Sunday, April 20th
Easter Sunday

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WELCOME TO INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH! We are a congregation of the South Carolina Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

This is Christ's church.
There is a place for you here.

We are a church that shares a living, daring confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole personal, regardless of race, gender, orientation, ability or disability, socioeconomic status, or citizenship. We affirm that all people are beloved children of God and created in the image of God. Join us as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

WORSHIP

- We gather to worship God in community because we believe that in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ all things are made new, including us, and that God has brought us together for a purpose.
- Our worship language is drawn from scripture, and you may recognize many parts of it from your Bible.
- The worship bulletin includes our order of worship and will direct you to hymns/songs (located in our red hymnal), or to different parts of the liturgy (in the front half of the ELW). If you're not sure what something means, please ask a neighbor or an usher.
- During worship, there are directions to be seated or to stand as able. Please do what you are able and what makes you comfortable.

HOLY COMMUNION

We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. The Ushers will direct you to the front of the church to receive communion. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Gluten free wafers are also available. Children are welcome to participate when they and their families think they are ready, and after a conversation with the pastor. If you are unable to come forward, please indicate that to the Ushers, and the Pastor will bring communion to you in your pew.

CHILDREN ARE ALWAYS WELCOME IN WORSHIP!

The whole church is blessed by the presence of children in worship, wiggle and all. They will learn to participate in church by watching you and the congregation as we stand, sit, pray, and sing together. Coloring pages, crayons, Quiet Mazes, and activity bags are available in the narthex to help them if they get a little restless. There is also a nursery located in our educational building next door, staffed with two qualified caregivers.

RESTROOMS

As you face the altar, the men's restrooms are through the door on the right side and down the hall. The women's restroom and an accessible family restroom are through the door on the left side. A diaper changing station is available in the family restroom.

LIVESTREAM

Worship is live-streamed on Facebook and can be found on Incarnation's Facebook page. A link is also available on our website: incarnationlutheran.com

ASSISTIVE LISTENING IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX

Please ask the Ushers for help if you have difficulty either in locating the devices or using them.

Welcome to Worship

INCARNATION LUTHERAN CHURCH

☩ Easter Sunday • April 20th, 2025 ☩

Worship Notes: *• Our Lector for today is Bill Behymer • Our Crucifer for today is Bill Williamson • Our Worship Assistant for today is Janet Hoffman • Our Banner Bearer for today is Jeff Shealy • Our Bible Bearer for today is John Sawicki •*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY Now the Green Blade Riseth Incarnation Ringers
Based on the French carol, Noel Nouvelet, arranged by Kevin McChesney

LITANY FOR EASTER *Please stand as able and face the back of the church.*
Creator of life, we give you praise and glory.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
You have raised him from the dead.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
You have made his cross a sign of glory
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
You have made us participants in your life.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
With Christ, you have buried us in death to sin.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
He is seated with you in glory.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
He sends his spirit to guide our lives.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!
Jesus will come again in glory.
Christ is risen, Alleluia!

EASTER PROCLAMATION
Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; Death has no more dominion over him. **Alleluia!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today
EASTER HYMN

EASTER GREETING
Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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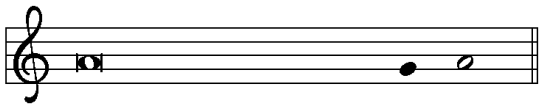

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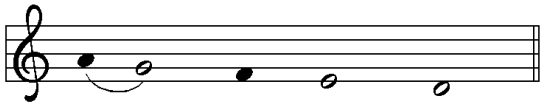

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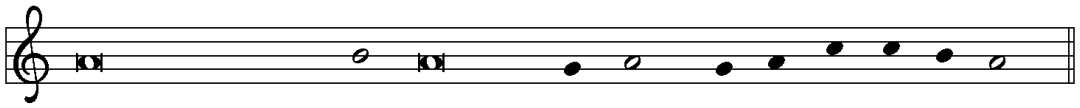

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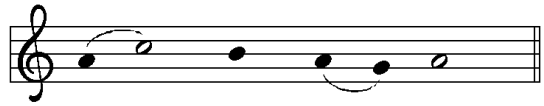

