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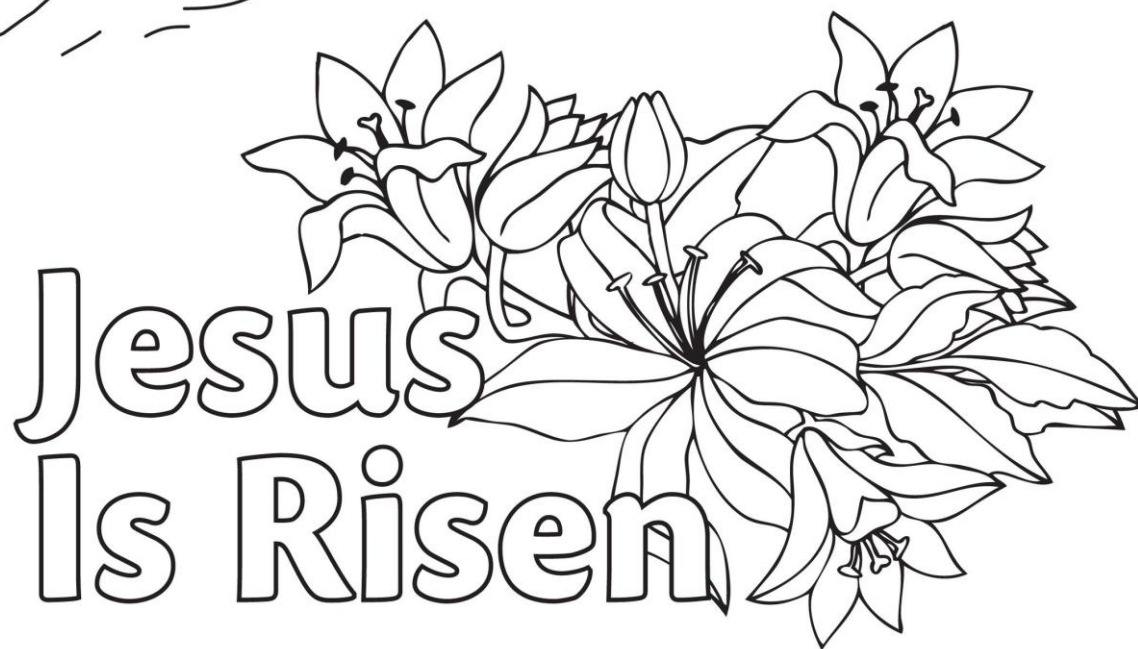
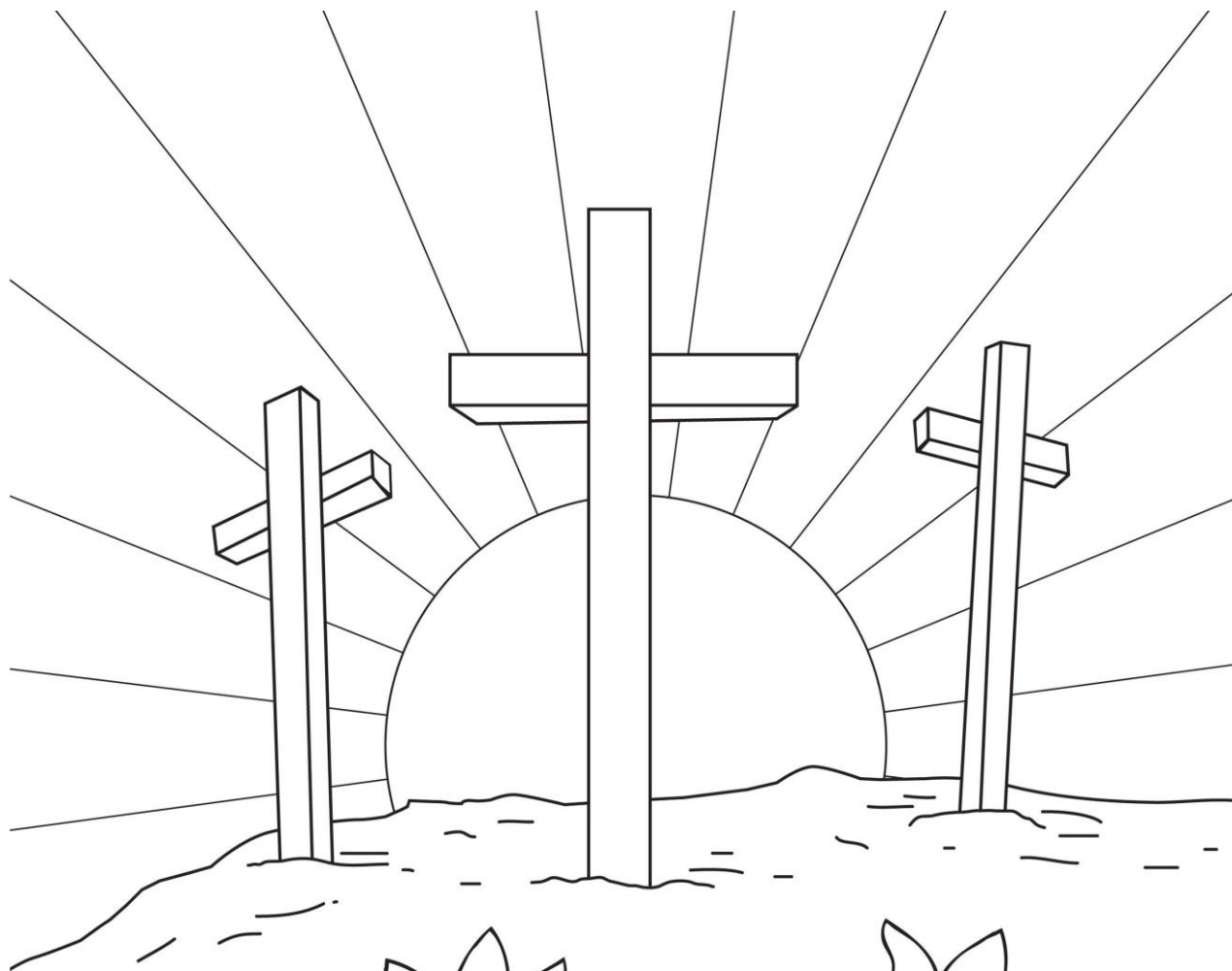
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## **TABOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**April 20, 2025**

**Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day**

**9:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Setting 4 - ELW (Evangelical Lutheran Book of Worship Year C)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

*"The last enemy to be destroyed is death," Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### **PRELUDE**

Announcements are on page 19-21.

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A very warm welcome to all who worship here this morning, we thank God for sending you to Tabor.

*Please stand if you are able.*

### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of + the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,

and called to live the baptized life,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.  
Holy God,  
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that make a people your own,  
that restore to wholeness,  
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

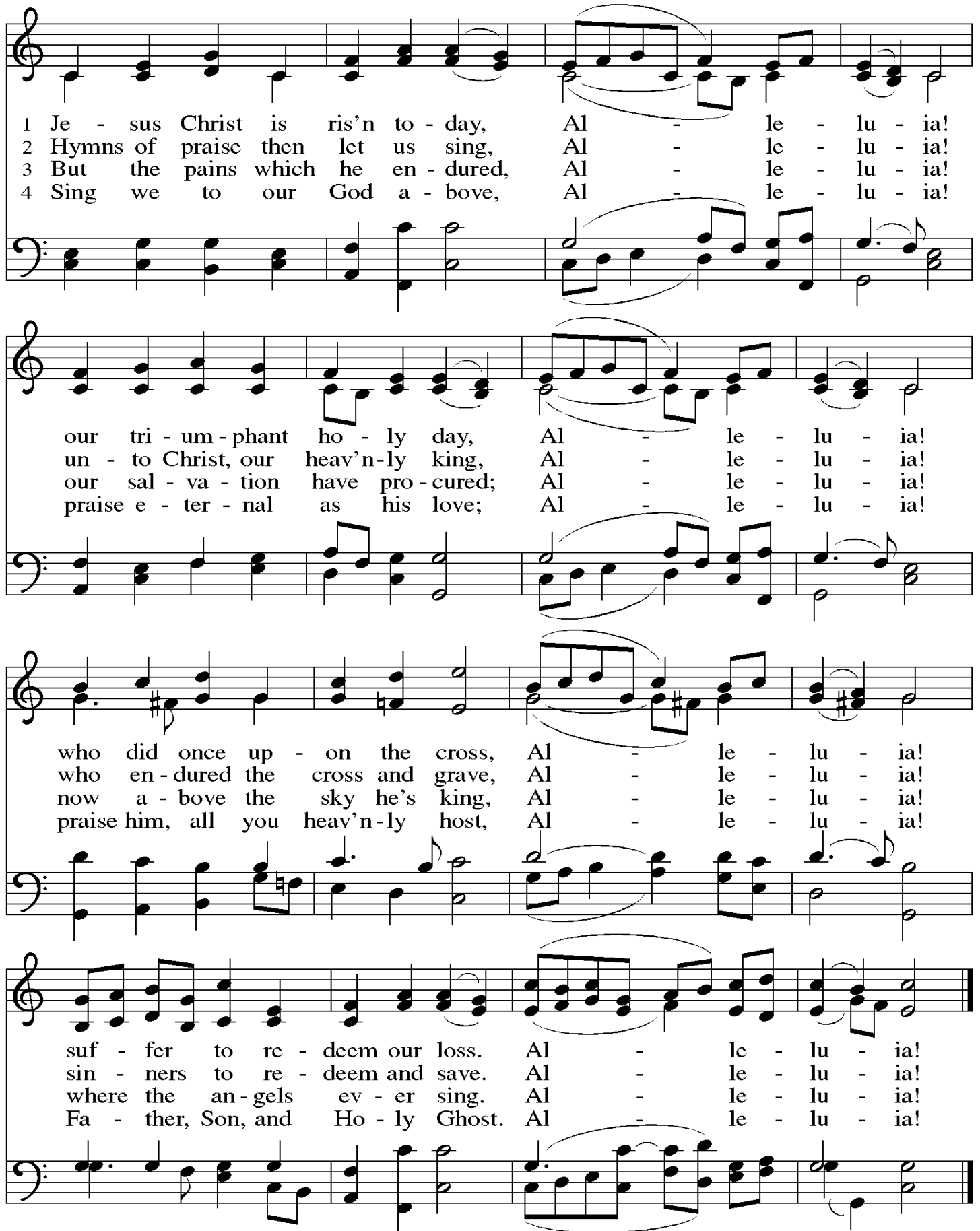
We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that strengthen believers  
