Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church

A Member congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC)

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Church Service Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to sign our guest book and/or complete a visitor card to help us remember you. Here at Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church we celebrate Holy Communion whenever we gather, and we would like to invite you to join us, as **all** are welcome to the Lord's table here. If you are in need of any additional information in regard to our church or Synod affiliation, please contact Pastor Bill at 1-715-617-6477. Thank you for joining us.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit and rooted in the Good News of Jesus Christ, we are a loving community that follows Jesus & seeks to hear the Word of God and practice it in our daily lives.

Recorded Services:

All Sunday services at Shepherd of the Lakes are recorded and put on You Tube.

Go to the Church website at www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org and look for the Click on this symbol to take you to the Church's YouTube site.

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For those of you worshipping with us at home – You can mail your donations to:

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church 2903 State HWY 155, PO Box 130 Sayner, WI 54560

Or on the church website – www.shepherdofthelakeschurch.org

You can donate through our PayPal account.

"Thank you for your continued support of our ministry together."

Readings for April 27, 2025 2nd Sunday Season of Easter

 First Reading
 Acts 5:27-32

 Psalm
 118:14-29

Second Reading Revelations 1: 4-8 **Holy Gospel** John 20: 19-31

Can I Get a Witness?

The texts for today explore what it means to be a witness: the power of seeing and experiencing the resurrection firsthand. For those of us who weren't there in person to witness Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, a question persists: How do we give witness? How have we experienced Easter firsthand? What do we need to see, to touch, to hear in order to believe? The witness given in our readings today is extraordinary. "Doubting" Thomas comes up with one of the most powerful, concise creeds in all of scripture: "My Lord and my God!" (John 20:28). Peter and the apostles affirm their belief in Christ at great risk to themselves and their families. The Spirit is at work, giving ordinary, doubting people extraordinary boldness to declare the core beliefs of Christian faith. God works in surprising ways, through unexpected people, to share the good news of Easter. With the Spirit's help, we can give witness too.

CONTACT INFO:

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES AT 9:00 A.M.

Holy Communion is offered at every service. All are welcome. The Sunday service will be live-streamed and recorded and available for viewing on YouTube later on Sundays.

NO FINANCIAL REPORT FOR April 13, 2025 Attendance on April 13: 51

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

There will be no Wednesday service again until after Memorial Weekend. Services will start back up on Wednesday, May 28th and run until the last Wednesday in August, the 27th.

TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Bible Study will be held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 3 pm. The study will again be based on "The Chosen".

CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School will be offered every Wednesday (as long as school is in session) after school. The bus will drop the children off at approximately 3:45. Lessons/project time will last until 5 pm. We welcome you to get your children - or grandchildren - involved!

ALTAR FLOWERS - INFORMATION ON HOW TO SIGN UP

Contact Person - Jo Ann Kehl Cell 715-892-0413

The Sign-Up Sheets are located in the Narthex on the shelf under the Lutheran Rose.

STEP ONE:

Sign up for the date you wish to provide the set of two altar bouquets *STEP TWO*:

You can provide flowers in two ways:

- 1. You may purchase your own flowers and bring them to church.
- 2. You may contact Jo Ann Kehl and she will order them for you. Just let her know what flowers you would like and how much you would like to spend. You can then write a check to Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church for that amount and designate it as *Altar Flower Donation*. ANY QUESTIONS? Contact Jo Ann

PASTOR BILL VACATION

Pastor Bill will be gone from Monday, April 21st until Monday, April 28th. He will have regular office hours for that week, from April 29th to May 1st and then be off again for the weekend. While he is off, please contact Mike Pockat in the case of any pastoral emergency.

Pray for those dealing with current issues:

Carolyn, Beth, Shirley, John, Kim, Dick, Evie, Doug, Graham, Ken B., Lois and Courtney.

