

Resurrection of Our Lord
April 20, 2025

WELCOME

*A warm welcome to visitors who join us today to worship our Risen Lord!
We invite you to pick up a Visitor's Packet as you leave worship today.
Thank you for joining us this morning! We are blessed by your presence.*

*Children are always welcome in church,
If desired, there is an unstaffed nursery for those age 4 and younger
located on the second floor in the education wing. Take the first left down the
hallway, and the nursery is the first door on your right.*

*Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices
for today's worship are available.*

Please feel free to ask an usher if interested.

It is a joy to have you here at worship with us today.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST

April 20 – April 27

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10:00 a.m.	Egg Hunt
	10:45 a.m.	Easter Worship with Holy Communion

Monday **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday 6:30 p.m. Scouts

Wednesday 9:30 a.m. LWR Quilters

Thursday 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir
7:15 p.m. Vocal Choir

Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship

GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

I Sing of the Power of God

by Otis Skillings

Trumpet: Henry Hooper

As you are able, please stand and face the rear entrance to the sanctuary.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 118

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

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

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

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

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

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

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

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

Please face the cross during the procession.

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Text & Music: Latin carol, 4th cent., sts, 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1707-1788. EASTER HYMN

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!

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain



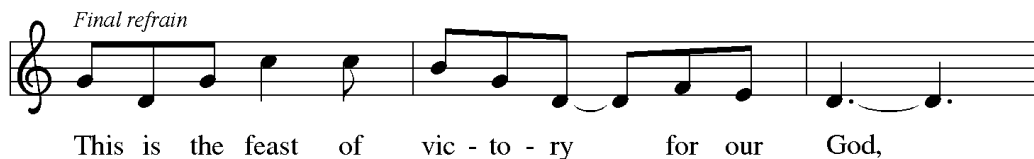
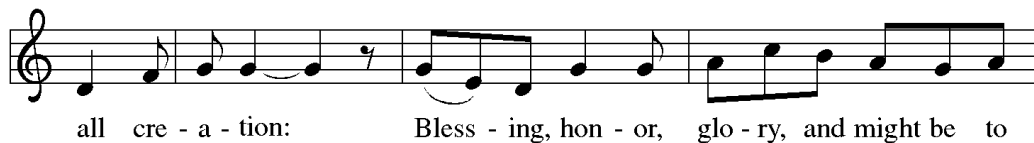
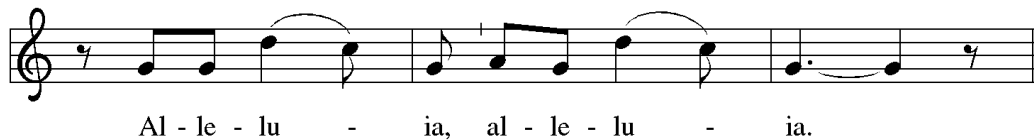
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. **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.**

WORD

FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

¹⁷ I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

¹⁹ I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.

²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² They shall not build and another inhabit;

they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³ They shall not labor in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.

²⁴ Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵ The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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 PROCESSIONAL

Arranged by John Ferguson

Please stand and face the cross for the procession.

Choir sings:

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Congregation sings: *Tune: "O Morning Star"*

Our Lord is risen from the dead,
and rays of glory crown his head,
new hope has come to mortals.
He rose in pow'r to smite his foes;
he lives to free us from our woes
and open heaven's portals. O hear, what cheer!
Christ is risen! Come and listen to the story,
Christ the Lord is ris'n in glory!

GOSPEL

John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to John the 20th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹² and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Congregation sings:

Oh, let the harps break forth in sound!
Our joy be all with music crowned,
Our voices gaily blending!
For Christ goes with us all the way
Today, tomorrow, ev’ry day!
His love is never ending! Sing out! Ring out!
Jubilation! Exultation! Tell the story!
Great is he, the King of Glory!

Choir sings: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!

Please be seated.

