

**April 17, 2022**

## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

4515 Dobie Road  
Okemos, MI 48864  
517-349-0620

### **Easter Sunday**

- To make disciples for Jesus Christ. . .
- . . .we **Gather** in faith for worship, prayer,  
study and fellowship
- . . .we **Equip** the people of God with a faith  
that works in real life
- . . .we **Serve** the world in the name of Jesus Christ

Pastor:..... Ellen Schoepf  
Music Director:.....Debra Borton-McDonough  
Organist/Pianist:.....Bruce Williams  
Church Secretary:..... Katie Love  
Youth & Education Director .....Pam Williams  
Pastor's email:.....[prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org)  
Church email:.....[faith@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:faith@faithlutheranokemos.org)  
Website:.....[www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)  
Facebook Page:.....[facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos](https://facebook.com/faithlutheranokemos)

## **Introduction to the day**

“This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

## **PRE-SERVICE MUSIC**

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”  
“A Paschal Fanfare”

Noel Rawsthorne  
Malcom Archer

## **WELCOME**

*We cordially greet all who have come to worship today.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

---

## **GATHERING**

---

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

*The assembly stands*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you.

All life is sustained by you, our Source. We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life.

Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this assembly, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



# GATHERING SONG

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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.**

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

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 blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

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

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

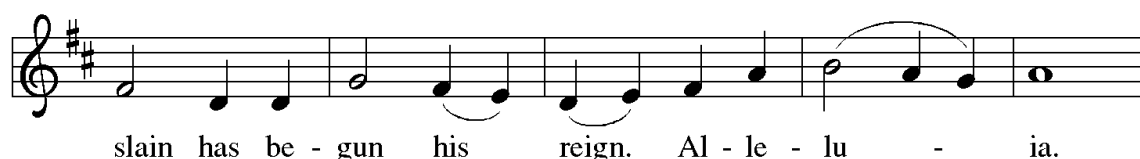


*Refrain*

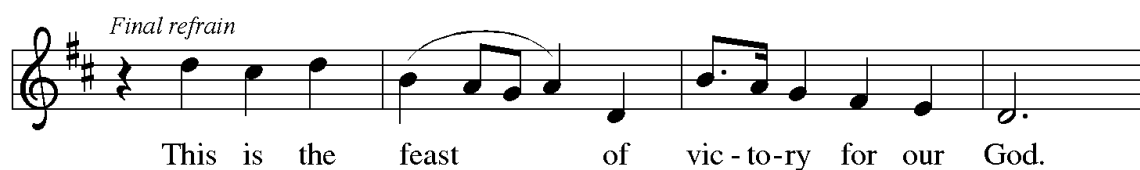
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



*Final refrain*

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



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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

---

## WORD

---

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

### **FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

A reading from Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>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.**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

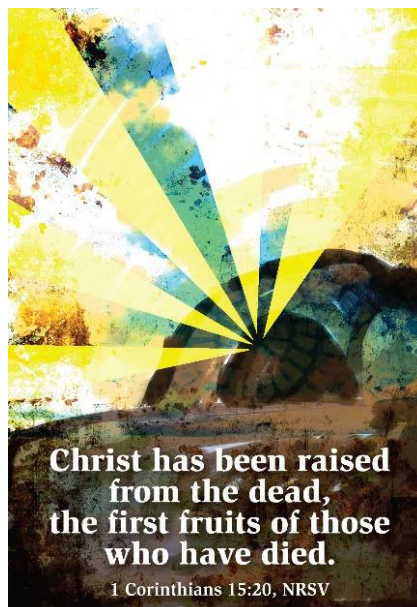
*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.*

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>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. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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





# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*

## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.' The piano accompaniment features chords and moving lines that support the vocal melody.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

## John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup>Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes.

<sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.” <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>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.’” <sup>18</sup>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 assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

