in the nail holes, and stick my hand in his side, I won't believe it."

Eight days later, his disciples were again in the room. This time Thomas was with them. Jesus came through the locked doors, stood among them, and said, "Peace to you."

Then he focused his attention on Thomas. "Take your finger and examine my hands. Take your hand and stick it in my side. Don't be unbelieving. Believe."

Thomas said, "My Master! My God!"

Jesus said, "So, you believe because you've seen with your own eyes.

Even better blessings are in store for those who believe without seeing."

Jesus provided far more God-revealing signs than are written down in this book. These are written down so you will believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and in the act of believing, have real and eternal life in the way he personally revealed it.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Message**

***Your Turn***

## Apostles Creed

Let us confess our faith in the Triune God as expressed in these historic words:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Community Prayers

Let us pray....

**Amen.**

Included in our daily prayers are those with special needs or concerns:

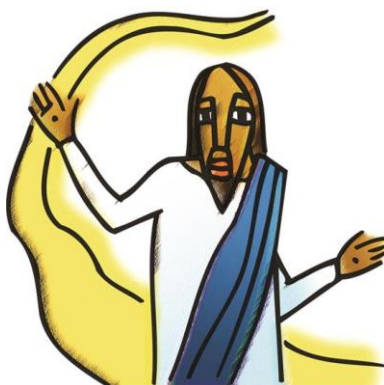
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## Sharing the peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

We take time to greet one another with words like Peace be with you.





## WE SHARE HOLY COMMUNION

### Children's Time

#### Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

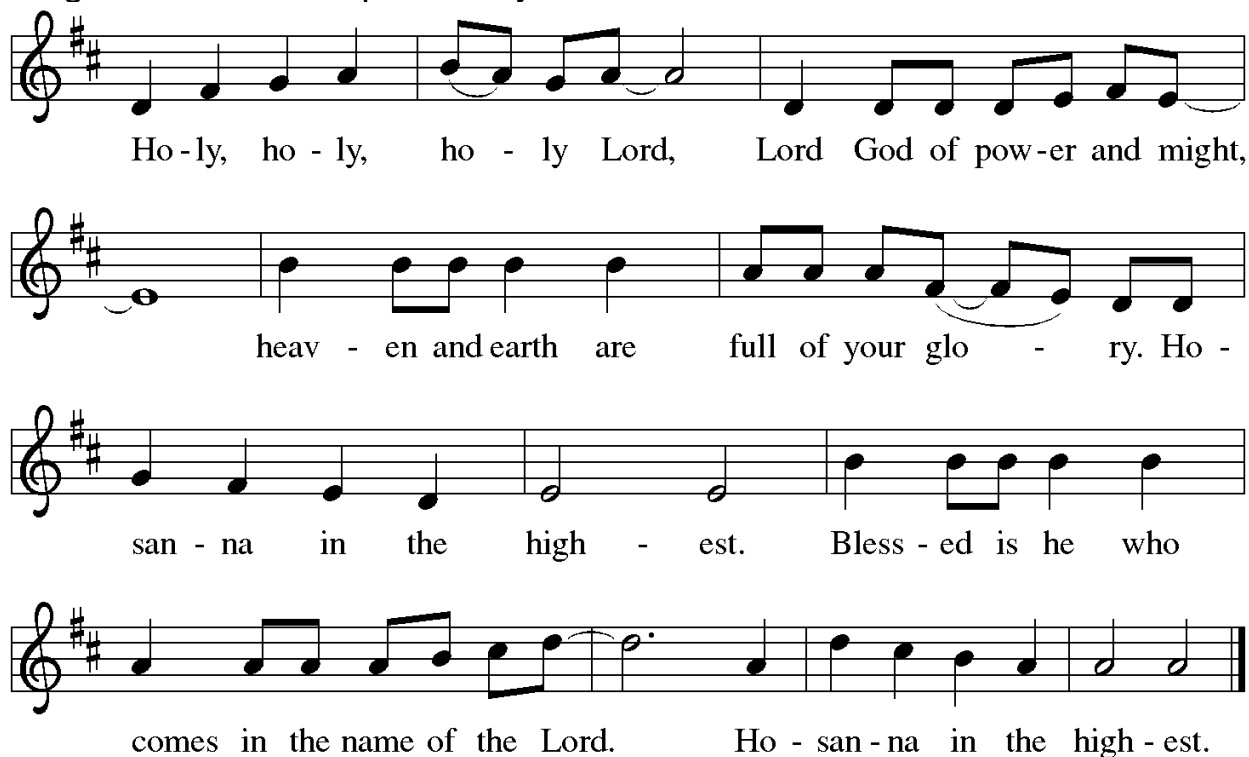
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**And also with you.  
We lift them to the Lord.**

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We stand in the resurrection garden of God – a place filled and shaped by love and ripe with all it might become when we are open to the Spirit's life and ours become one. This is the table of the risen Jesus – a place fashioned and furnished by love and rich with its promises. So come – whether you have seen and believed, or are dubious and doubting still, whether you confess confidently, or come to this meal with a fragile, fearful heart. Come and share these gifts of grace, encounter Christ, and be healed by Love and transformed by Life.