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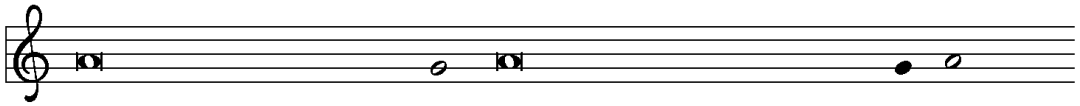
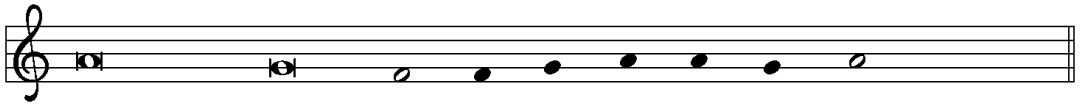
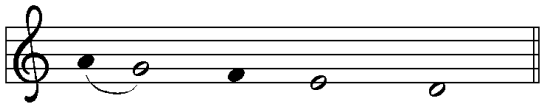


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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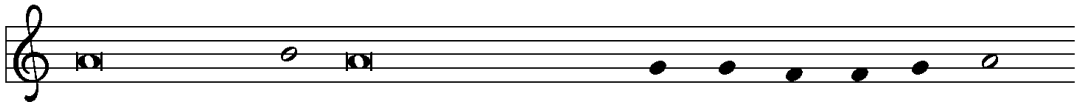
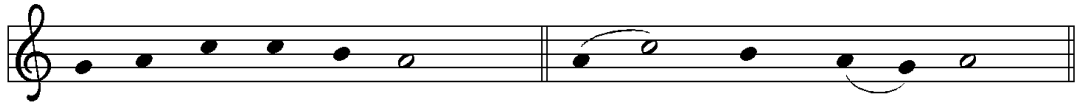
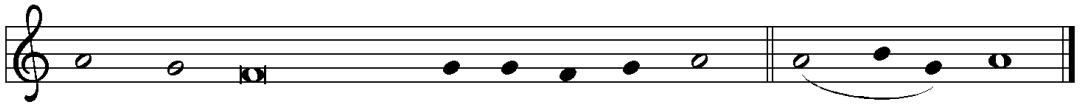


