



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

The Sacrament of Communion

April 17, 2022

*Call to Worship	<i>An Easter Story</i>	Bell Choir
Banner unrolled	<i>Mercy Tree</i>	Adult Choir
*The Processional Hymn	<i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today</i>	(ELW) No. 365
*The Confession and Forgiveness		(ELW) page 94

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy.....of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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.

P: In the mercy of almighty God,.....in the name of the Father, and of the ☩Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*The Apostolic Greeting	(ELW) page 138
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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*The Kyrie (sung response)	(ELW) page 138
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P:, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

***The Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray,

C: Almighty God, You have overcome death through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and have opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly beseech You that as You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Lesson:

Isaiah 65:17-25

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Because He Lives

Adult Choir

The Psalmody for the Day *(read responsively)*

Psalm 16

¹Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in You; I have said to the Lord,

“You are my Lord, my good above all other.”

**²All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**

³But those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied.

**⁴Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

⁵O Lord, You are my portion and my cup; it is You who uphold my lot.

**⁶My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

⁷I will bless the Lord Who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**⁸I have set the Lord always before me;
because He is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

⁹My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.

**¹⁰For You will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let Your holy one see the Pit.**

¹¹You will show me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness
of joy, and in Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Anthem

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Bell Choir

Second Lesson:

I Corinthians 15:19-26

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*The Gospel Acclamation (*sung*)

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**C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Gospel:

St. Luke 24:1-12

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*sung after announcement of the Gospel*)

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (*sung after conclusion of the Gospel*)

Sermon

Rev. Robert B. Grewe

*The Hymn of the Day

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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*The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

I 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

*The Prayers of the Church (response)

P: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

*The Offertory

Create in Me a Clean Heart

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*The Great Thanksgiving

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*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.

Lamb of God

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The Distribution

Communion Hymn

Holy God We Praise Your Name

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Prayer/Blessing

Announcements

*The Benediction (sung response)

C: Amen, Amen, Amen.

*The Recessional Hymn

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

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*The Dismissal (response)

C: Thanks be to God.

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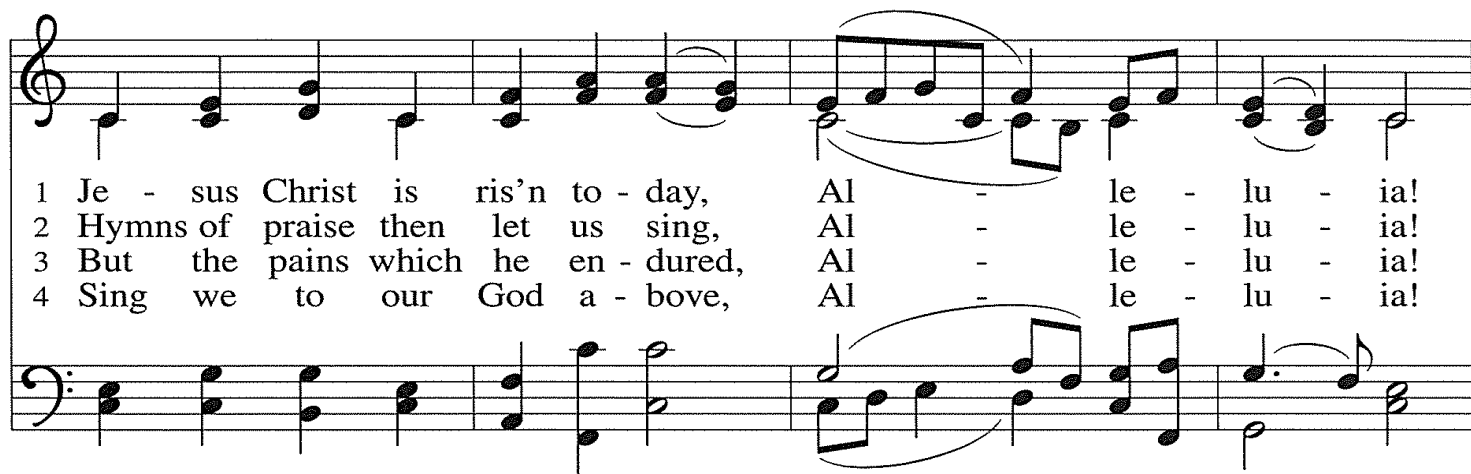
Organist and Music Director: Kristine Schuerle

The flowers on the Altar are given to the Glory of God.

