



The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 8:45 & 11:15 am

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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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. Throughout the coming Sundays of Easter the first two readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles and the first letter of Peter. Even as the early Christians proclaimed the resurrection, we rejoice in the new birth and living hope we receive in baptism.

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Choral from *Symphonie Romane*

Charles-Marie Widor (1844-1937)

WELCOME

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

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

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 may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

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.

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. 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.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 363

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain



1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,
5 Al - le - lu - ia! now we cry to our Lord im - mor - tal,



God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
nor the watch - ers, nor the seal, hold you as a mor - tal:
who tri - um - phant burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal;



loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters;
All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
comes to glad Jer - u - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing
Al - le - lu - ia! with the Son God the Fa - ther prais - ing;



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
from the Light to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
wel - comes in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.
Al - le - lu - ia! yet a - gain to the Spir - it rais - ing.

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: GAUDEAMUS PARITER, Johann Horn, 1490–1547

GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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

Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-ty 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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

After the Holy Spirit comes to the apostles on Pentecost, Peter preaches the gospel to the gathered crowd. He tells them that Jesus, who obediently went to his death according to God's plan, was raised from the dead by God. Finally, he appeals to scripture, quoting Psalm 16:8-11, to show that Jesus is the Messiah: though crucified, the risen Jesus is now enthroned.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed [the crowd], "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—this 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. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For 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;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

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

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

"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,

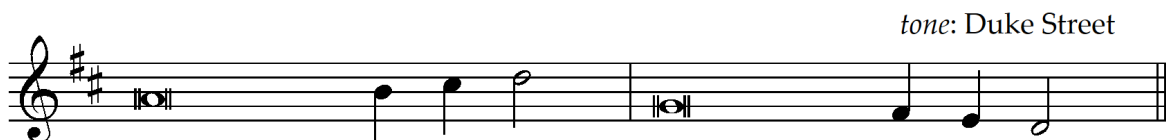
'He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.'

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

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The antiphon is introduced by the organ. Please sing the second time. Please sing all the verses. The antiphon is subsequently sung once where indicated.



Protect me O God for I take [refuge] in you;*
 I have said to the Lord, ... "You are my Lord, ... my good a-[bove] all other."
 All my delight is upon the godly that are [in] the land,*
 upon those who are noble a-[mong] the people.
 But those who run after [o]-ther gods*
 shall have their [trou]-bles multiplied.
 Their libations of blood I [will] not offer,*
 nor take the names of their gods up-[on] my lips.

Antiphon

O Lord you are my portion [and] my cup;*
 it is you who up-[hold] my lot.
 My boundaries enclose a [pleas]-ant land;*
 indeed I have a [good]-ly heritage.
 I will bless the Lord who [gives] me counsel;*
 my heart teaches me [night af]-ter night.
 I have set the Lord [always] before me;*
 because he is at my right hand I [shall] not fall.

Antiphon

My heart therefore is glad, ... and my [spirit] rejoices;*
 my body also shall [rest] in hope.
 For you will not abandon me [to] the grave,*
 nor let your holy one [see] the pit.
 You will show me the [path] of life;*
 in your presence there is fullness of joy, ...
 and in your right hand are pleasures for-[ev]-ermore.

Antiphon

SECOND READING

1 Peter 1:3-9

This epistle was written to encourage Christians experiencing hardships and suffering because of their faith in Christ. The letter opens by blessing God for the living hope we have through Christ's resurrection even amid difficult circumstances and surroundings.

Blessed 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, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so 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. Although 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, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (8:45)

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

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Choir: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. (John 20:29)

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (11:15)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to Saint John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The risen Jesus appears to his disciples, offering them a benediction, a commission, and the gift of the Holy Spirit. But one of their number is missing, and his unbelief prompts another visit from the Lord.

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 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."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Morales

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY • LBW 139

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Today we will sing verses 1, 4-8. Please follow indications.