For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor - ship and praise,

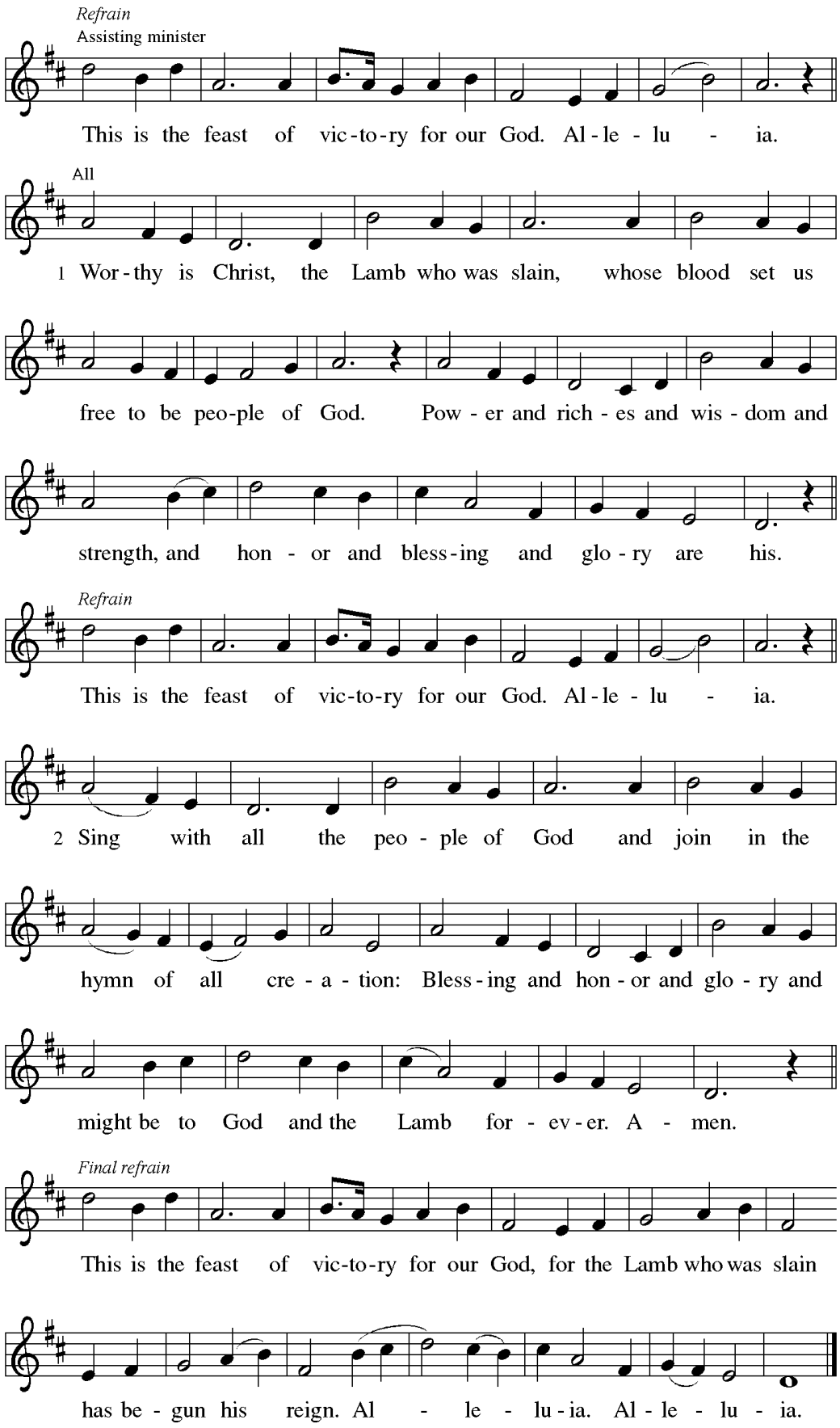


let us pray to the Lord. **Lord have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra-cious Lord. **A - men.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: s149



PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, **you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

WORD

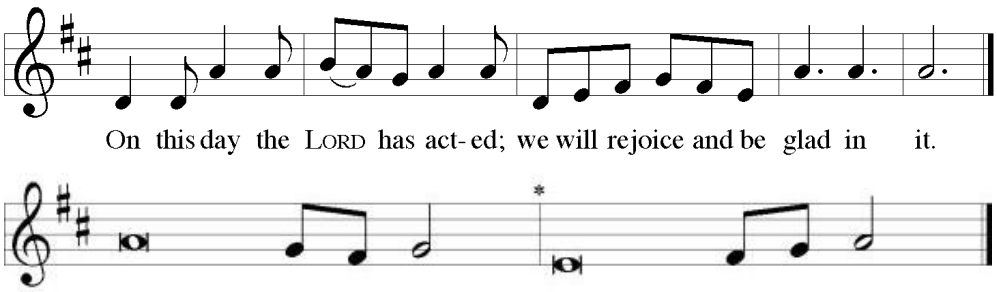
CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

34 Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, 35 but in every
nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. 36 You know the message he
sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. 37 That message spread
throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: 38 how 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. 39 We are witnesses to all that he did both in
Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the
third day and allowed him to appear, 41 not 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. 42 He 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. 43 All the
prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his
name."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24 Sung Responsively



1Give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
his mercy en- | dures forever.
2**Let Israel | now proclaim,***
"His mercy en- | dures forever."
14The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become | my salvation.
15**There is a sound of exulta- | tion and victory***
in the tents | of the righteous:
16"The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!*
The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the | LORD has triumphed!"
17**I shall not | die, but live,***
and declare the works | of the LORD. R.
18The LORD has pun- | ished me sorely,*

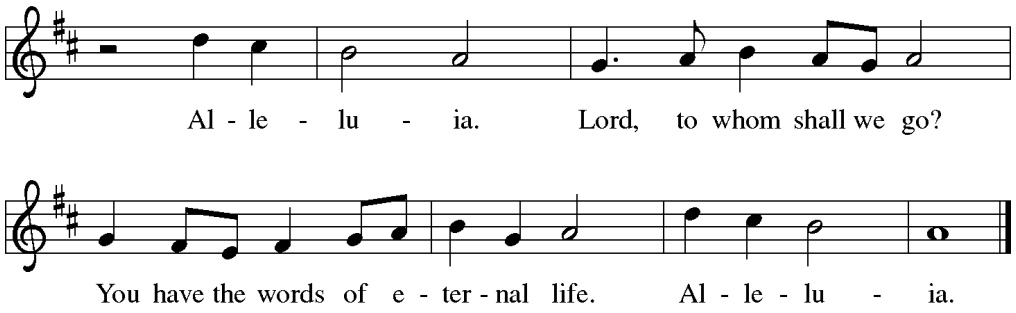
but he did not hand me o- | ver to death.
19 **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;***
I will enter them; I will offer thanks | to the LORD.
20 "This is the gate | of the LORD;*
he who is right- | eous may enter."
21 **I will give thanks to you, for you | answered me***
and have become | my salvation. R.
22 The same stone which the build- | ers rejected*
has become the chief | cornerstone.
23 **This is | the LORD's doing,***
and it is marvelous | in our eyes.
24 On this day the | LORD has acted;*
we will rejoice and be | glad in it. **R.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. 21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; 22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. 24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. 25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