(Please let us know if/when names should be removed from this "current issues" list or moved to "ongoing list")

Pray for those with ongoing health issues:

Larry, Mary Lou, Melody, Ericka, Mike, Shelle, Sharon G., Bob B., Lynn C., Brian, and Ron

Pray for those serving in the Armed Forces:

Adam & Brittany, Brooks, Will, Sgt. Keara, Alex, Jared, Noah, Dylan, and David.

Pray for those in nursing homes or homebound:

Elisabeth

Pray for peace and consoling comfort for the families of those who have passed:

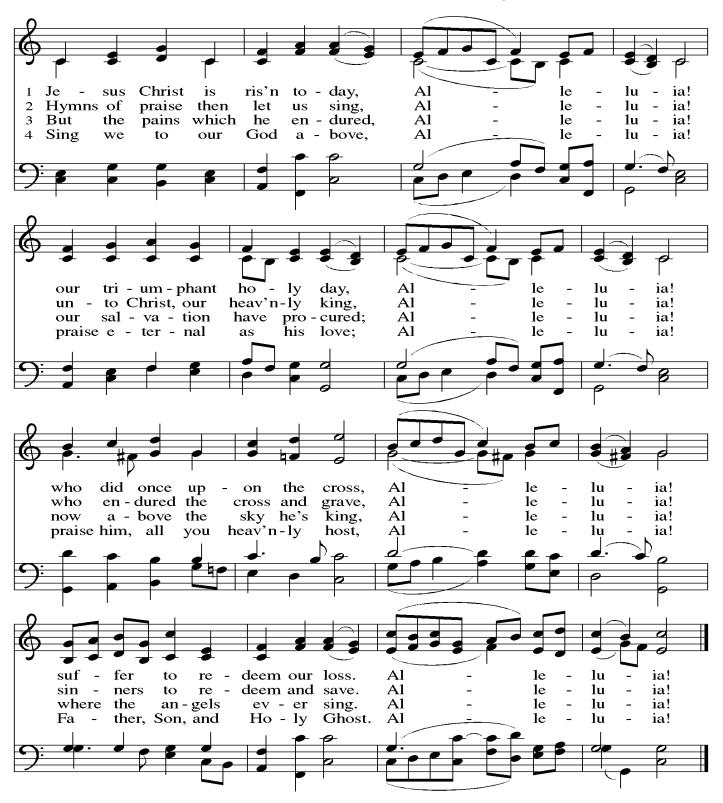
Please email Bill Wendorf at <u>pastor@SOTLsayner.com</u> or text to 715-617-6477 or email Jean Maines at <u>treasurer@SOTLsayner.com</u> if you would like to be included on the prayer chain list.

Processional Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW 365

(Please Stand as you are able when the hymn begins)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1–3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, st. 4 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Easter Dialog

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain! Alleluia!

He gives us new life and hope through his resurrection! Alleluia!

God has claimed us as his own.

God has called us from our darkness into the light of his day.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Please be seated)

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Most merciful God,

We confess that 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another as you have loved us. In your compassion, forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our light and our truth.

Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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.

Kyrie

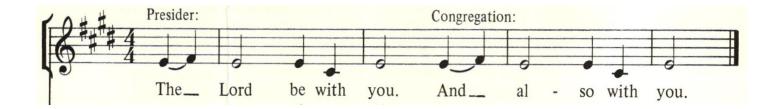
- 1) Leader: In peace, in peace . . .
- 2) Leader: For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . .
- 3) *Leader*: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, . . .
- 4) Leader: Help, save, and defend us, O God. . . .



Hymn of Praise

Now the Feast and Celebration





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.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

(Please share the peace as you and your neighbor are comfortable, then be seated)

Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²Let Israel now declare,

"God's mercy endures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!

The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

²¹I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

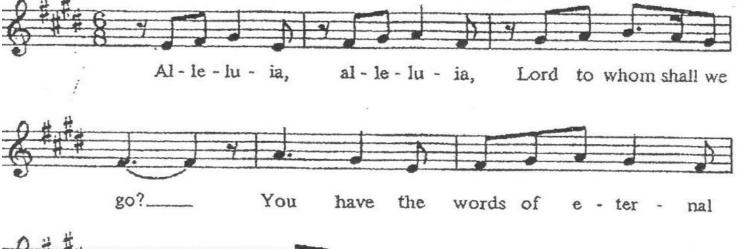
The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclimation

(Sung Twice)

(Please stand as you are comfortable)





Holy Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to....