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



All 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,
 4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;



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
 a - mong them came their mas - ter dear, and said, "My



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!
 peace be with you here." Al - le - lu - ia!

After stanza 9:



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

Women 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard, *All* 7 No longer Thomas then denied;
 that they had seen the risen Lord, he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 he doubted the disciples' word. "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Men 6 "My pierced side, O Thomas, see, *All* 8 How blest are they who have not seen,
 and look upon my hands, my feet; and yet whose faith has constant been,
 not faithless, but believing be." for they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days,
 be laud and jubilee and praise:
 to God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia!

Text: attr. Jean Tisserand, d. 1494; tr. John M. Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
 Music: O FILII ET FILIAE, French, 15th cent.

NICENE CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

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; was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of life,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The risen Christ stood among the disciples and said, "Peace be with you."

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

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You may also mail your checks to:

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CHORAL ANTHEM

O Sacred Feast

O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed in us,
our souls are filled with grace,
and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us.
Alleluia.

Text: O Sacrum Convinium, Latin
Music: Healy Willan (1880-1968)

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

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.
Amen.**

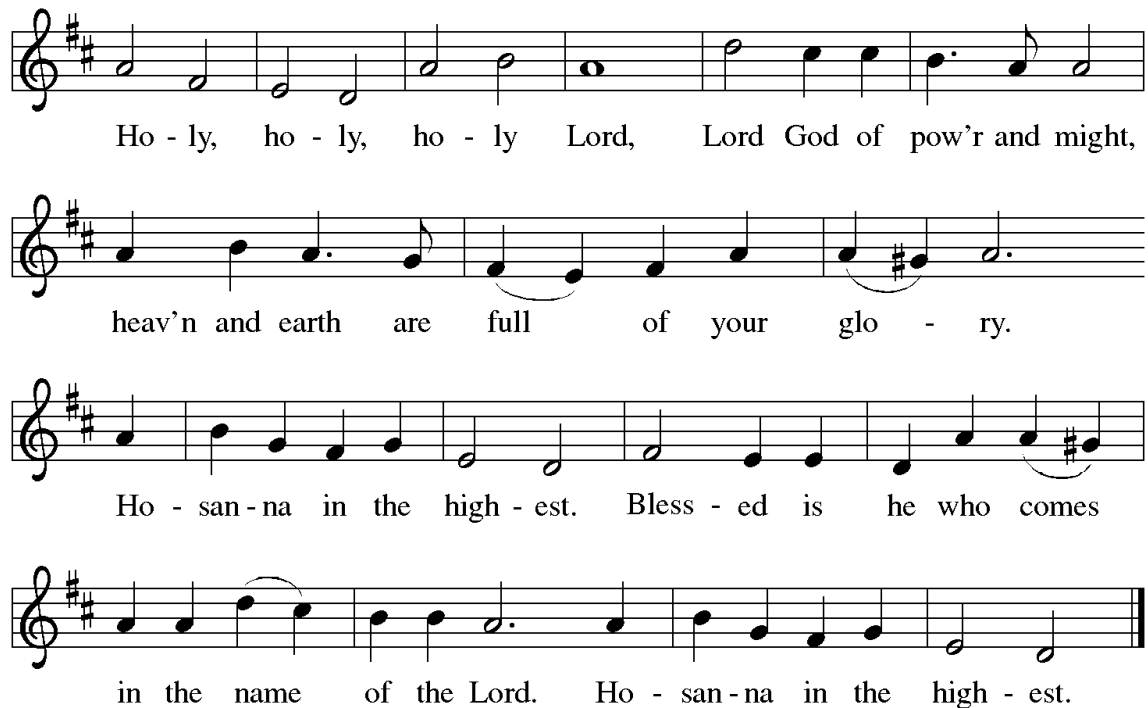
GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
W 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 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:



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.

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God. The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. We thank you, O God.

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.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Please pray in your own preferred language.

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

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.