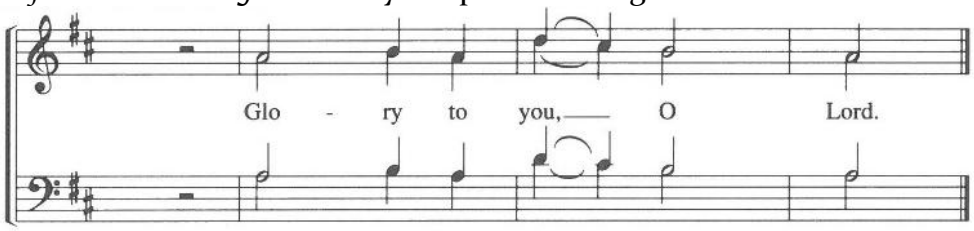
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: 151a arranged by John Ferguson



GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12 *Please stand as able.*

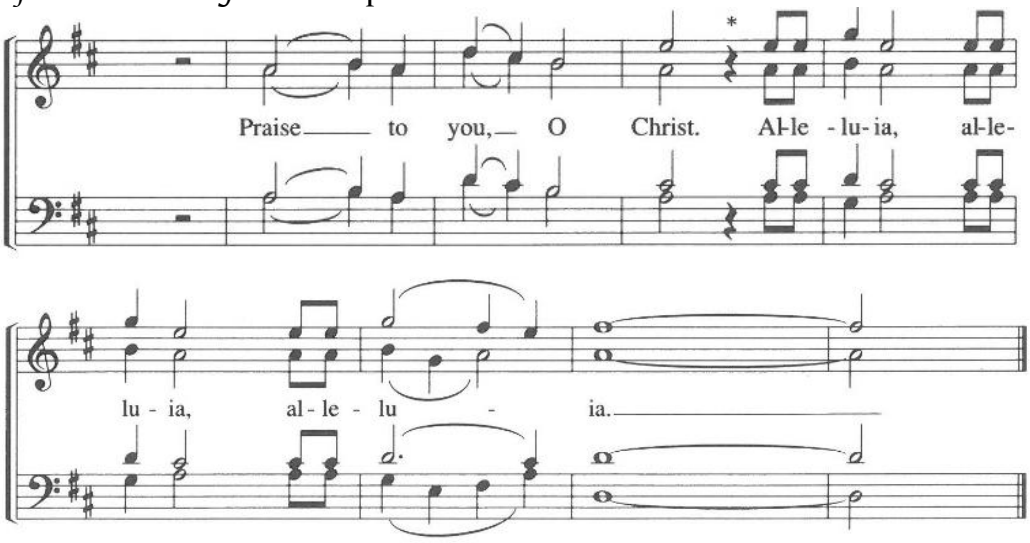
Before the Reading: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.



1 On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2 They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4 While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5 The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6 Remember how he told you,

while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8 Then they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. 11 But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

After the Reading: The Gospel of the Lord.



Please be seated.

SERMON Pastor Emily Willhide

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW 367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds
LASST UNS ERFREUEN

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes "God of grace," We respond: "**hear our prayer.**"