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 20:1-18

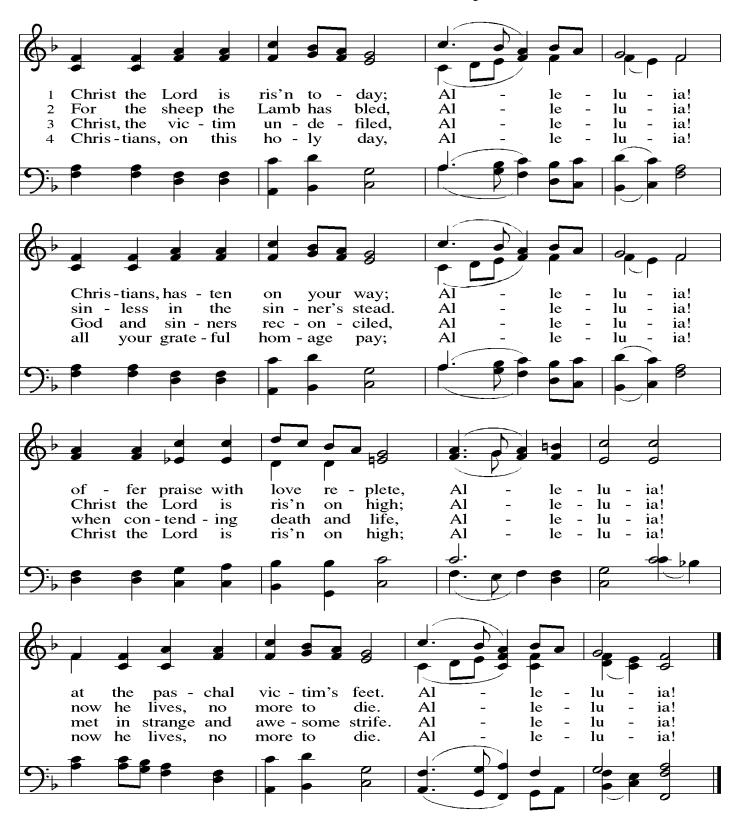
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" ELW 369

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt. Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

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

Prayers of the People

Offering

(We will receive our offering today in the traditional manner)

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As our Lord's table is prepared and our offering is received:

Choir performing:

"Antiphonal Alleluia!"

G. Alan Smith

Presentation of Gifts

(*Please stand as you are comfortable.*)

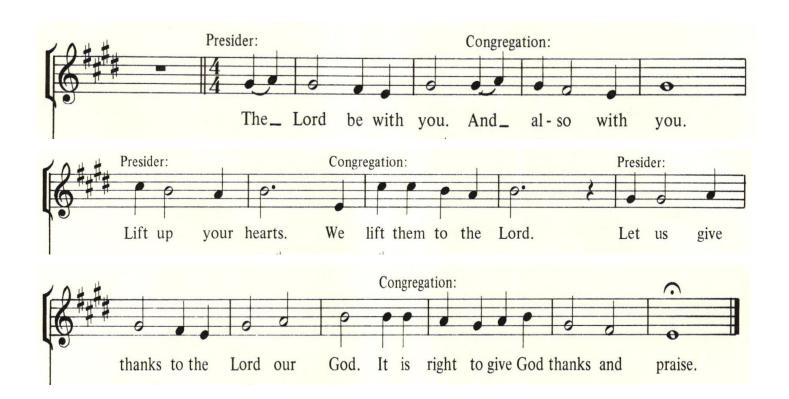
Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you,

