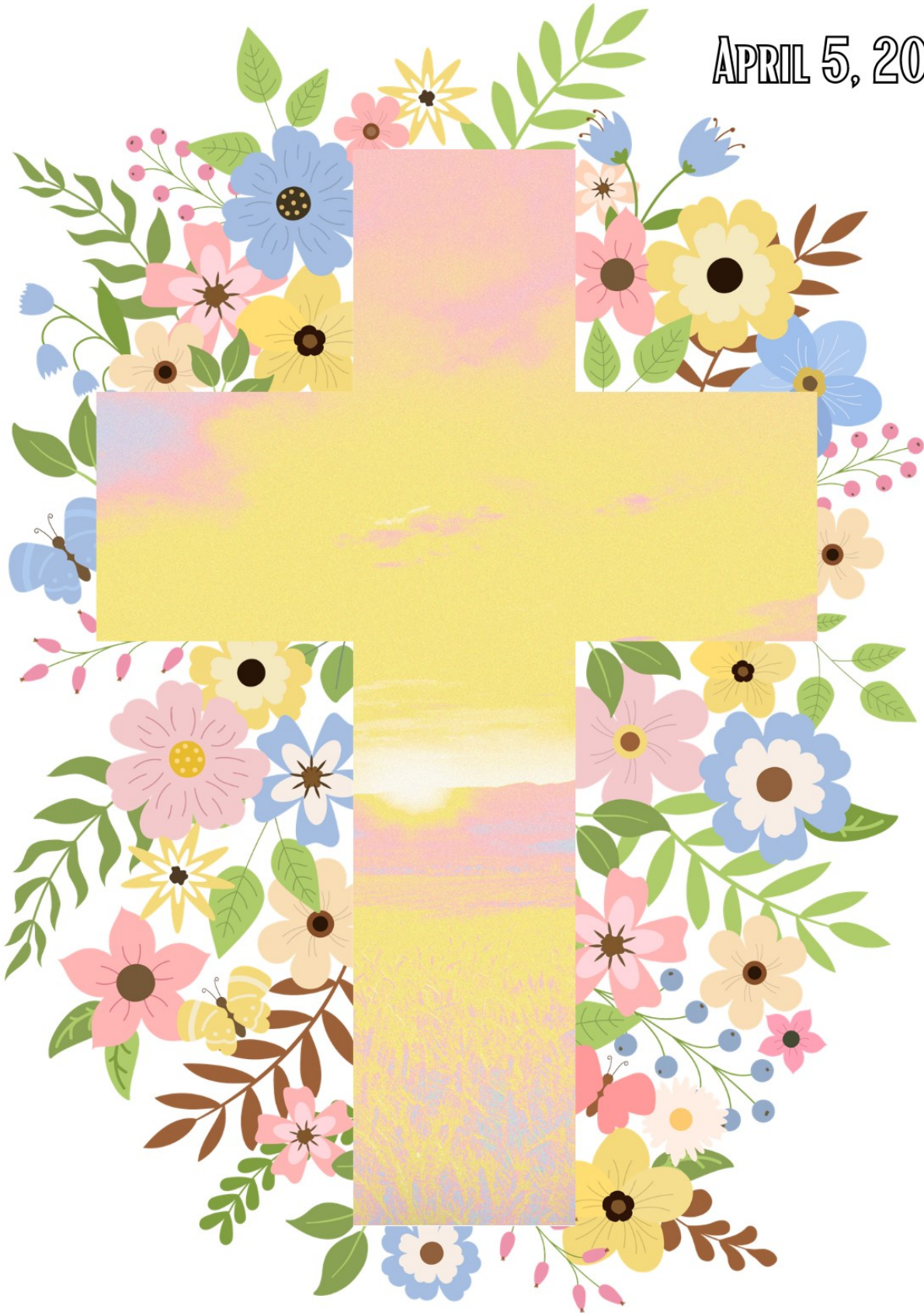


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Called by grace, led by faith, welcoming all to share God's love.