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;  
waters that extend your boundless love  
and cross barriers of our own making.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,  
waters that open the hearts of believers  
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;  
waters that set your people on a new path,  
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.  
Baptized into you, O Living One,  
**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,  
that our every day is shaped by these waters  
that give us our very lives in you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.  
**Amen.**

### **GATHERING**

# 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*The children are invited to come forward.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Refrain*

Assisting minister



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

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

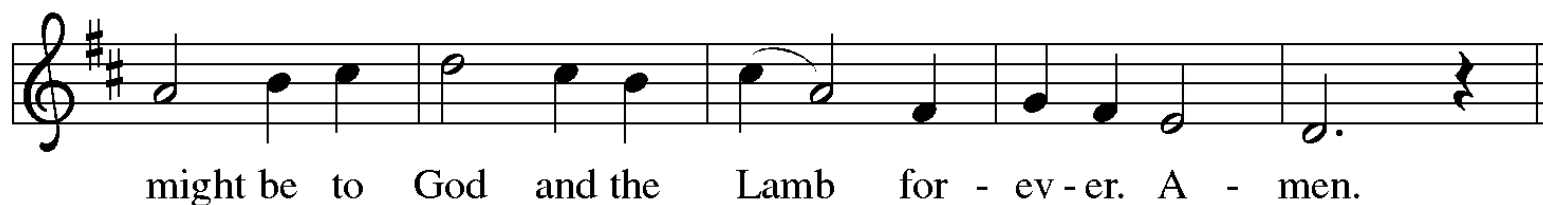
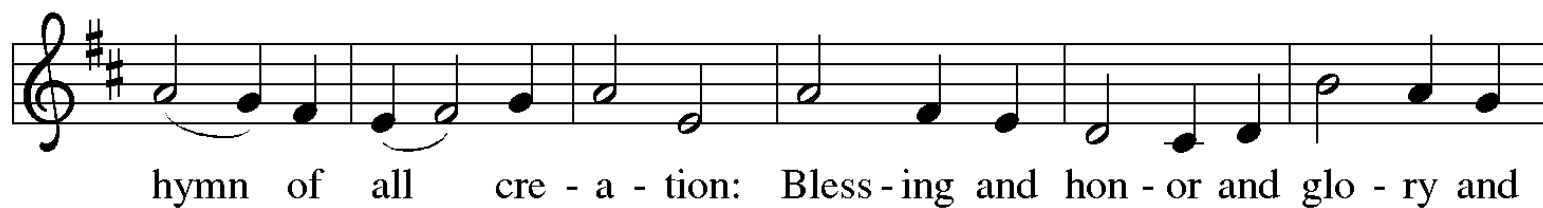


