

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



The Second Sunday of Easter April 7, 2024, 10am

Welcome to Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church! We greet one another as sisters and brothers in Christ and welcome all who may be visiting. We are delighted that you are here to worship, first time visitors, and encourage you to sign our guest book in the entry hall. Please fill out a visitor's card in the pew holders and place it in the offertory plate. HOLY COMMUNION is open to all who confess their faith in Jesus and acknowledge Him to be Lord. Those unable to partake of wine are assured the Church affirms our Lord's presence in, with and under the bread alone.

PRELUDE: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

John A. Behnke

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING

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

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

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, we remember that through the paschal mystery we have died and been buried with him in baptism [*Romans 6:1-11*]. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore, I ask of you:

P Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

C **I reject them.**

P Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

C **I renounce them.**

P Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbor?

C **I repent of them.**

P Let us remember those sins which trouble and weigh heavily on us:
Lord Jesus, you are risen from the dead: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P You have destroyed death forever: Christ, have mercy.

C **Christ, have mercy.**

P You have opened for us the way to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

C **Amen.**

ENTRANCE HYMN: *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright* ELW 384

EASTER GREETING

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

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

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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.**

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

Refrain



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



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



<i>Women and Girls</i>	1. Wor - thy	is	Christ,	the	Lamb	who	was	slain,	whose
<i>Men and Boys</i>	2. Pow -	er	rich - es,	wis -	dom,	and	strength,	and	
<i>Women and Girls</i>	3. Sing	with	all	the	peo -	ple	of	God,	and
<i>Men and Boys</i>	4. Bless -	ing,	hon -	or,	glo -	ry,	and	might	be
<i>All singing</i>	5. For	the	Lamb	_____	who	was	slain	has	be -



blood	set	us	free	_____	to	be	peo -	ple	of	God.	<i>Refrain</i>
hon -	or,	_____	bless -	ing,	and	glo -	ry	are	his.	<i>Refrain</i>	
join	in	the	hymn	of	all	cre -	a -	tion:	<i>to Verse 4</i>		
God	and	the	Lamb	for -	ev -	er.	A -	men.	<i>Refrain</i>		
gun	his	_____	reign.	_____	Al -	le -	lu -	ia.	<i>Final Refrain</i>		

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.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

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

We sit

FIRST READING: ACTS 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks Be to God!

PSALM: PSALM 133 (sung responsively)



¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on
the beard,**

**upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the col-
lar | of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zi-
on.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for-
| evermore.

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 1:1—2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks Be to God!**

We stand

CELTIC ALLELUIA (SING TWICE)

Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Music: Finian O'Carroll and Christopher Walker
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HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th Chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord! (*spoken boldly*)**

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ! (*spoken boldly*)**

We sit

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SERMON: Psst, He is Risen, Go Tell Somebody Rev. Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Thine Is the Glory*

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NICENE CREED

P With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 FAITHFUL

After each portion of the prayers:

P God of grace, **C** hear our prayer.

SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

LITURGY OF THE LORD'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *St. Thomas Day Hymn*

*By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!
For you arose victorious that they might wear the crown
And share the light of glory reflected from your throne.*

*All praise to you for Thomas, whose honest doubting prove
Your perfect twofold nature, the depth of your great love.
May all who live with questions have faith in you restored;
Grant us the grace to know you and say, "My God and Lord!"*

*Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song ---
For these passed on before us, we sing our praise anew,
And walking in their footsteps, still hope to live in you.*

Text: Horatio Bolton Nelson, 1823-1913, alt.; Music: ANGELS' STORY, Arthur H. Mann, 1850-1929

OFFERTORY SONG: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful, Lord* [ELW 184]



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

P Let us pray:

C **God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

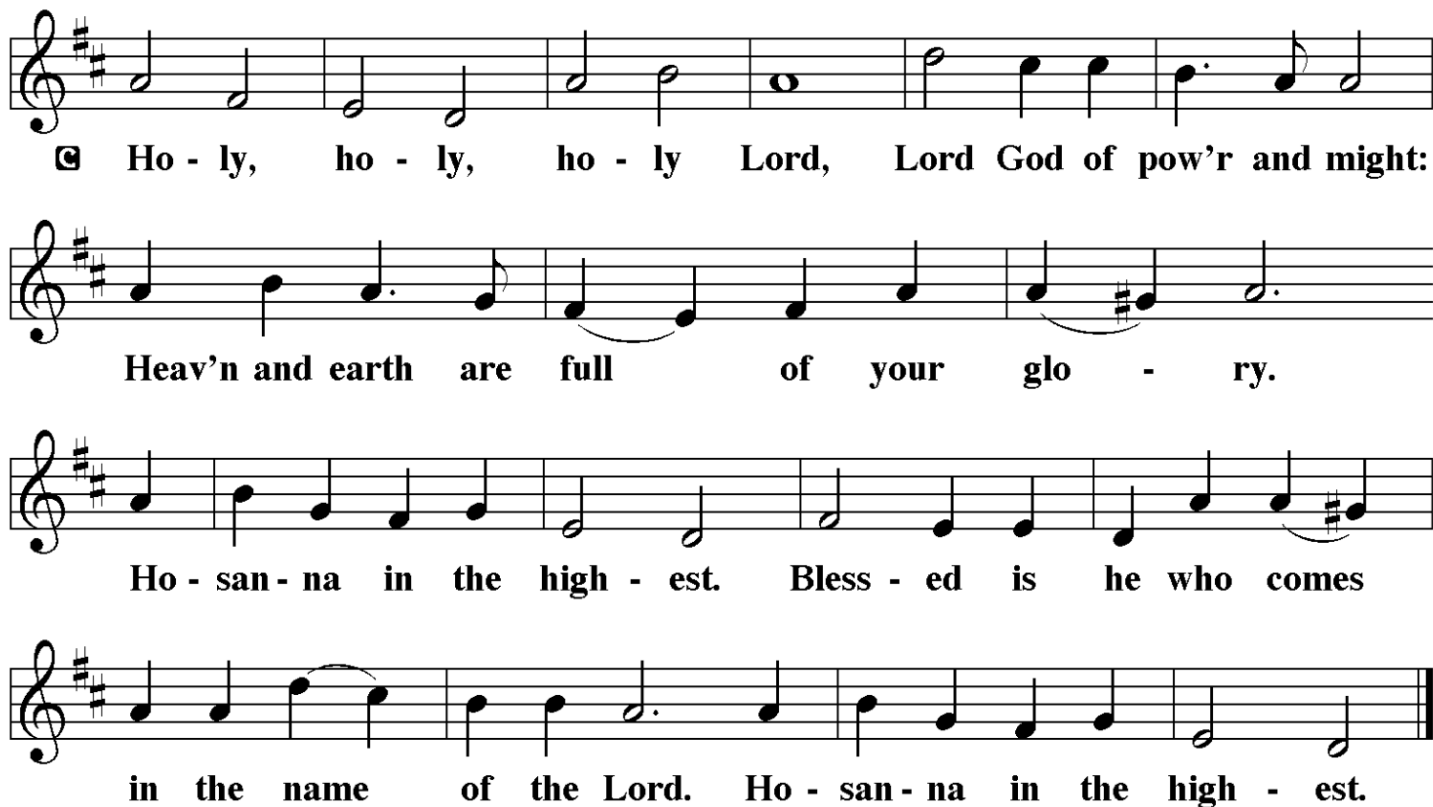
HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and '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. 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:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

P 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.

P 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.

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 TO COMMUNION

P The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Lamb of God*

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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.

We stand

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

C **Amen**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER

P Shepherd God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

BLESSING

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW 815

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Prince of Peace*

Johann Bernard Bach

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