Padre Nuestro, que estas en los cielos,
santificado sea tu nombre,
venga a nosotros tu reino,
hagase tu voluntad,
asi en la tierra como en el cielo.
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia;
perdona nuestras ofensas,
como nosotros perdonamos
a los que nos ofenden;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion,
mas libranos del mal.
Porque tuyo es el reino,
el poder, y la gloria,
por los siglos de los siglos. Amen

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come and know Christ,
broken and poured out for you.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

COMMUNION

All are invited to the Lord's table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord's supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord's table.

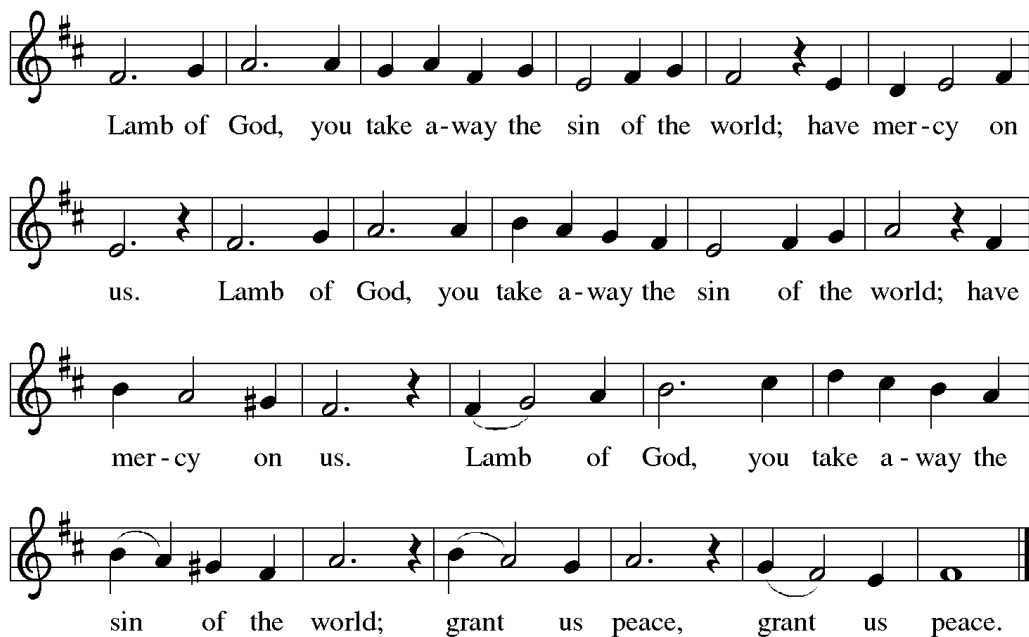
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The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN • ELW 635

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and
4 For you, O res-ur-rec-ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in
gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol-low where you trod; but in your prom-ise
may our faith a-bound to call on you when
found in means di-vine: be-neath the wa-ter
realms of clear-er light may we be-hold you
none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be-neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end-less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980
Music: Ronald A. Nelson, b. 1927
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

The God of all,
who raised ✠ Jesus from the dead,
bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit
to live in the new creation.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN • ELW 548

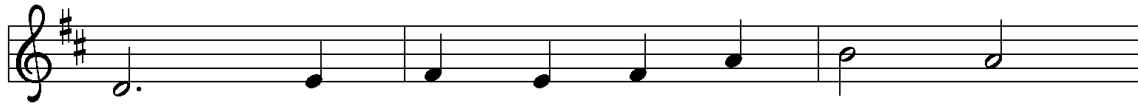
Rise, O Church, Like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



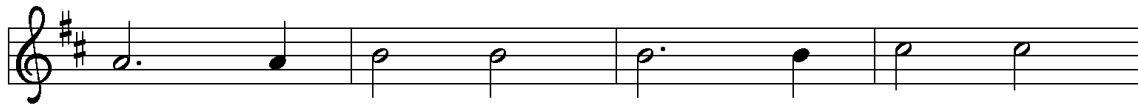
from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