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

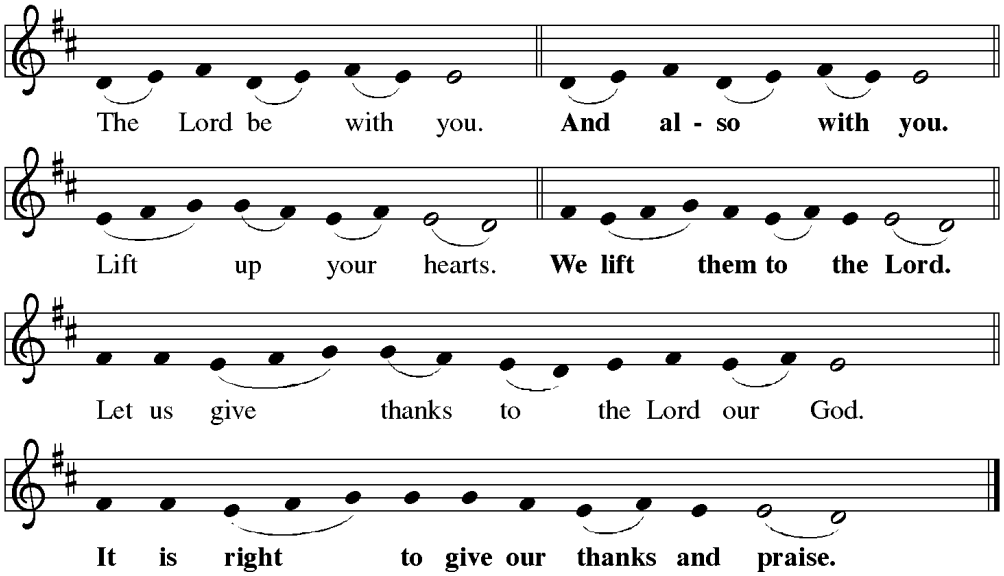
The offering plate will be passed throughout the Congregation for those not using online giving.

ANTHEM: Easter Song arranged by Joseph M. Martin
(Hear the Bells Ringing and Christ the Lord Is Risen Today)

OFFERTORY: ELW 373 (verse 1) Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!
ORIENTIS PARTIBUS

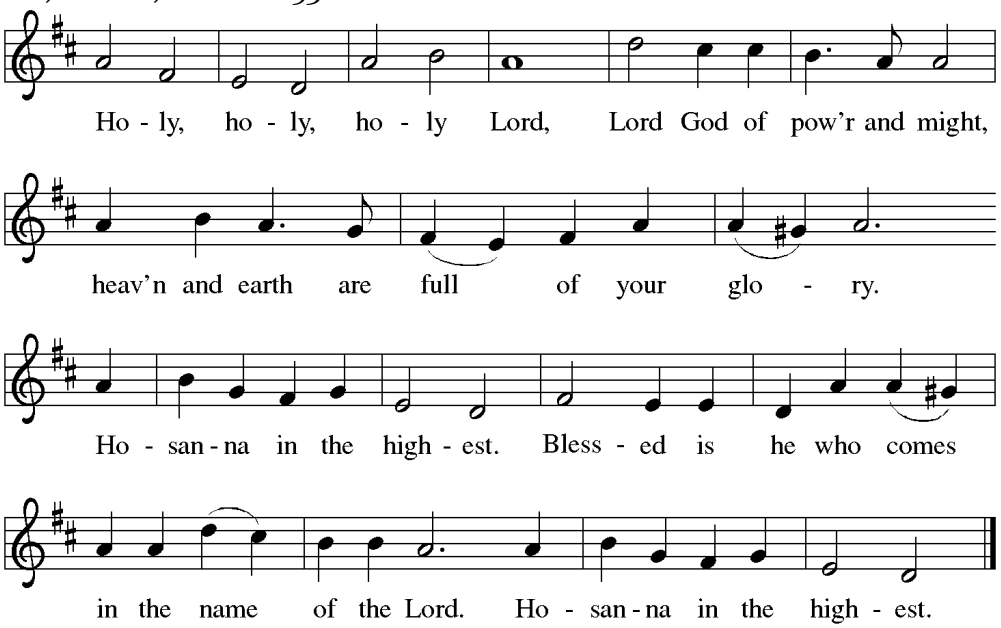
OFFERING PRAYER
Let us pray.
Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING S107



PREFACE
It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY S153



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
O God most might, O God most merciful...