SERMON

*Throughout the sermon, one verse at a time,
we will be singing the song,
'Woman Weeping in the Garden'*

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

Text: Daniel Charles Damon Music: CEDARWOLF, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962



1 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, who has
2 Wom - an, wait - ing in the gar - den, af - ter
3 Wom - an, walk - ing in the gar - den, Je - sus
4 Wom - an, weep - ing in the gar - den, weep for
5 Wom - an, danc - ing from the gar - den, find the



pushed the stone a - side? Who has tak - en Je - sus'
men have come and gone, af - ter an - gels give their
takes you by sur - prise; when the gar - d'ner calls you,
joy, for you have seen Je - sus, the Mes - si - ah,
oth - ers and pro - claim Christ is ris - en as he



bod - y, Je - sus Christ the cru - ci - fied?
wit - ness, si - lent - ly you watch the dawn.
"Mar - y!" faith and joy meet in your eyes,
ris - en; Christ, of whom the proph - ets dream.
prom - ised; tell the world he knew your name!

Reflective silence follows the sermon.

Please stand as you are able.

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Text: Cyril A. Alington, 1872-1955, alt. Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpus, 1570-1615

1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with

of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:

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, al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED

Let us confess our faith in God; the Father, the Risen Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

**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

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Please be seated.

MEAL

GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church,
including the care of those in need. Online giving is
available at felcc.org or by scanning this QR code.*



ANTHEM

He Lives

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the Offertory hymn, consisting of six staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.**

DIALOG

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing rests. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff features a key change to two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and continues the melody. The fourth staff returns to the key of one flat and continues the melody. The fifth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore,
his life-giving death and glorious resurrection,
we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please be seated.

Communion: All Christians who believe that Jesus is truly present in the bread (body of Christ) and in the wine (blood of Christ) are welcome at the Lord's table. To receive Holy Communion, please come down the center aisle, take a glass (the prefilled glasses contain grape juice), and gather at the altar. Non-communing children and adults may come forward for a blessing.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

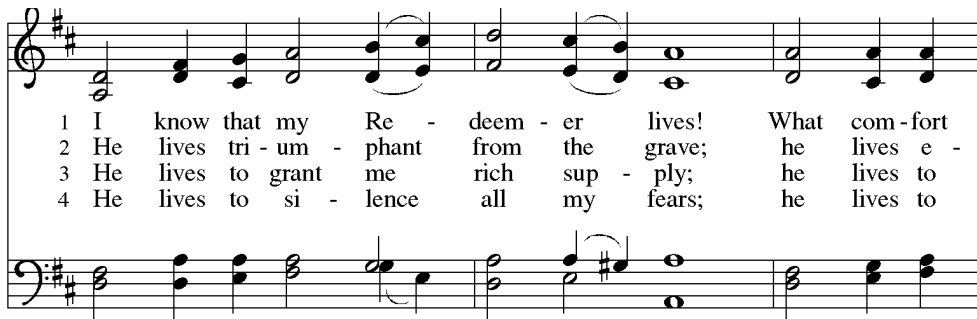
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Halton, d. 1793



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

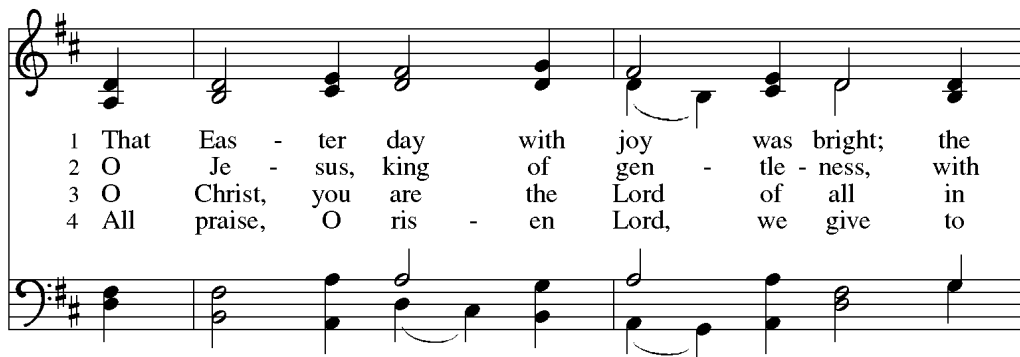
5 He lives to bless me with his love;
 he lives to plead for me above;
 he lives my hungry soul to feed;
 he lives to help in time of need.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;
 what joy this blest assurance gives;
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