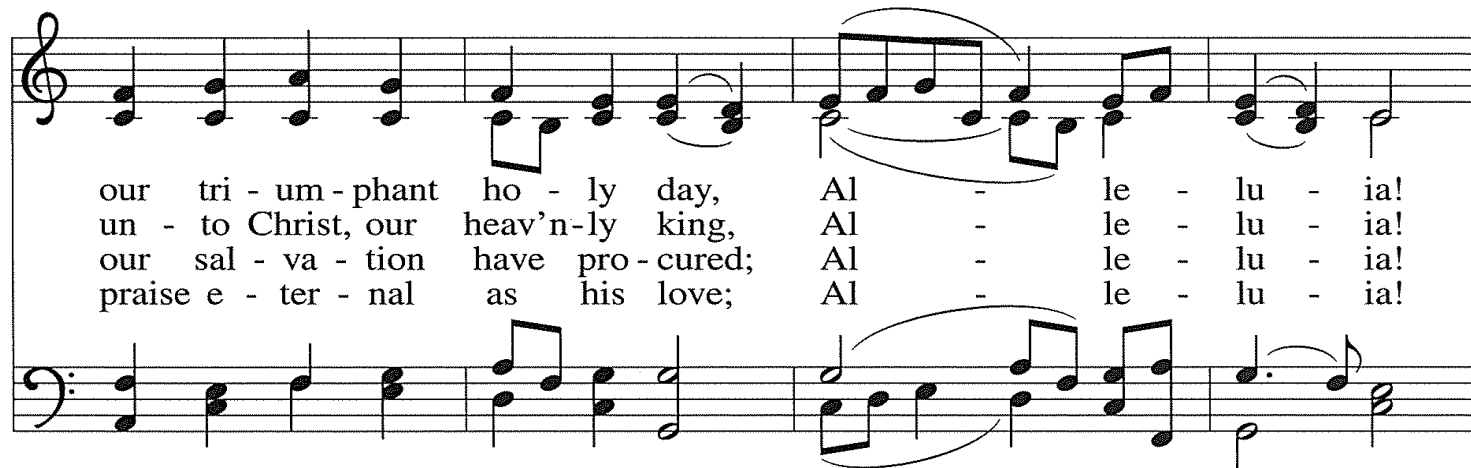
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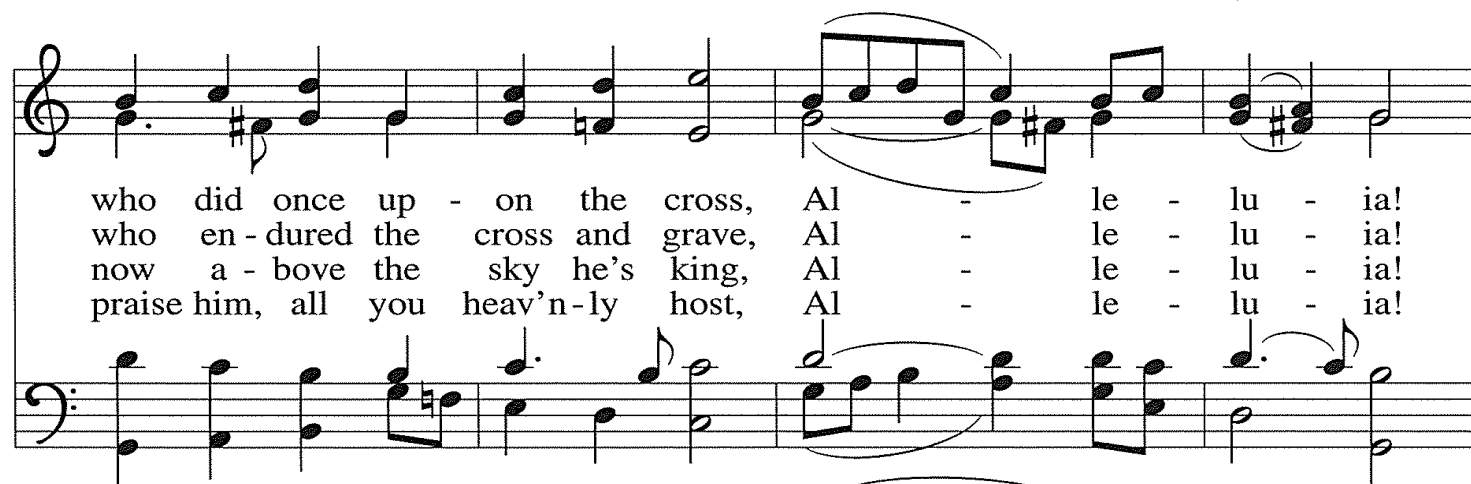
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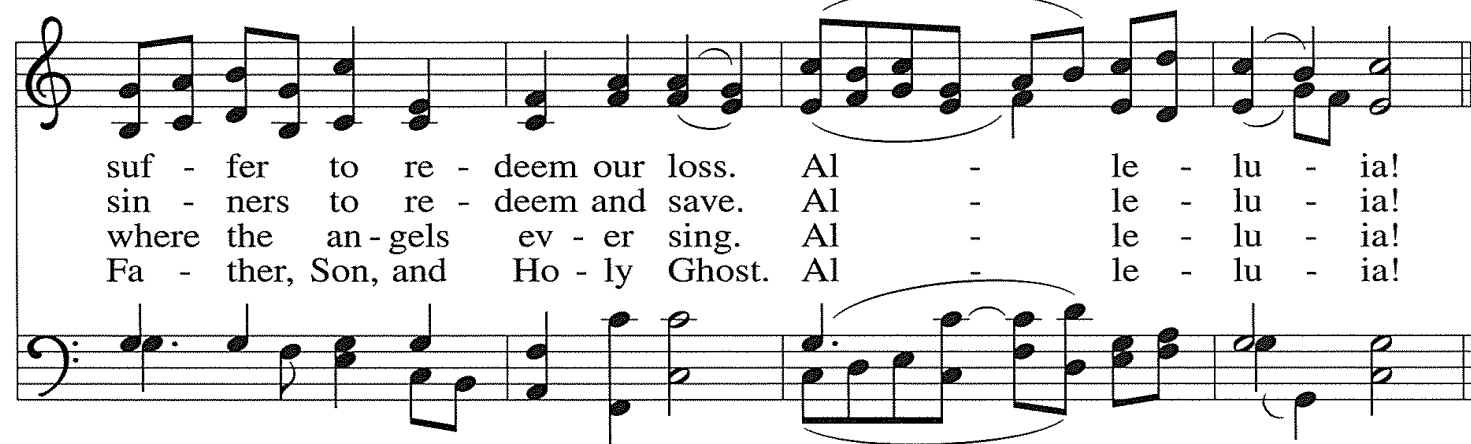
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