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen...**

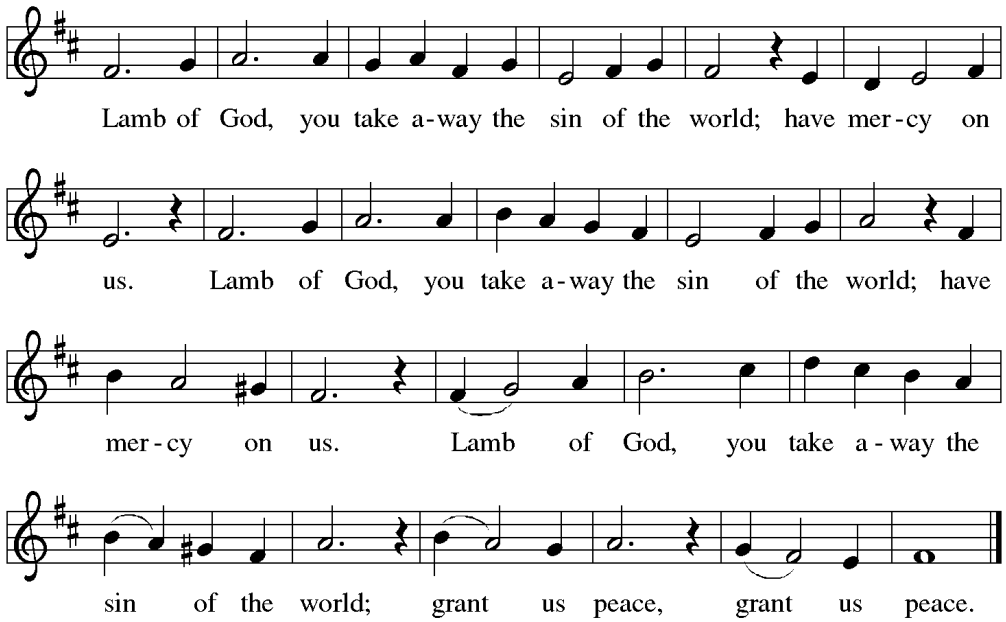
Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever. **Amen.**

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. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION - *We invite you to join with us in the sacrament of Holy Communion, as Jesus invites us all to the table. Please take an empty communion glass from the trays at the front of the church. The innermost ring of glasses are pre-filled with grape juice for those who prefer juice to wine. There are discard trays by the side aisles. Please follow the directions of the Ushers.*

LAMB OF GOD s154



COMMUNION HYMNS: ELW 379 — Now the Green Blade Rises
NOEL NOUVELET

ELW 461 — All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly
HOLY MANNA

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Please stand as able.*

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

SENDING

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: ELW 366 — The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done
VICTORY

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
Go, share the good news and live it. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

VOLUNTARY Concerto I (Presto) J. S. Bach

Please join us in the Memorial Garden for a champagne reception and the egg hunt.

LILYS

Given by Bill and Anjay Williamson in honor of their 44th wedding anniversary.

Given by Porter and Mimi Kinard in honor of their children and grandchildren; Mark and Mary Karl Boepple, Amy S. Kinard, and Porter Boepple.

Given by Cal and Elizabeth Johnson in honor of Incarnation's Musicians.

Given by Amy Kehl in honor of Mary Kehl.

Given by Martha Elmgren in honor of her family.

Given by Mary Karl and Mark Boepple in honor of their children, parents, and granddaughter and in memory of Mark's parents, Bob and Judy Boepple.

LILYS

Given by Avis, Maureen and Caleb in memory of Robert and Agnes Kelly, and Paul O'Neill.

Given by Amy Kehl in memory of Russ Kehl.

Given by Mr. and Mrs. Von Boozer in memory of friends and family.

Given by Richard Schulz and Marcy Coster-Schulz in memory of Leonard and Thelma Coster and Edaward and Marie Schulz.

Given by Porter and Mimi Kinard in memory of their parents; Dr. Karl and Ester Kinard, Gus and Amelia Speth, and sister Claire S. Bowie.

Given by Kimberly Yerrick and Randy Yaussy in memory of Miriam Yaussy and Marsha Walton.

Given by Alex and Susan McArver in memory of Frederick, Margaret and Freddie McArver.

Given by Dick and Connie Hinson in memory of their parents, Irene and Bob Hinson, and Florence and Ed White.

Given by Mimi Fisher in memory of Ted Fisher.

Given in memory of Jimmy and Betty Wilds by their children and grandchildren.

Given by Betty Hollingsworth in memory of Paul Hollingsworth and John and Annie Watkins.

Given by Cal and Elizabeth Johnson in memory of Elizabeth's father Larry Morton, and Cal's parents Mary and Robert Johnson, and Elaine Brown.

Given by Martha Elmgren in memory of her parents Martha and Luther Elmgren and her sister Jayne Elmgren.