## HYMN OF THE DAY

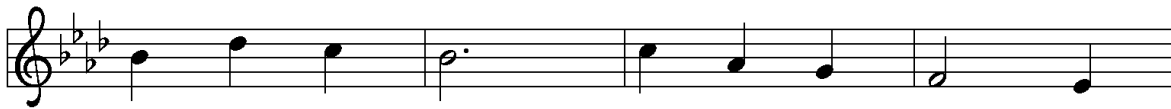
### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



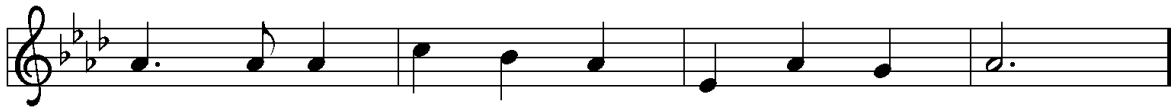
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,



Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **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**

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.

*Prayers of intercession are offered. To each petition, the assembly responds:*

Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

*The presiding minister concludes the prayers, and the assembly responds:*

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

*The assembly is seated.*

---

## MEAL

---

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

### OFFERING

“Gaelic Alleluia”

(Craig Courtney)

Chancel Choir

Bruce Williams and Megan Nyquist, piano

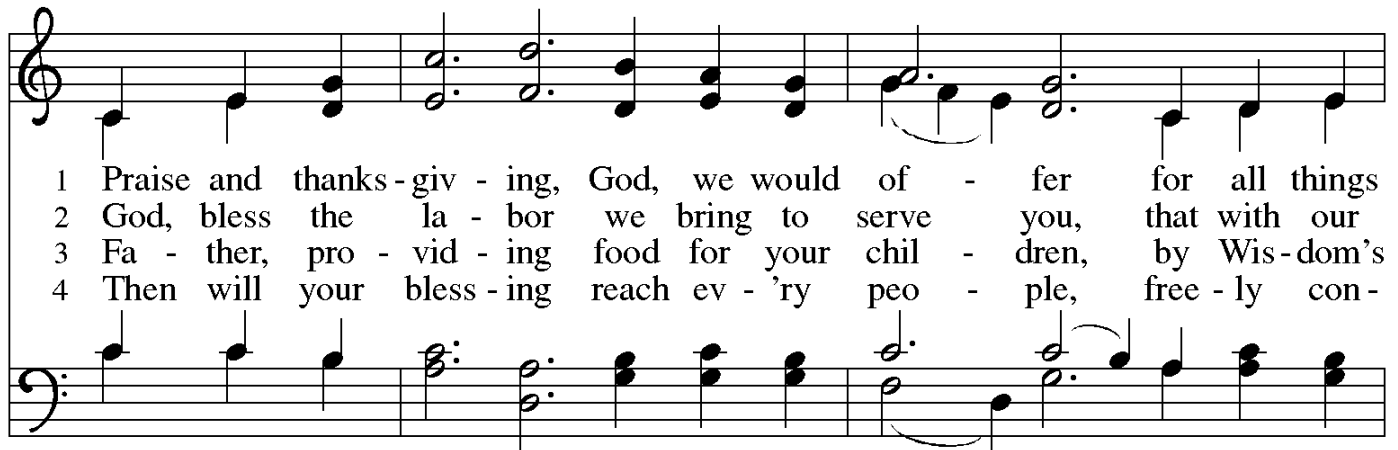


# OFFERING RESPONSE


vs. 1 only

*The assembly stands*

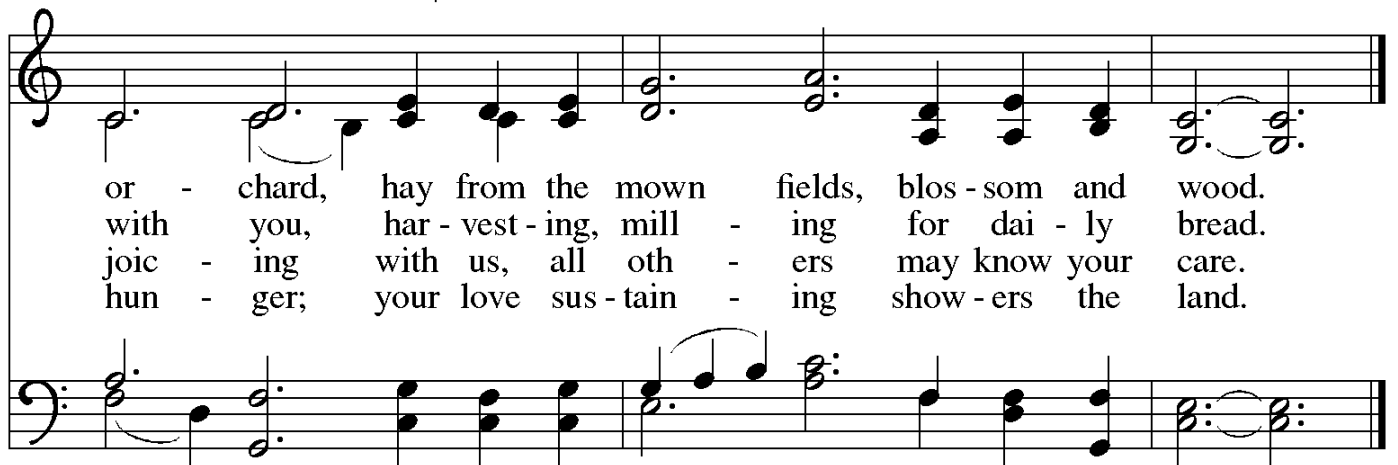
## Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things  
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our  
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's  
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the  
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work  
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -  
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.  
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.  
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.  
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.  
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version  
Text © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.  
Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One, as you broke bread with the disciples on the shore, meet us now in this meal. Nourish us to follow you, using our gifts to feed the hungry and tend the weary, and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### DIALOGUE

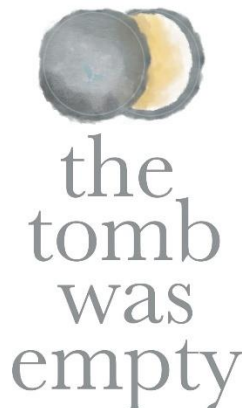
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

### PREFACE

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'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy". It consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho - san-na. 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."

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth. We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us, healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.

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 in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, gives everyone a place at the welcome table. Alleluia! Come to the feast.