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



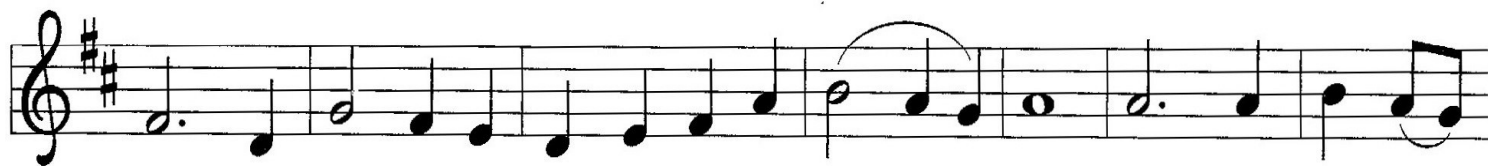
strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

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,

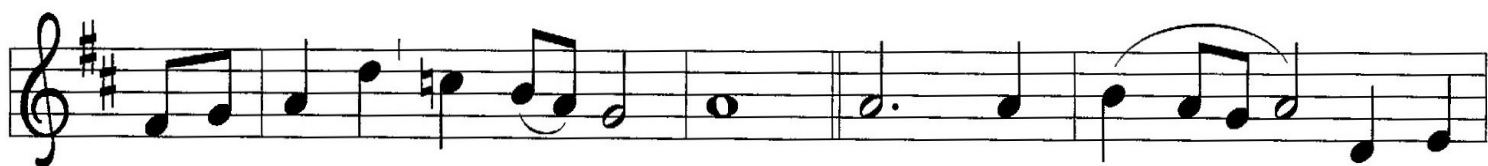


glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



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.