O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

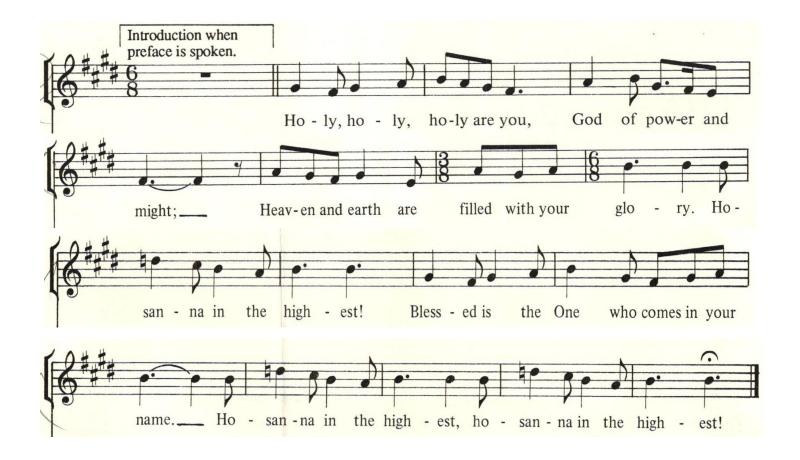
Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving



It is indeed right, and salutary......

praise your name and join their unending hymn.



Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that all who believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

On the night in which he was betrayed . . .

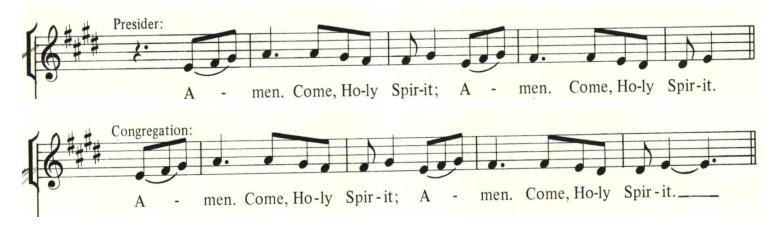
Remembering his command to love one another, his life and his glorious resurrection, we pray:



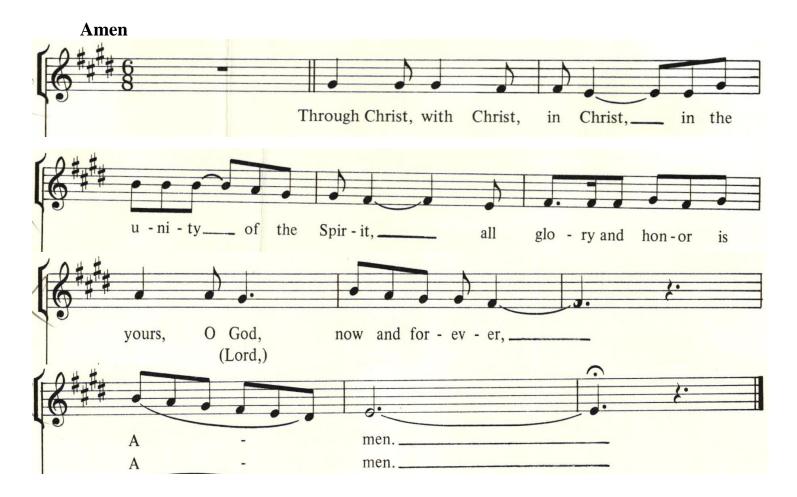


Stir up within us, O Lord, your Holy Spirit that all of your promises may come to us and your whole creation. Empower us by that same Spirit, to love and forgive that our lives may anticipate that day when you will make all things new. We pray:

Presider sings first time, Congregation sings second time:



This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Savior and friend.