*The assembly is seated*

## **COMMUNION**

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say*

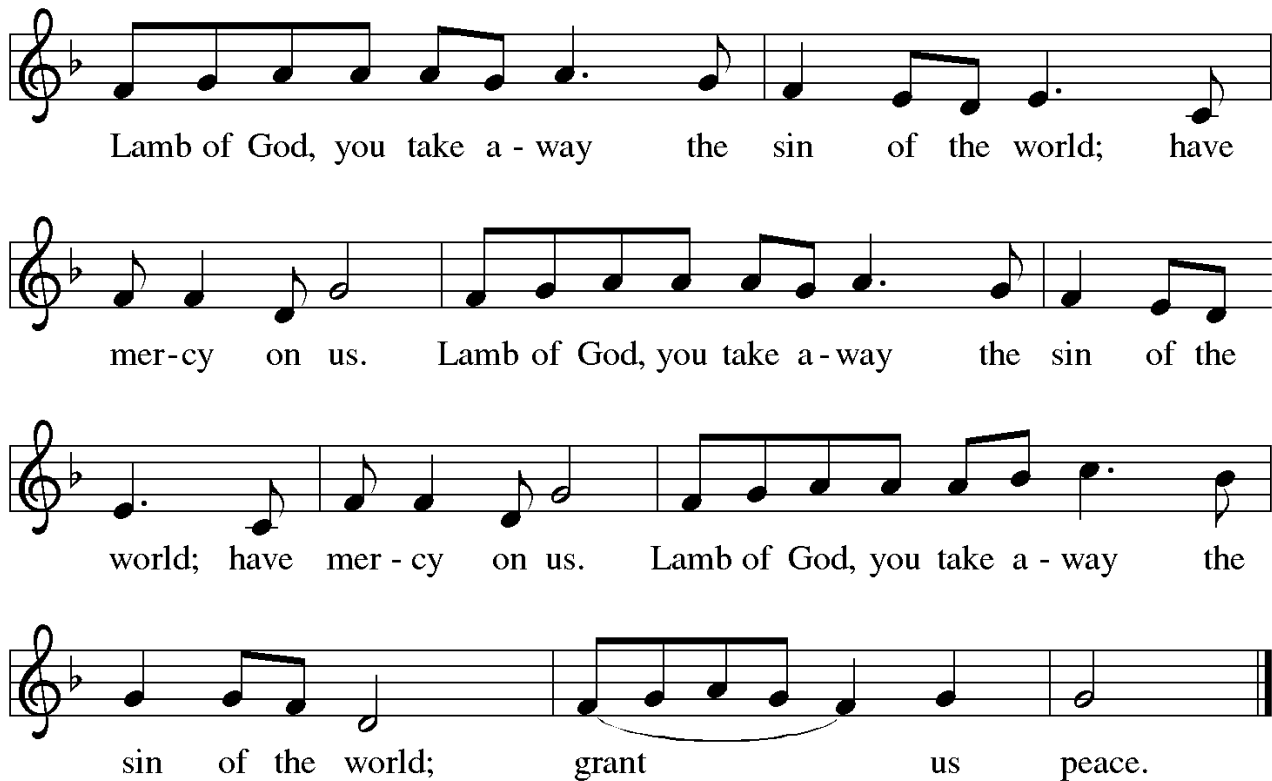
The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

*and each person may respond*

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.

## COMMUNION INSTRUMENTAL

“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”

arr. June Nixon

*The assembly stands*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit surround and sustain you, keep you from harm, and fill you with courage.

**Amen.**

# SENDING SONG

## Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876–1947, alt.  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
Text © 1958 *Service Book and Hymnal*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.

## DISMISSAL

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE

“Hallelujah Chorus”

Handel, arr. G. Kaluza



We offer a special welcome to our visitors today. If you would like to know more about Faith Lutheran, please see an usher or email Katie your contact information. [klove@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:klove@faithlutheranokemos.org)

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 A.M.

Sunday School: 10:00 A.M. (no Sunday School Easter Sunday)



### **2022 Flower Dedications**

Jon and Elaine Harrison in memory of their parents Russell & Julia Harrison and Ed & Ruth Kluck.

Mike Kraft in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Raymond H. Kraft.

Warren and Tammy Heilman in memory of Les & Elsie Heilman and Gene and Ida Joachim.

Karen Whitmyer in memory of Ken Whitmyer.

The Kopf family in memory of William and Hilda Kopf, Richard and Jane Kemmler, Hannes and Eleanor Tietje and Sandra Fox.

The Dingledine family in memory of loved ones who have passed before  
us.

Bob & Connie Nelson in honor of family.

Kathy Mace in memory of Olin Mace and in honor of Harold & Jan  
Sollenberger.

Mike Eschelbach in celebration of grandchildren.

The Schoepf family in celebration of our family and our friends at Faith  
Lutheran.

Tammy Jackson and Colin Olsen in celebration of Births of Skylar Ebright  
and Joseph and Victoria Clare.

Cecelia & Rick Beaderstadt in celebration of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding  
anniversary. (today!)

Bruce Williams in memory of my parents, Gladys & Stanley Williams.

Randy & Jamie Royalty in memory of our parents.

Annie Mayer in celebration of my grandchildren: Maggie, Charlie and  
Jack.

Marla Holle in memory of Reg and Todd Holle.