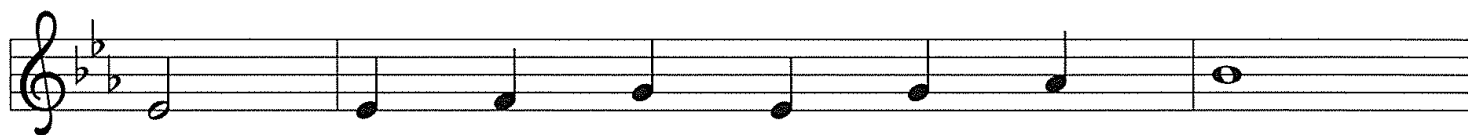


Final refrain

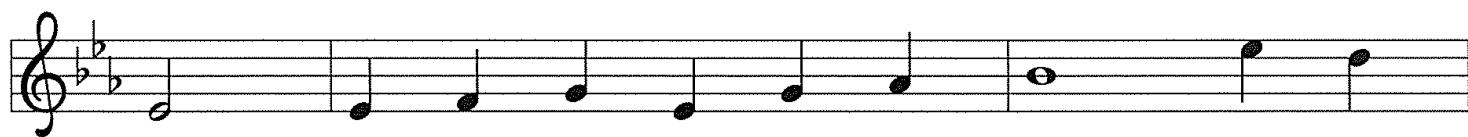
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



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



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!

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major (two flats). The melody is primarily composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff.

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

The second system continues the melody with similar rhythmic patterns. The lyrics are written below the staff.

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

The third system continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the staff.

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

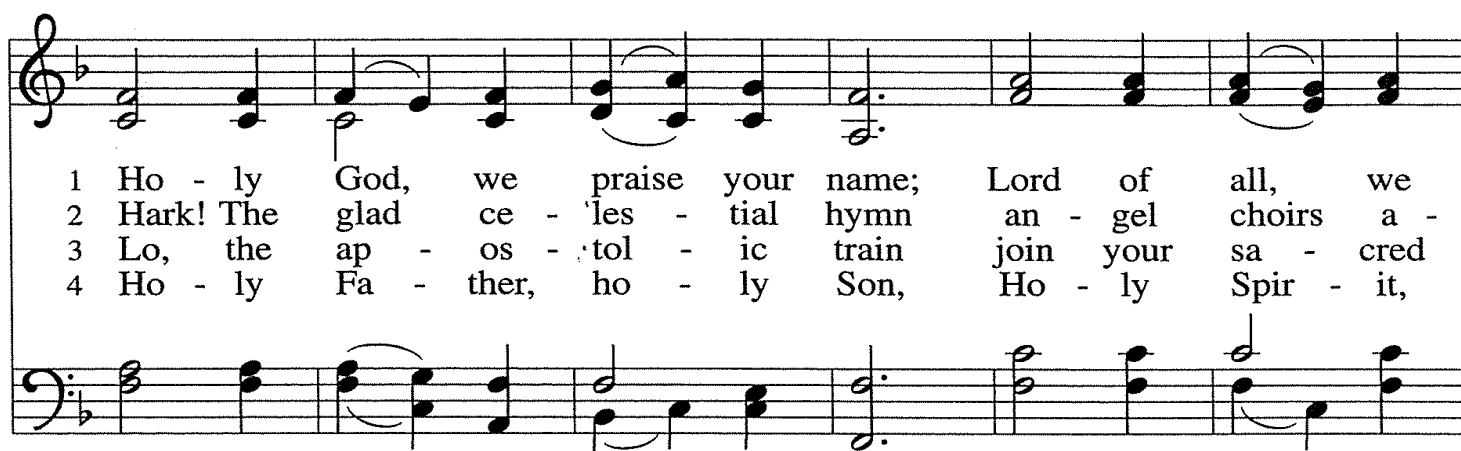
The fourth system continues the melody. The lyrics are written below the staff.