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

*Refrain*



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



## 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**

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

*Read responsively*

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel<sup>1</sup> now declare,**  
**"God's mercy en-<sup>1</sup>dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength<sup>1</sup> and my song,  
and has become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents<sup>1</sup> of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD<sup>1</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not<sup>1</sup> die, but live,**  
**and declare the works<sup>1</sup> of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun-<sup>1</sup>ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o-<sup>1</sup>ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the<sup>1</sup> gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks<sup>1</sup> to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate<sup>1</sup> of the LORD;  
here the righ-<sup>1</sup>teous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have<sup>1</sup> answered me**  
**and you have become<sup>1</sup> my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build-<sup>1</sup>ers rejected  
has become the chief<sup>1</sup> cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has<sup>1</sup> this been done;**  
**it is marvelous<sup>1</sup> in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be<sup>1</sup> glad in it.**

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

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Please stand if you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy gospel according to Luke, the 24th Chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

**REFLECTION**

Gwen Hedding

*A brief silence for reflection.*

*Please stand if you are able.*

# Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
 2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
 3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
 4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
 think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
 he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
 your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
 raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
 fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## **NICENE CREED**

**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:  
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.**

**We 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.**

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

*Each petition ends:*

God of grace,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Prayers conclude with:*

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **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.***

*Please be seated.*

## **OFFERING OF GIFTS, TITHES AND MUSIC**

**CHORAL OFFERING ANTHEM :**

***How Beautiful***

sung by the choir

*Please stand if you are able.*

**OFFERTORY:**

ELW 188

**Create in Me a Clean Heart**  
*Offering Song*

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

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

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

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

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

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

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.**

## **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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Two Sundays ago, we were reminded that  
In the night in which he was betrayed, ...

Again, after supper ...  
...Do this for the remembrance of me.

**Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy spirit,  
all honor and glory is yours almighty Father,  
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.**

**Communion has been pre-consecrated by Pastor Karen Matuska.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## **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.**

**The Lord's table** is open to all worshipers from all denominations who wish to share in God's blessing of the sacrament of Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is in the bread and wine. Please follow the directions of the ushers. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available if you prefer.

*Please let the usher know if you need assistance.*

*Please be seated.*

## COMMUNION SONG



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.

## COMMUNION HYMN

*O Living Bread from Heaven*

ELW 542

*Please repeat until Communion is complete*

# O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,

My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

Text: Johann Rist, 1607–1667; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

*Please stand if you are able.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

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

## POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

ELW 206

### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry - one what God has  
done. Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and lead us forth in  
joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

## SENDING HYMN

ELW 382

### Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!  
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness of our Lent - en fast is o'er;  
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row that last eve - ning round him lay  
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er death or hell shall us en - thrall.

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
through the o - pen gates of glad - ness he re - turns to life once more;  
now has found a glo - rious mor - row in the ris - ing of to - day.  
We are Christ's, in him for - ev - er we have tri - umphed o - ver all.

Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him as his light once more ap - pears;  
death and hell be - fore him bend - ing see him rise, the vic - tor now,  
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;  
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, ris - ing up from griefs and tears.  
an - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.  
Christ was dead, but now is liv - ing; he was lost, but he is found.  
hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

*Refrain*  
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

## DISMISSAL

Go, share the Word,  
Christ has Risen!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

<b><u>Disciples Serving:</u></b>	<b><u>Today</u></b>	<b><u>Next Sunday</u></b>
Presider/Supply	Gwen Hedding	Stacie Bowens
Assisting Minister:	Ryan Kessinger	Jerry Vargues
Pianist:	Dr. J. Michael Beck	Dr. J. Michael Beck
Altar Guild:	Connie Wisthoff/Vicki Moore	Connie Wisthoff/Vicki Moore
Ushers/Greeters:	Jerry Vargues	Jerry Vargues
Counters:	Karen Dunton/Cassie Walgren	Kathy Lambert/Sue Kastelic
JAM:	Children's Sermon	**need volunteers for JAM**



## **DONATIONS OF EASTER LILIES**

**\*\*If you made a donation for the Easter Lilies, don't forget to take them home with you after worship.\*\***

Jackie & Cyrisse Cooley	In Celebration of Easter In Celebration of their Anniversary
Dennis & Sue Kastelic	In Memory of their parents - Mary, Norma & Ron
Vicki Moore	In Memory of Lyle DeRungs In Celebration of Shirley DeRungs
Darrell & Leanne Neu and Family	In Memory of Arlis Petersen
Vargues & Truxell Families	In Memory of Ted & Jo Truxell

## **BIRTHDAYS**

April 21

Scarlett Truxell

## **PRAYERS**

### **Members, Friends and Relatives**

### **Added by Members**

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Doris Ask	People of Tabor
Shirley Bass	People of Tabor
Robert Bogusch	Nephew of Kathy Lambert
Pam Cardinal	Sister of Clay Kashner
Devin Caveza	Grandson of Tony Martinet
John Centa	Bowens Family
Fred Cortese	Gwen Hedding
Shirley DeRungs	People of Tabor
Virgie Giannetto	Lynn Truxell
Nina Jesmain	People of Tabor
Clay Kashner	People of Tabor
Sue Kastelic	People of Tabor
Will Nichols	Truxell & Vargues Families
Family of Arlis Petersen	Mother of Leanne Neu
Andrea Pitre	Friend of Emily Briggs
Pam Salas	People of Tabor
Starcher Family	Friends of Emily Briggs
Caitlan Thorne & Family	Granddaughter of Kathy Lambert
Denise Tristano	People of Tabor
Marvin Truxell	Truxell & Vargues Families
Charlotte Vargues	People of Tabor
Linda Wagner	Lynn Truxell

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- † Our Easter Egg Hunt will be after worship today. All children – walking toddlers to 6th grade are invited. Please bring your own basket and join in the fun!
- † Joy Circle Meeting - Monday, April 21 at 9:30am in the parlor.
- † We will be having several upcoming Special Sundays.  
All are encouraged to attend.  
**May 4:** Healing with Pastor Karen  
**May 18:** Healing with Pastor Dominic  
**June 1:** Healing with Pastor Karen  
**June 22:** Healing with Pastor Dominic

### **Mary anointed Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. Then she dried his feet with her hair.**

In the Gospel story in the last Sunday in Lent, we hear about Jesus visiting with his dear friends, Martha, Mary and Lazarus. This happened just after Jesus had raised Lazarus from the dead. And Mary was anointing Jesus' feet with pure nard, this incredibly costly, precious substance. And then she dried his feet with her hair. Nard is a very powerful, pungent substance, and the Gospel says the room was filled with the fragrance.

Now I did a little research on nard, and some people would describe the smell as being pungent or earthy, or musty, or musky or like feet. So it was an interesting choice that people had in those days. And they did two things with nard. One, they would use nard to anoint the bodies of the dead in order to offset the stench of death, which Jesus had only encountered with his friend Lazarus a few days before. And it was also used for kings as a sign of royalty because of the luxury of this whole thing.

Well, Jesus was himself, like us, like the first Adam, an earth creature — pungent and full of life, dense in this sense. And this earth creature was obedient to death, reversing the work of the first Adam, who disobeyed and brought sin into the world. And we've suffered the consequences. The chief consequence is death, separation from God.

And now Jesus, the new Adam, the new earth creature, he's anointed, he says to Mary, for his burial and so that he will be using this incredibly pungent substance, while at the same time being very clear that he is, in fact, part of this incarnation, this earth creature. But instead of it being oil put on him to remove the stench of death, it became the anointing of a royal king. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the usual cycle of life and death has been disrupted forever. Jesus' death and resurrection promises new life and brings us new life.

*Happy Easter, dear church.*

*Elizabeth A. Eaton*

Elizabeth A. Eaton, Presiding Bishop  
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