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GATHERING

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

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION *(responses in bold type)*

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." Do you believe this?

Yes, Lord, we believe!

In Baptism your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when he died. When God the Father brought him back to life again, you were given his wonderful new life to enjoy. To remind ourselves of what happens at our Baptism, we speak words that were spoken at our Baptism:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Jesus said, "Fear not, I am the First and the Last, and the Living One, and behold, I am alive forevermore."

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He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* + ELW 365

ACT OF RECONCILIATION

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

You are risen!

We are risen indeed! Alleluia!

This Easter Day is the seal and guarantee of your salvation. As we were reminded in Dr. Luther's Catechism: by the power of Baptism, our old self should be drowned and die by daily contrition and repentance and a new person daily come forth and arise. Open your heart to God and confess your sin that you might so arise!

Let us confess:

Most merciful God, my daily life does not reflect that this day is most important to me. I sin daily. I forget your presence in my life. I do not worship you as often or as sincerely as you have commanded. Forgive me and help me to abandon those parts of my life that keep me from you, for the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Just as surely as the sun rose this morning in the sky, so has the Son of God arisen from the dead and won for you the forgiveness of sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I tell you that your sins are forgiven and you stand holy and blameless before almighty God. Live in the light of this salvation and worship God with hearts and lives consecrated to his service.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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.



Easter Lilies have been generously dedicated by the faithful members of the Congregation of Gethsemane Lutheran Church. You can find a detailed list of dedications in the Narthex.

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

The Lord Be with you.

And also with you.

Let us Pray...

Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate to everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

SPECIAL MUSIC *Trumpet Tune + Bellissimo*

WORD

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

FIRST READING *Acts 10:34-43*

A reading from Acts:

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

¹ Give thanks to the Lord, for the ¹ Lord is good;
God's mercy en-¹dures forever.

² Let Israel ¹ now declare,
"God's mercy en-¹dures forever."

¹⁴ The Lord is my strength ¹ and my song,
and has become ¹ my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:
"The right hand of the ¹ Lord acts valiantly!

¹⁶ The right hand of the Lord ¹ is exalted!
The right hand of the ¹ Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷ I shall not ¹ die, but live,
and declare the works ¹ of the Lord.

¹⁸ The Lord indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,
but did not hand me o-¹ver to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the ¹ gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks ¹ to the Lord.

²⁰ "This is the gate ¹ of the Lord;
here the righ-¹teous may enter."

²¹ I give thanks to you, for you have ¹ answered me
and you have become ¹ my salvation.

²² The stone that the build-¹ers rejected
has become the chief ¹ cornerstone.

²³ By the Lord has ¹ this been done;
it is marvelous ¹ in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the ¹ Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be ¹ glad in it.

SECOND READING *Colossians 3:1-4*

A reading from Colossians:

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(We stand together, in body or spirit, to receive the gospel among us.)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Alleluia, alleluia Give Thanks + WOV 671*

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of several systems of vocal and piano parts. The first system is a vocal line with the lyrics: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give thanks to the". The second system continues the vocal line: "ris - en Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Give". The third system includes a piano accompaniment and a vocal line with the lyrics: "Praise to his Name. Name." This system also includes a section labeled "1-4" and "Final Ending". The fourth system is a piano accompaniment with the lyrics: "3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ." The fifth system is a piano accompaniment with the lyrics: "Now we shall live for ev - er. Al - le -". The score concludes with a section labeled "Repeat Refrain".

GOSPEL *Matthew 28:1-10*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Here is water, the place where your life in the Lord began. Once you were no people; now you are God's people.

Do you believe in God the Father?

Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

Yes, 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.

Do you renounce the devil and all evil works and ways? Do you renounce your old, dead life?

Yes, for once we were dead in our sins, but now we are alive in Christ Jesus!

Is it your desire to live as an Easter alleluia?

We will continue to celebrate the presence of God's love in our lives. We will continue to grow with each other in Christ, our risen Lord. We will live as Easter alleluias!