Lord Jesus, Remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

The Lord's Prayer

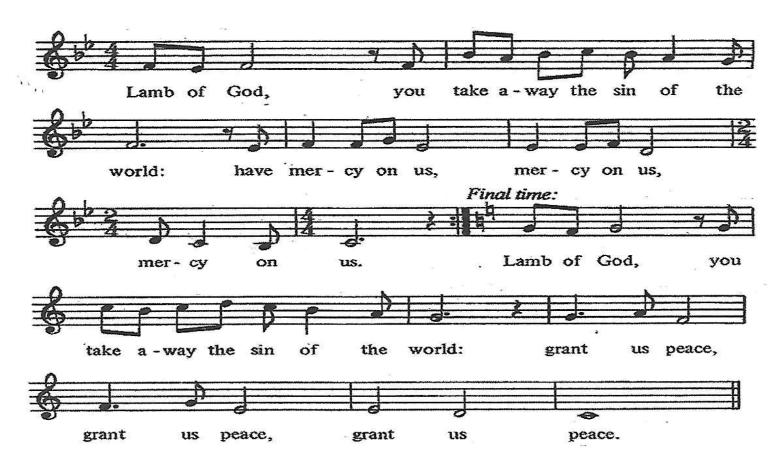
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation

Distribution "Please come forward as the ushers direct. All are Welcome!"

HYMNS DURING DISTRIBUTION:

"Lamb of God"



"Alleluia! Sing To Jesus" ELW 392

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus



Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898, alt.

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!

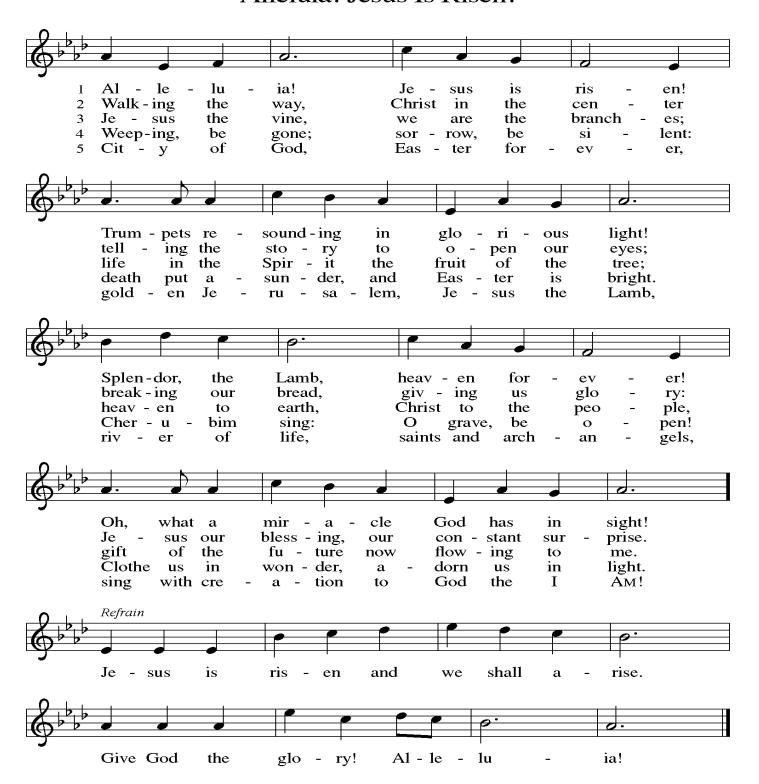


- 5 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to plead for me above; he lives my hungry soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; he lives and loves me to the end; he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; he lives, and I shall conquer death; he lives my mansion to prepare; he lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same; what joy this blest assurance gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt. Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!" ELW 377

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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TABLE BLESSING

"Please stand as you are able for the remainder of the service."

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace, now and forever.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks,

Generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Lord Jesus, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do his will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son † and Holy Spirit, be with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

"Thine is the Glory" ELW 376

Thine Is the Glory



Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

Sending

A: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

A: Go in the peace of the Risen Christ. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Calendar for Week of April 21 to April 27, 2025

Tuesday	April 22, 2025	Bible Study "The Chosen"	3:00 p.m.
Wednesday	April 23, 2025	Church School	3:45 p.m.
Thursday	April 17, 2025	Text Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday	April 20, 2025	Worship Service	9:00 a.m.

Next Council Meeting:

April 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events:

Check our calendar of events on the church website for times and dates of events and worship services.

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