We remember with wonder and joy that Love, though broken on a cross, was not defeated. We rejoice that Love, though swallowed by death, was not silenced. Neither defeated nor silenced, Love lives and speaks words of welcome, healing and hope to all. In awe of all you have done and all you are doing through us, we join our voices with that of Creation and with all those who bear witness across the world and throughout the ages to the eternal power of your Love and Life:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en 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.

Before the bright dawn in the garden – in which Love was resurrected, before the cold silence of the tomb – by which Love was swallowed, before the brutal horror of the cross – on which Love was broken, before the bitter struggle of the Gethsemane garden – through which Love affirmed its choices, Jesus ate a final supper with his friends.

He took bread, blessed it, and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take this, and eat! This is my body, broken for you. Do this to remember me.” After supper, he took a cup of wine and gave it to them, saying, “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood. It is shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. As often as you drink this, do so to remember me.”

And so we pray the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Recalling that meal and honoring that life, eating this bread and drinking this cup, we thank you, God, for making us part of the ongoing story of your Love and Life. Now, we pray, send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine, that we may once again encounter Christ’s Love and be transformed by Christ’s Life.

### **Sharing the Meal**

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. This is Jesus’ table: he welcomed everyone, and so do we.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

We give you thanks, Holy God, that in this meal, Jesus Christ, Love resurrected, has met us once again in this garden and touched and transformed us with Life. May the peace of the Resurrected One – the challenging peace of committed life, the liberating peace of selfless love, the vibrant peace of new possibility – recall us to radical living, empower us for rich loving, and transform us with radiant joy. Alleluia! **Amen.**

## WE ARE SENT

### Hymn

### Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir - its from the cav - erns of de - spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev - er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: all cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.  
Break the bread of new cre - a - tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.  
Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
Tell its grim, de - mon-ic chor - us: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a - bound-ing bring a taste of love un - known.  
Je - sus is our strong com-pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - 'ry - one!

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### Blessing

**Amen.**

### Sending Announcements

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

***The Church's One Foundation***, arr. Mark Hayes

Our first act of love is to greet those standing near us and around us.

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**Adult Sunday School**  
**11:15 am Sundays**



**DEAR CHURCH:**

**A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to  
the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.**

**April 11 concluding our discussion.**

Topic: Sunday Adult Education Zoom Meeting

Time: **11:15 AM**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81888782023?pwd=Q2Z2cW9ob3JvR1NSRi9rYVBkMC90Zz09>

Meeting ID: **818 8878 2023**; Passcode: **630107**

Phone only: **646 876 9923**



**Exploring the Psalms**  
**We'd love to have you join us!**

**Tuesdays – 1:00 pm**  
**Room 2**



**Anti-Racism Group**

**Monday, April 12**  
**Meeting with BREAD**  
**7:00 pm – via Zoom**

Watch **Reflections** for Zoom information.

**Wednesday, April 14**  
**7:00 pm – via Zoom**

Any who wish are invited to join us as we talk  
about concrete steps we can take to bear witness  
to the inclusive love and justice of Jesus.

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## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

|                                  |                             |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Presiding Minister               | David Shull, Pastor         |
| Assisting Minister               | Judith Bird                 |
| ASL Interpreter                  | Tori Reed                   |
| Reader                           | Judith Bird                 |
| Cantor                           | Wendy Stoica                |
| Organist & Senior Choir Director | Kathy Rapp                  |
| Pianist & Chimes Choir Director  | Karen Kent                  |
| Producer                         | Sue Yehling, Michele Disbro |

*Noisy Offering will go to ELCA Disaster Relief.*

## THIS WEEK AT REDEEMER APRIL 11 - 18

|             |           |  |
|-------------|-----------|--|
| Today       | 10:00 am  | In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
|             | 11:15 am  | ZOOM Adult Education                                 |
| Monday      | 7:00 pm   | ZOOM BREAD meeting                                   |
| Tuesday     | 1:00 pm   | In-Person Bible Study                                |
|             | 6:30 pm   | ZOOM A Brewing Faith                                 |
| Wednesday   | 7:00 pm   | ZOOM Anti-Racism Group                               |
| Thursday    | 3-6:00 pm | <b>LSS / MidOhio Food Giveaway</b>                   |
| Next Sunday | 10:00 am  | In-Person and LIVESTREAM Worship with Holy Communion |
|             | 11:15 am  | ZOOM Adult Education                                 |



Birthdays this week:  
13 – Steve Boreman  
15 – Jillanne Disbro  
16 – Mike Benis



LSS/MidOhio Food Bank  
Produce Giveaway

Thursday

April 15

Volunteers always welcome!

Please advise either the Church Office or Sue Watson  
([sue.watson@columbus.rr.com](mailto:sue.watson@columbus.rr.com) or 614-560-4261).

We need an accurate count and appreciate your support!