

Mt. Horeb Lutheran Church



The Third Sunday of Easter April 14, 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: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen* Anne Krentz Organ

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: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

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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-ty	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
<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



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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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

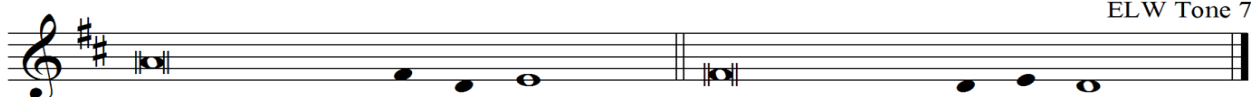
FIRST READING: ACTS 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

L The Word of the Lord. **C Thanks Be to God!**

PSALM: PSALM 4 (sung responsively by whole verse)



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me
and | hear my prayer.

²“**You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?**”

³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me | when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
and put your trust | in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
more than when grain and | wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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!

HOLY GOSPEL: LUKE 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th Chapter.

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

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

We sit

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

SERMON: *Have you anything here to eat?* Rev. Ron Philabaum

We stand

HYMN OF THE DAY: *We Who Once Were Dead*

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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: *Let There Be Peace on Earth* Jill Jackson / Sy Miller

*Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God, loving Father, fam'ly all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.*

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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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

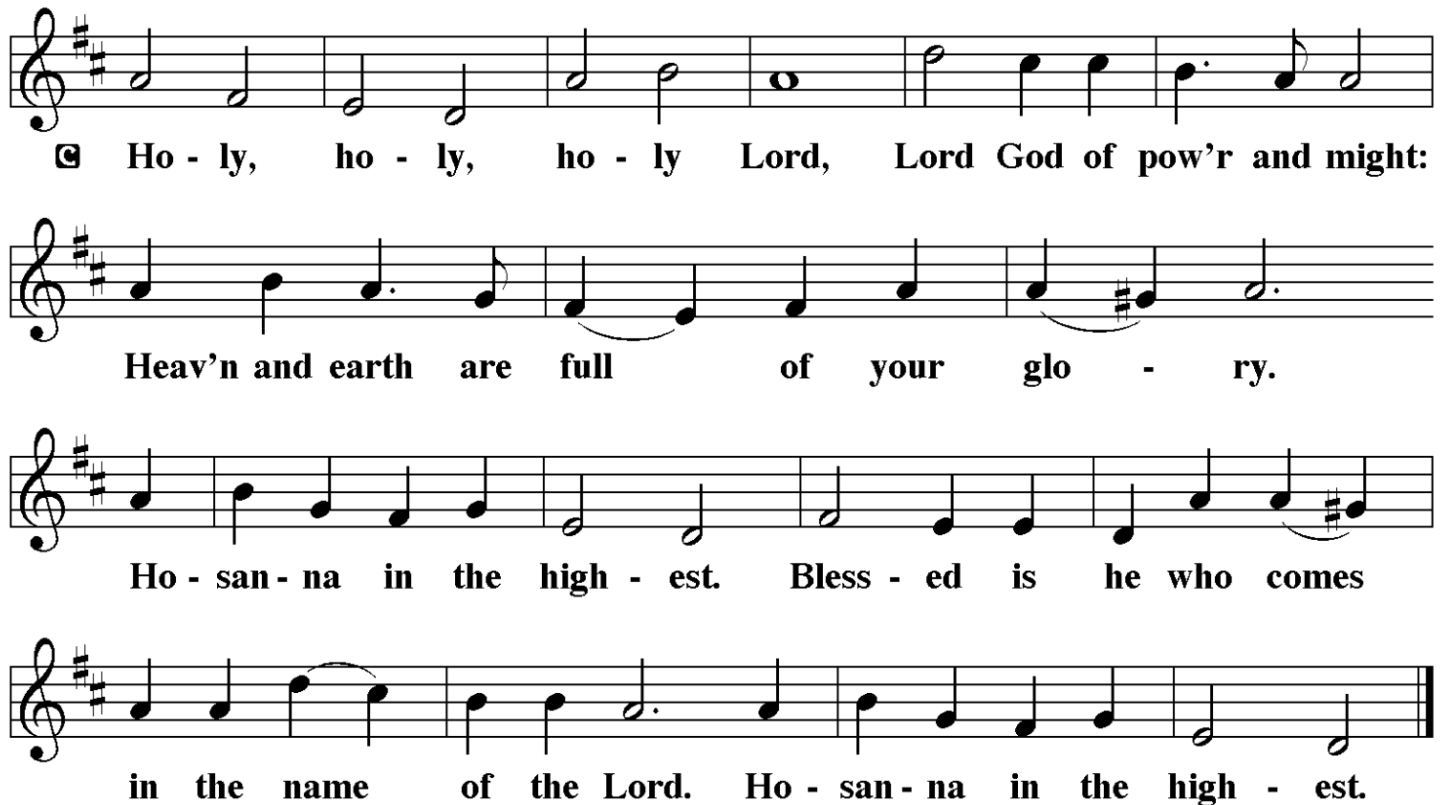
God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

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.

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 Shepherding 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: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

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: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

Anne Krentz Organ

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