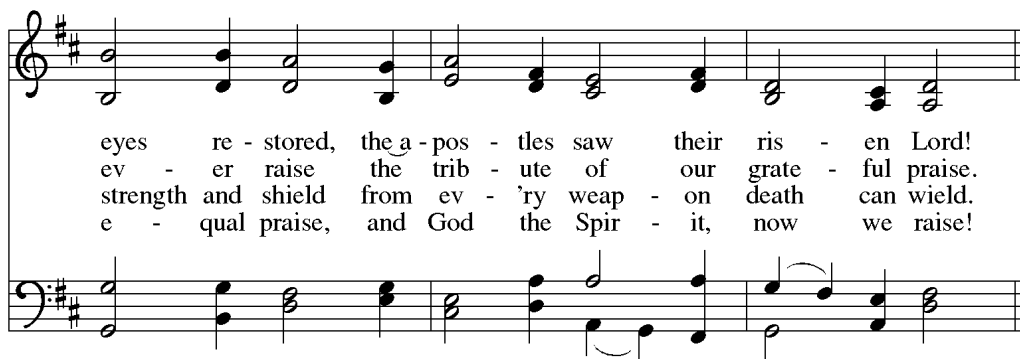
That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. **Living God, 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

*Please face the cross in procession.
It precedes us out into the world to do God's Work.*



Thine is the Glory

Text: Edmond Budry Music: George Frideric Handel

1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-

vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,

rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave-clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death-less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain
where thy bod - y lay.
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.

Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God
by Mike and Donna Ross and Family.

Please remember in your prayers ...

Healing: **Jeff Dorand (5/19)**, David Hamilton (5/2), Denny Love (4/27), Steve Schumacher (4/23), Jim Shoop (4/23), **Karin Woods (5/13)**, **Martha Umbrell (5/9)**, **Julie Diehl (5/9)**



Continuing Prayers: **Joanne Caskey**, Linus Christman, **Pat Dent**, **Julie Diehl**, **June Diehl**, **Tudy Gates**, **Charles Kampmeyer**, Joe Pine, and **Garry Shatzer**

Military: Tawny & Brad Arnold and Parker Brown.

ATTENDANCE April 13 78 in person 27 online

SPECIAL FINANCIAL GIFTS First Lutheran is currently receiving financial gifts to be used toward the repair of the stained glass windows and the replacement of the air conditioning unit in the sanctuary. If you would like to make a special financial gift toward these items, please talk with Carol McCoy (financial secretary) 717-816-0712 1cjmccoy@comcast.com , Sally Herritt (treasurer) 717-262-5063 felcctreasurer@gmail.com Your donations would make wonderful memorial gifts or a gift to honor someone.



SPRING LUNCHEON All women are cordially invited to the Spring Luncheon on Thursday, May 8 at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Come enjoy the fellowship!

SUMMER LUTHERAN CAMP Summer Camp information is available in Memorial Hall. Opportunities for children, youth, families, and sr adults. Financial assistance available as needed. Please talk with Pastor Nicholson for more information.

HELP NEEDED First Lutheran is in need of some volunteers to help with **Operating the Sound Board** and/or visual equipment during worship. Contact: Scott Carbaugh 717-660-9066.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	<u>April 20</u>	<u>April 27</u>	<u>May 4</u>
Lector:	Gerry Wilson	Jane Love	Sally Herritt
Soundboard:	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh	Scott Carbaugh
Communion	Jim Brown		Deb Fleegal
Assistants:	Jane Love		Becky Hoover
	Mary Gotwald		Karen Sloan
Greeters:	Joe Hunt	Joe Hunt	Joe Hunt
	Marcia Hunt	Marcia Hunt	Marcia Hunt
Closer:	Jeff Dorand	The Kennedys	Jeff Dorand
Altar Guild:	Barb Evans	Barb Evans	Barb Evans
	Karin Woods	Karin Woods	Karin Woods
Ushers:	Gary Fleegal	Gary Fleegal	Jim Brown
	Gary Kennedy	Gary Kennedy	Barb Evans
	Marianne Kennedy	Marianne Kennedy	Bill McCoy
	Mark Nicholson	Mark Nicholson	Carol McCoy