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



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

O filii et filiae

Pierre Dandrieu (1664-1733) and
Jean-Francois Dandrieu (1682-1738)
Arr. Robert Gower

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTER

The Rev. Franklin Morales, *Associate Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

COMMUNION SERVER

8:45 Melissa Groen

READERS

8:45 a.m. Jeff Groen

11:15 a.m. Sarah Aderholdt

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Schola Cantorum (8:45)

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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, April 16—Second Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
 3:00 PM San Lucas Gospel Meditation online

MONDAY, April 17

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 1:30 PM CDS Staff Meeting
 4:00 PM LaSagrada Art Class
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM ESL

TUESDAY, April 18

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM Piano Lessons
 5:30 PM Stewardship Committee Zoom
 7:00 PM Congregation Council Zoom
 7:00 PM Reformation Bells
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM ESL

WEDNESDAY, April 19

6:30 AM Zoom Faith Connections
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Women In Community

10:00 AM CDS Chapel
 4:00 PM En Camino
 5:30 PM Zoom Sara/Lydia Circle
 7:00 PM ESL Class
 7:30 PM AA

THURSDAY, April 20

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:00 PM CARing Project
 7:30 PM Zoom Centering Prayer

FRIDAY, April 21

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 12:00 PM Food Ministry

SATURDAY, April 22

9:30 AM AA
 11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, April 23—Third Sunday of Easter

8:45 AM Holy Communion
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM Reception
 10:15 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Holy Communion
5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

Olavus Petri, priest, died 1552; Laurentius Petri, Bishop of Uppsala, died 1573; renewers of the church

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

These two brothers studied with Luther at the University of Wittenberg and then returned to their native Sweden to introduce the Lutheran reforms. Olavus published a catechism and hymnal; Laurentius was a professor who defended the office of bishop and later became one.

Anselm, Bishop of Canterbury, died 1109

Friday, April 21, 2023

This eleventh-century monk was one of the greatest theologians of the Middle Ages. He is remembered for emphasizing the maternal aspects of God, and for the theory that the Son of God became human in order to make the necessary payment for our sin.

Day of the Creation

Saturday, April 22, 2023

This observance invites us to notice and give God thanks for the wonders of the created universe. As stewards of that creation, we are also challenged to be careful in our use of it.

Saint Luke Update

4/16/2023 Edition

CHRIST IS RISEN!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!

ALLELUIA!

EASTER—A WEEK OF WEEKS

A blessed Easter Season. Yes, Easter is not just one day but a week of weeks, that is 7 weeks. The risen Christ appears to us in many ways—let us keep watch. How wonderful to have this hope in our midst.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE

Throughout the Easter season the Paschal Candle traditionally stands near the altar as a symbol of the resurrection. It is lighted for each worship service during the 50 days of Easter. The paschal candle here in the sanctuary will be extinguished after the Gospel reading on Ascension Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter.

HOLY WEEK RECORDINGS

Did you miss any of the Holy Week worship services? You can still watch at www.saintlukeonline.us Simply scroll down and you will see all the services and bulletins.

THE GREEN PLANET—APRIL 30

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT WORSHIP TIME: Previously in *Sharing* and other places worship on **April 30** was announced to be one service, 10:00, featuring a special musical presentation, with a Green celebration and dedication of the solar panels. Due to some architectural issues and a slight delay until summer with the solar panels, we will now have the usual two services, 8:45 and 11:15 **The Green Planet will be presented at 8:45 a.m. by the Choristers with the Schola Cantorum (non communion service) The 11:15 will then be the usual service including Holy Communion.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School (VBS) registration has begun! VBS will be from 9:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on June 26-30 at Saint Luke with the theme of *Operation Restoration: Mending God's World*. Children in PreK (4 years old by 9/1/2022) through 5th grade are eligible to attend and can register at www.slvbs.us. Adults and teens interested in being volunteers can also register there too. The children at VBS will learn how we can mend God's world by feeding the hungry, helping people who are sick and hurting, forgiving and asking for forgiveness, praying, and by spending time with God, others, and creation.