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* + ELW 619, verses 1, 2, & 8

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

It is the Day of Resurrection! Let us join in prayer to God Almighty.

Alleluia! Christ is risen and lives forevermore! We pray to you, God, for you have won the victory over sin and death.

Glory be to you, Almighty God, for the power you have displayed in love, as you upheld Jesus through suffering and death and brought him forth from the grave to resurrected life.

As you led the disciples and Mary Magdalene to view the empty grave, so lead us again and again to their testimony of the resurrection.

As you made your Son present to Mary and later to the disciples:

So make Jesus present to us who worship this day.

Praise be to you, Almighty God, for your victory is given to all the nations of the earth.

You, O God, have prepared a celebration of joy - bring all peoples together around the living Christ.

Remove the cloud of sorrow that hangs over the peoples:

And shine upon us all the brightness of your mighty acts.

All honor to you, Almighty God, for by your gracious love you have made possible our response of obedient faith.

Help us to put our trust in you alone - that we may receive the promises you have declared.

Help us to discover and live out the happiness and joy you give:

For you have saved us and made us part of your eternal kingdom.

Here special intercessions, silent or spoken, may be made.

If spoken, each portion concludes: Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Christ is risen and lives forevermore! Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace with one another.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GATHERING OF THE OFFERING *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!* + Sanctuary Choir

(We stand together, in body or spirit, to welcome the gifts into our midst.)

OFFERTORY *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me* + ELW 860

OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

PREFACE *(to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation" + ELW 654)*

*The Lord is with his people; now may he be with you.
The Lord is with his servants; now he be with you, too.*

*Now lift your hearts to praise him. To God we lift them high.
'Tis right to praise and thank him who to his world draws nigh.*

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Thanks and praise be to you, our Father, almighty Creator, merciful Lord, God of promise and fulfillment. Of old your faithful people waited for the day of your visitation, manifest at last when the time had fully come and you sent forth Jesus Christ, your Son. Having seen his glory, now we wait for the day of consummation, when he will come again as Judge and King. And so, with the church of earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(to the tune of "Good Christian Friends" + ELW 385)

*Holy are you, the heav'nly king!
With angel hosts we join to sing,
"your majesty fills everything!"
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Holy are you, our Lord most high!
Blessed is he who now draws nigh
in God's own name! With joy we cry:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Holy are you, through endless days!
Our glad hosannas now we raise
to greet you with exalted praise
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

CONSECRATION

LORD'S PRAYER

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 of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

(Please be seated.)

AGNUS DEI *(to the tune of "Holy God, We Praise Your Name" + ELW 414)*

*Lamb of God, you take away
all the sinful world's transgression:
let your mercy now, we pray,
and Your peace be our possession.
Grant us from our sin release:
Lord, have mercy, Grant us peace!*

SONGS DURING COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing + ELW 362

Now the Green Blade Rises + ELW 379

THANKSGIVING *(to the tune of "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" + ELW 619)*

*Oh, thank the Lord, whose goodness sure
and steadfast love fore'er endure!*

*Our eyes have seen, our ears have heard,
and we have tasted of his word.*

*Glory to God, the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, three in one!*

*Oh, thank the Lord whose goodness sure
and steadfast love fore'er endure!*

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING *(to the tune of "The Church's One Foundation" + ELW 654)*

*The good Lord bless and keep you, lift up his smiling face,
with favor look upon you and grant eternal peace.*

*To Father, Son, and Spirit, most gracious One-in-Three,
the Church sings alleluia! Now and eternally. Amen.*

SENDING SONG *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds + LW 131, verses 1, 2, & 4*

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds in praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear! Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Eternal is the gift he brings, therefore our heart with rapture sings:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

Now still He comes to give us life and by his presence stills all strife.

Christ has triumphed! He is living!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!

Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most Holy God,

all the glory, never ending!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

DISMISSAL

Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE