GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH JOURNEY INO JOY: STATIONS OF THE RESURRECTION APRIL 27 2025, 10:00am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

GATHERING HYMN

The Day of Resurrection

ELW 361



OPENING DIALOGUE

- A The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.
- C Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!
- A The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"
- C I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. (Ps 118: 14-17)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST STATION: The Discovery of the empty tomb (John 20: 1-10)

A reading from John 20

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. ²So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

³So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. ⁴Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, ⁷as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. ⁸Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. ⁹(They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

- P Lord, you invite us to crawl inside the tomb of Jesus to learn how small we truly are-how fragile and prone to a malady of discontent. then you show us the light of life, and we are blinded by your glory and the wonder of your love. Transform us by your grace to become people of resurrection faith, learning to live in the love of Christ.
- C Amen.

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SECOND STATION: The Angel Speaks to the Women (Luke 24: 4-8)

A reading from Luke 24

- ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ⁷ The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " ⁸Then they remembered his words.
- P O God of life, you will not lose anything you have created, but hold everyone close to your heart. Just as you raised Jesus our Lord to life, so grant us the gift to follow in his footsteps and finally awake in his likeness, to the praise of your glory.

C Amen.

HYMN *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* ELW 389, verse 2 (Page 3)

Christ is alive! No longer bound to distant years in Palestine, But saving, healing, here and now, And touching every place and time.

THIRD STATION: Christ Appears to Mary Magdalene (John 20: 11-18)

A reading from John 20

¹¹Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb ¹² and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

¹³ They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." ¹⁴ At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

¹⁵He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). ¹⁷ Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

- P O Lord God, lift our line of vision to embrace your gift of life. Let us not waste the gift you have given us but redeem it with purpose and promise. Help us to live for others as did our Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.
- C Amen.

HYMN Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389, verse 3 (page 3)

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war, where color, scorn, or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, And lives, where even hope has died.

FOURTH STATION: The Denial of the Resurrection (Matthew 28: 11-15)

A reading from Matthew 28

- ¹¹While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. ¹²When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.' ¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." ¹⁵So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.
- P O Christ, our brother, in spite of our weakness and betrayal you desire our love. Give us grace to accept your forgiveness, that we may be raised to new life in you.
- C Amen.

HYMN: Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389, verse 4 (page 3) Women and men in age and youth, Can feel the Spirit, hear the call, And find the way, the life, the truth, Revealed in Jesus freed for all.

FIFTH STATION: The Road to Emmaus (Luke: 24: 13-35)

A reading from Luke 24

¹³Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles^[a] from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him.

¹⁷He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?"

They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹ "What things?" he asked.

"About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰ The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹ but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²² In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³ but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴ Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus."

²⁵ He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

²⁸ As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹ But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them.

³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹ Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³² They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"

³³ They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴ and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." ³⁵ Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

P Lord, the road of life seems long and unforgiving. You walk it ahead of us, beckoning us forward with promise and peace. You are the image of the invisible God and, in you, God's plan becomes concrete. You hold the universe together in love despite the explosions of the stars and empires. You even have table fellowship with us as our companion and champion. Thank you! In your love, we come alive!

C Amen.

HYMN: *Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing* ELW 389, verse 5 (page 3)

Christ is alive, and comes to bring Good news to this and ev'ry age, Till earth and sky and ocean ring With joy, with justice, love, and praise.



SIXTH STATION: Christ Appears to the Disciples (John 20: 19-21a, 24-29)

A reading from John 20

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you!"

²⁴ Now Thomas (also known as Didymus^[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- P Lord, sweep aside all chaos and disorder and help us exercise our gifts of ministry. Multiply the gifts of your Spirit to supply the needs of your church. Give to the church faithful shepherds and anoint them with your tender grace, that our faith communities may be strong, loving and bold. Let this be so in Christ.
- C Amen.

HYMN Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, verse 1 (page 8)

SEVENTH STATION: Christ Appears on the Shore of Galilee (John 21: 1-14)

A reading from John 21

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee.^[a] It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus^[b]), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³ "I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus. ⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards.^[c] ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

- P O Lord, you have warned us that you will require much of those to whom much is given. May we, who enjoy so rich an inheritance of faith, work together the more fruitfully, by our prayers, our labors, and our gifts, to share with those who do not know what we so plentifully enjoy.
- C Amen.

HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, verse 2 (page 8)

Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! He is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

EIGHTH STATION: Questions to Peter (John 21:15-19)

A reading from John 21

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

P O Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Word of the everlasting Father, you have borne our griefs and carried the burden of our weakness. Renew by your Spirit the gifts of healing in your church, and send forth your disciples again to proclaim the good news of your kingdom, to cure the sick and the relief of your suffering children, to the praise and glory of your holy name.

C Amen.

HYMN: *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* ELW 392, verse 3 (page 8)

Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! Here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

NINTH STATION: Appearance on the Mountain (Matthew 28: 16-20)

A reading from Matthew 28

- ¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."
- P O Lord, who has taught us that to gain the whole world and to lose ourselves is great folly, grant us the grace so to lose ourselves that we may truly find ourselves anew in the life of grace, and so to forget ourselves that we may be remembered in your kingdom.
- C Amen.

HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, verse 4 (page 8)

Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! Born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, robed in flesh our great high priest, Here on earth both priest and victim in the eucharistic feast.

TENTH STATION: The Ascension (Acts 1: 6-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

⁹ After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.
¹⁰ They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹ "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

P Lord Jesus Christ, at God's right hand you intercede for us and interpret the Spirit's groans. Renew your church through your presence in Word and sacrament and lead us to give thanks in every circumstance for your grace and blessing. In your name we gather and pray.

C Amen.

HYMN: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, verse 5 (page 8)

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! His the triumphs, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood: "Jesus out of ev'ry nations has redeemed us by his blood.

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Inspire the church with the breath of your Holy Spirit, that we sing the good news of the resurrection. Inspire deacons and pastors, lay leaders and bishops to boldly proclaim your love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Preserve the earth as a safe home for all creatures. Restore habitats contaminated by pollution or overuse, strengthen efforts to shape more sustainable communities, and make us mindful of the impacts of our daily lives on the well-being of creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great**.

Kindle in the nations a spirit of cooperation and mutual care. Raise up creative and courageous leaders committed to shaping just solutions to complex challenges in our local and global communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Embrace all who carry wounds, that they might know your compassion. Draw near to those with chronic pain or anxiety, and all for whom death is near. Comfort individuals and communities suffering in any way. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Transform our fear into curiosity and love, especially across differences in race, religion, sexuality, gender identity, and economic situation. Unravel stereotypes that lead to discrimination, and destroy oppressive systems that marginalize vulnerable communities. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

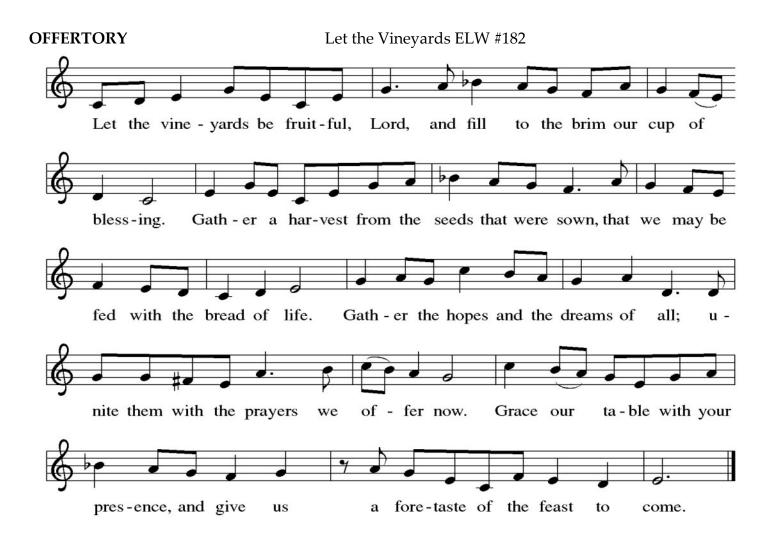
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We remember the faithful departed from all times and places. Confident that you are the Alpha and Omega, we pray for your wisdom and guidance until our earthly pilgrimage is complete. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

- P The peace of the Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.



OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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.

- C Amen.
- P The Lord be with you
- C And also with you
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them to the Lord
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
- C It is right to give our thanks and praise
- P 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.

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

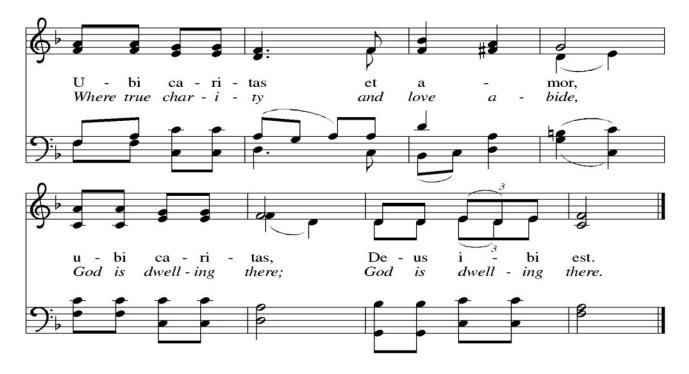
C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.All are welcome at the table of the Lord.

Please be seated.

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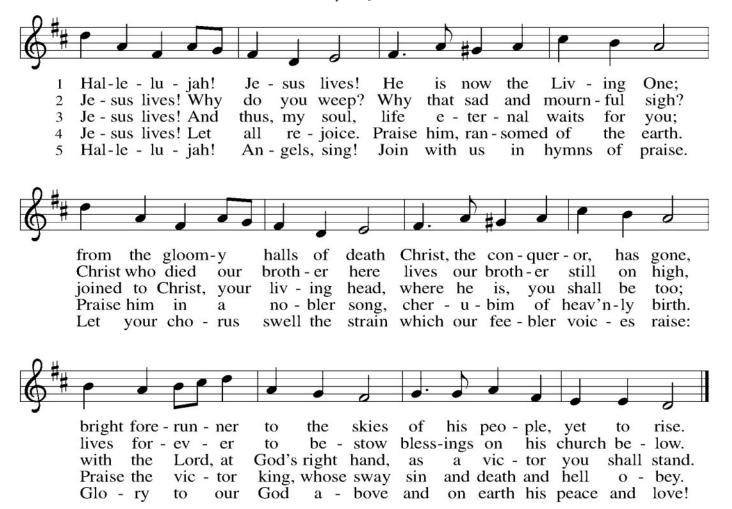
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I Received the Living God

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Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!



COMMUNION BLESSING

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

Please stand as you are able.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

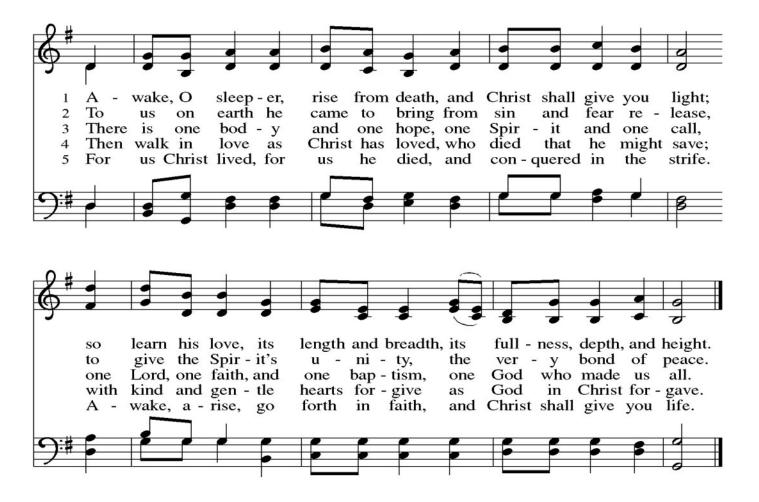
A Living One,

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.

C Amen.

BLESSING

- P God our tender parent,
 God the crucified and risen one,
 God the reconciling Spirit,
 + bless you now and forever.
- C Amen.



DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.
- C Thanks be to God.



Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister: Nancy Goyda Greeter: Stacy Dambaugh Ushers: Tim Dambaugh, Rick Fuller Reader: Debbie Fuller, Peter Tuhy Sound: Kris McMahan Streamer: Gage McMahan Counters: Peter Tuhy, Tim Dambaugh Nursery: Lucie Gonneville, Katrice Wasgatt

The Chancel Flowers are offered to the Glory of God by Beth Fenner in honor of Ian and Kyle's birthday.

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