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10:00 a.m.

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8:45 a.m.

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8:45 a.m.

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*“Blessed are those who have not seen
and yet have believed.”* (John 20:29)

CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH
"Forward in Faith and Mission"

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

10 a.m.

April 7, 2024

PRELUDE *Partita on Awake My Heart with Gladness*

M. Burkhardt

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opening Hymn

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

Exhortation

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

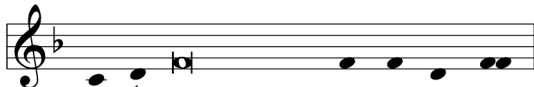
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

- P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C **Amen.**

Service of the Word

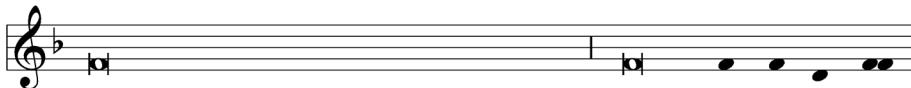
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



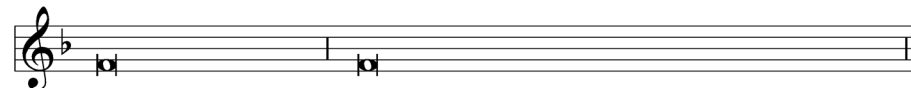
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



G Lord, have mer - cy.



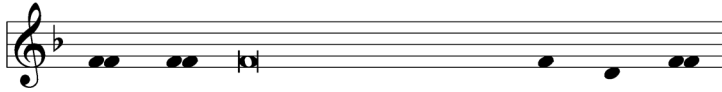
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

This Is the Feast



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



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



1 — Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Acts 4:32-35

³²The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148 (read responsively) Congregation: 1-6; Liturgist: 7-12; All: 13 & 14

¹Praise the LORD!

**Praise the LORD from the heavens;
praise him in the heights!**

**²Praise him, all his angels;
praise him, all his hosts!**

**³Praise him, sun and moon,
praise him, all you shining stars!**

**⁴Praise him, you highest heavens,
and you waters above the heavens!**

**⁵Let them praise the name of the LORD!
For he commanded and they were created.**

**⁶And he established them forever and ever;
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**⁷Praise the LORD from the earth,
you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

**⁸fire and hail, snow and mist,
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

**⁹Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**¹⁰Beasts and all livestock,
creeping things and flying birds!**

**¹¹Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**¹²Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

**¹³Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**¹⁴He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him. Praise the LORD!**

Epistle Reading

1 John 1:1–2:2

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia and Verse



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the'. The second staff continues the melody with the lyrics: 'words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with a final double bar line at the end of the second staff.

Holy Gospel

John 20:19-31

L The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.

²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

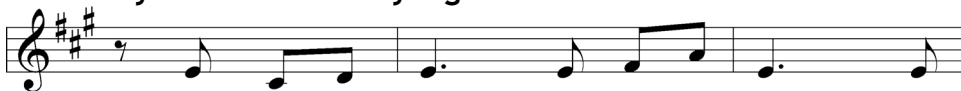
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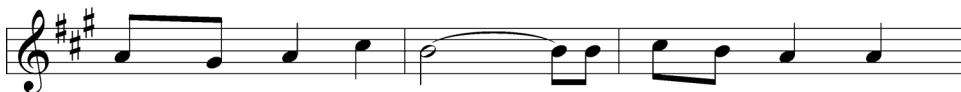
☐ Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon Hymn

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, No
2 We may not touch His hands and side, Nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And
4 For You, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, Are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Him who spoke as
fol - low where He trod; But in His 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 We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve Him near.
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.

The Message

Mr. Mike Bell

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Offering

(The offerings should be placed in the plate near the entrance of the worship area.)

Offering Hymn

411 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.
3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
I want to look at Je - sus.
I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world.
Clear Sun of Right - teous - ness, shine on my path,
When we have run with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life is Je - sus.
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain
 In Him there is no dark - ness at all.
 The night and the day are both a - like.
 The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.
 Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.**

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.

Closing Hymn

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns



- 1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
- 2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri-fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.

The Sending

L Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

L Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Chorale Prelude (O Sons and Daughters of the King)* H. Willan

TODAY'S SERVANTS

Guest Proclaimer:

Mike Bell

Liturgist:

Manfred Reek

Organist:

Barbara Sommer

Cantor:

Scott Ruhl

Lector:

Nancie Seymour

Crucifer/Acolyte:

Emily Shaffer

IT Assistants:

Jim McWilliams, Bridget Jones

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****OUR LIFE WITH GOD, April 7, 2024****

WELCOME IN JESUS CHRIST!

Please include the following in your daily prayers:

Prayers for healing:

Amanda Richter, Kenzi Kelley, Randi Walters (Dave Segal's sister), Harry Wills, Larry Sefcik & family (friends of Paul Thompson), Sheldon Mazelis, Marty Root, Charles Richter Jr., Paul Saar, Deb Krauch, Claire McDerby, Donna Grueninger, John Dignan, Meilanders' daughters, Nancy and Laura, Alison Baptiste, Jack Phaller, Olive and Fred Abt, Linda and Russ Davis and Russ' sister Roxanne, Lorraine Deitz, Ramona Beatty, Paul Schildwachter, Carla Lindhorst, Family and friends of the Abts - Lou Kulaga, Sandy Robinson and Gloria Holthaus; Sandy Boyer, Alyssa, Jessica, Reid, Mike Mister, Rosa White's daughters Latonya Endres and Lavenia White, Michael Green, Shanika Williams' family.

Assisted Living and Nursing Homes:

Bob Chapman, Betty Hucke, Frances Dunker

Homebound: Carl, Shirley & Chuck Ropka, Kass Lindhorst

Many thanks to all who helped us celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus: the Festival Choir, the musicians, the Liturgists, Altar Guild ladies, the many sermons for Lent and Easter by Pastor, the many bulletins by the Secretary. The joy Easter lasts into eternity. Remember to share it!

Nomination of Candidates for election will start on April 2. Members of the Nominating Committee are Sharon Koogle, Cheryl Reek and Russ Davis. Must have candidates' approval before nominating them. Open offices are President and Vice President of the congregation, Director of Outreach, approval of Church Council's appointment of Liana Chotikul as Director of Stewardship. All board memberships are open for new members. Nominations will close on April 30. Congregation meeting for election of officers will be May 19, following the worship service.

Handbell Concert May 11, 7:00 pm - The advanced handbell ensembles from Concordia University - Irvine will be touring the Atlantic coast region this spring, and Calvary has been selected to host a FREE handbell concert by these spectacular Lutheran college musicians. The concert will be preceded by a potluck with the ringers at 6:00 pm. We do need your help to facilitate, provide overnight accommodations for 2+ students, setting/cleaning up, etc. to make this successful. Please contact Amy Crumb or Christina Dojan to volunteer your assistance for these ambassadors of our Lutheran church at large!

Calendar

Friday, April 27th

Pro Shred Event, 10 am - 12 on the Old Harford Rd. parking lot