Today's Music

HYMN NOTES

Come, you faithful, raise the strain

John of Damascus, c. 675-c. 749

All Greek Easter hymns include references to the Song of Moses (Exodus 15), which is the lesson for the second Sunday after Easter. Deliverance through the Red Sea is related to deliverance by Christ from death. In addition, the hymn uses Spring (the Queen of Seasons) as an allegory of the resurrection. After winter the days grow brighter and warmer, and Christ the Sun of Righteousness returns from the grave to bring us new life and light. For this we give “praise undying.”—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

O sons and daughters, let us sing

Jean Tisserand, d. 1494

This is an Easter carol in narrative style. Yes, there are carols for other seasons than Christmas! After an opening call to praise, we are reminded of the women coming to the tomb, the angels' message to them, Christ appearing to the disciples at the evening, and even the story of doubting Thomas. The tune, although in minor, has the joyous quality of a dance tune.—Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

We walk by faith

Henry Alford, 1810-1871

Alford included this hymn in his *Psalms and Hymns* (1844) and his *Year of Praise* (1867). He wrote it for the commemoration of St. Thomas the Apostle. Not surprisingly it begins with 2 Corinthians 5:7 (“We walk by faith, not by sight”) and then quotes from the account of Jesus and Thomas in John 20:19-29. But the hymn is about us, not only about Thomas—about our Emmaus walk (Luke 24:13-35) and our meeting with the resurrected Lord in water, word, bread, and wine.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

Susan Palo Cherwien

For its 50th anniversary in 1997, the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville, MN, commissioned Susan Palo Cherwien to write a hymn. In her writing she was influenced by a lecture of Michael Joncas in which he said, “God invited us here [to the Eucharistic meal]; who we are, not to become merciful?” The result was this sending hymn about the church rising to take up its role in the world in this (and every) generation, remembering the future God gives us to receive.—ELW Hymnal Companion

Prelude: Choral from *Symphonie Romane*—Charles-Marie Widor

Charles-Marie Widor (1844–1937), Franck's successor at the Paris Conservatory and Lefébure-Wely's successor at St. Sulpice, likewise continued to breach any barriers between the worlds of church and concert hall with the composition of his ten symphonies for organ. Even though the first eight are little more than suites, his use of major symphonic forms, especially sonata-allegro, earned his place in this lineage. Félix-Alexandre Guilmant, with his eight sonatas, and even the “mystic” Charles Tournemire would follow suit. His final two symphonies, the *Gothique* and *Romane*, were the end results, the first based on the Christmas introit, *Puer natus est*, and the second on the Easter gradual, *Haec dies*. The second movement presents the chant theme in choral-style with through-composed variations, equally beloved musical forms of Widor. Rather than suspending the primary musical material over pedal point, Widor uses ostinatos instead.—Martin Jean

Choral Anthem: O Sacred Feast—Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Willan was an Anglo-Canadian organist and composer. He composed more than 800 works including operas, symphonies, chamber music, a concerto, and pieces for band, orchestra, organ, and piano. He is best known for his church music.—Wikipedia
O Sacred Feast the 4th motet of his *Six Motets* (1924). The words apt for communion are simply set in a hymn-like fashion with beautiful, timeless harmonies.

Postlude: O filii et filiae—Pierre Dandrieu and Jean-Francois Dandrieu

Pierre Dandrieu (d'Andrieu) was a French priest, composer and organist. After studying with Lebègue, he held the organ of Saint-Barthélemy church [fr], now destroyed, on the île de la Cité in Paris, for more than 40 years. His nephew Jean-François Dandrieu succeeded him to this same gallery in 1733.—Wikipedia
This arrangement from Robert Gower takes two settings of the tune by the two composers and merges them to make a satisfying postlude.