Ambs family in celebration of Ledith Ambs 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

John & Phylis Schleicher in celebration of Maximillian Schleicher's  
forthcoming birthday.

Karl & Brigitta Bruning in celebration of Easter.

## Weekly Offering Reports

**4/3/22**

Loose Cash	\$ 10.00
General Fund	\$ 1,325.00
Flowers	\$ 60.00
Caring Committee	\$ 200.00
World Hunger	\$ 60.00
Subtotal	\$ 1,655.00
Vanco	
General	\$ 3,735.00
Building	\$ 25.00
Pantry	\$ 250.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,665.00</b>

**4/10**

Loose Cash	\$ 125.00
General Fund	\$ 4,975.00
Flowers	\$ 40.00
LWR Ukraine	\$ 25.00
Caring Committee	\$ 100.00
Parish House	\$ 50.00
Subtotal	\$ 5,315.00
Vanco	
General Operating	\$ 835.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,150.00</b>

For a quick overview of giving options,  
please visit the Faith Lutheran Church  
website and look for the giving button in  
the top right corner.  
[www.faithlutheranokemos.org](http://www.faithlutheranokemos.org)

## Announcements:

### Holle Speaker Series Speaker Dr. Jim Antal

**Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

Rev. Antal is flying here from Boston on Friday and will be with us through Sunday morning. This may be a once in a lifetime opportunity to hear a highly respected prophetic and pastoral voice on what may be the most critical challenge of our times.

He is a public theologian, award-winning activist, and national spokesperson on climate change for the United Church of Christ.

Please use this link to sign up for this FREE event!

<https://bit.ly/HolleSpeakerSeries>



Due to Covid-19, lunch will NOT be served. There will be an hour break for lunch.

You may bring your lunch or get lunch at one of the area restaurants. Please contact Faith Lutheran for more information or with any questions. 517-349-0620

## ***The End of Youth Ministry?***

Dr. Andrew Root

Professor of Youth & Family Ministry at Luther Seminary

**WHEN: Saturday, April 30 9:30-3:00**

**WHERE:** Faith Lutheran Church

This event is FREE. Due to Covid, lunch will NOT be served. We invite you to bring a bag lunch or visit one of the nearby fast-food places during the lunch break.



### Schedule for the day:

*9:30 – 10:00 Registration and coffee*

*10:00 – 12:00 Plenary 1 – Youth Ministry in an Era of Over-Parenting: Moving from the Thing to the Story (See explanation on next page)*

*Noon – 12:45 Lunch*

*12:45 – 3:00 Plenary 2 – Faith Formation in a Secular Age: Examining the Changes Impacting Ministry (See explanation on next page)*

Dr. Root will share information based on his new book, *The End of Youth Ministry?* His new book will be available for purchase on this day. The cost is: \$11.50.

Dr. Root will also talk about emerging models of youth leadership.

To register for this event:

- Please fill out this registration form:  
<http://tiny.cc/lansingyouthevent>
- Or call Faith Lutheran Church (517-349-0620).
- If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Ellen Schoepf at [prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org](mailto:prellen@faithlutheranokemos.org)

## FUNDRAISER TO REPLACE THE ROOF!

Friday, May 20, 7:30 PM

We are going to do it again!! Remember the fun last year when we held the fundraising event to paint the eaves? We are going to again have some fun as we raise money to replace the roof on the sanctuary. On Friday evening, May 20, at 7:30 PM, we will hold a Musical Fundraising Event. If the Covid positivity rate stays low, this event will be open to those who would like to attend in-person. However, we will also livestream the event as we did last year. So, mark your calendars for an evening of fun and join us as we celebrate the life of the community of Faith while at the same time raise the funds to replace the roof.



**VBS will be back this summer!** August 1-5th from 9:00 a.m. until noon. This will be for ages 4 through 5th grade (going into 6th grade). We hope you can put the date on your calendar and can be there to participate, or to be a helper! It will be a fun week! Contact Pam Williams for details.



The next Quarterly Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> following morning worship.