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The fifth system concludes the piece with a final cadence. The lyrics are written below the staff.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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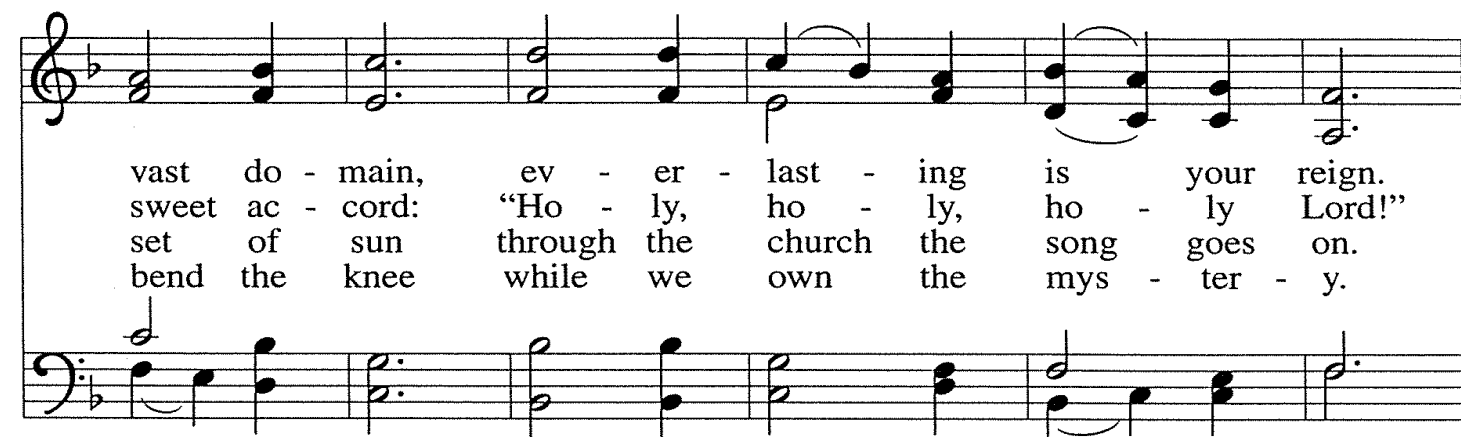
1 Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn an - gel choirs a -
 3 Lo, the ap - os - tol - ic train join your sa - cred
 4 Ho - ly Fa - ther, ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it,



bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name to hal - low; proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 three we name you, though in es - sence on - ly one;



all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
 in un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, fill the heav'ns with
 and the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low; and from morn to
 un - di - vid - ed God we claim you and, a - dor - ing,



vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!"
 set of sun through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee while we own the mys - ter - y.

The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your

tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza

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

Welcome to our Visitors! The people of this congregation welcome you as you join us in worship this morning. Please sign the register, located in the narthex. If you have questions, please see the pastor or contact the church office.

Do you wish to become a member of First Lutheran Church?

Please contact Pastor Grewe.

Nursery: We welcome all children to be a part of worship, but we realize that sometimes the service can be too long for the little ones. We have a nursery for those attending to the needs of infants and small children. There is a speaker in the nursery so that parents can still hear the service. You are welcome to use the nursery for the entire service, or just a small part.

The Bell Choir Practice on Monday at 6 PM.

Listening for the Promise

Weekly Devotional

Easter Day — April 17, 2022

“You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.” - Psalm 16:11 -

These words reflect David’s deep faith and intimacy with God. They reflect his treasuring of God and his bliss and contentment when spending time in his presence. They reflect his fervent trust that God will deliver him from his enemies and, thus, give him victory over death.

David’s experience prefigured Christ and his relationship with the Father. Like David, Jesus maintained deep faith and intimacy with God, and he experienced great joy in his presence. He also knew that if he followed his Father’s will, he would triumph over every enemy of God, humanity, and creation, and gain victory over death, not only for himself, but for all who would believe and follow him.

So, Jesus followed his Father’s will all the way to the cross, but that was not the end of the story. Yes, Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! And now we, like David and Jesus may also sing these words of praise, “You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Now we, too, can enjoy the pleasures of communing with God and living in his continual presence. Because Christ is risen, we can begin to experience a taste of eternal life even now: “And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn. 17:3). We may “know” the Father and the Son through the Holy Spirit (see Jn. 15:26 and Matt. 28:20). And this knowing goes far beyond a mere intellectual knowing about God; it’s an experiential knowledge of him that involves trust, faith, and intimate personal relationship with him. And it involves receiving his guidance and obeying his will that “makes known the path of life.”

Jesus is the path of life. He said it this way, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (Jn. 14:6a). “My sheep know my voice, I know them, they know me and follow my voice” (see Jn. 10:3-5, 14). And he promises, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them” (Jn. 14:23, NIV)

