

Welcome in the Name of Christ
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
439 E. Norvell Bryant Hwy
Hernando, FL 34442



Third Sunday of Easter
April 18, 2021

The Reverend Dennis W. Koch, Pastor
Robert Bonomo and Rick Mainster, Deacons
Renate Williams Slick, Director of Music, Organist & Pianist
Roger Johnson, Choir Conductor

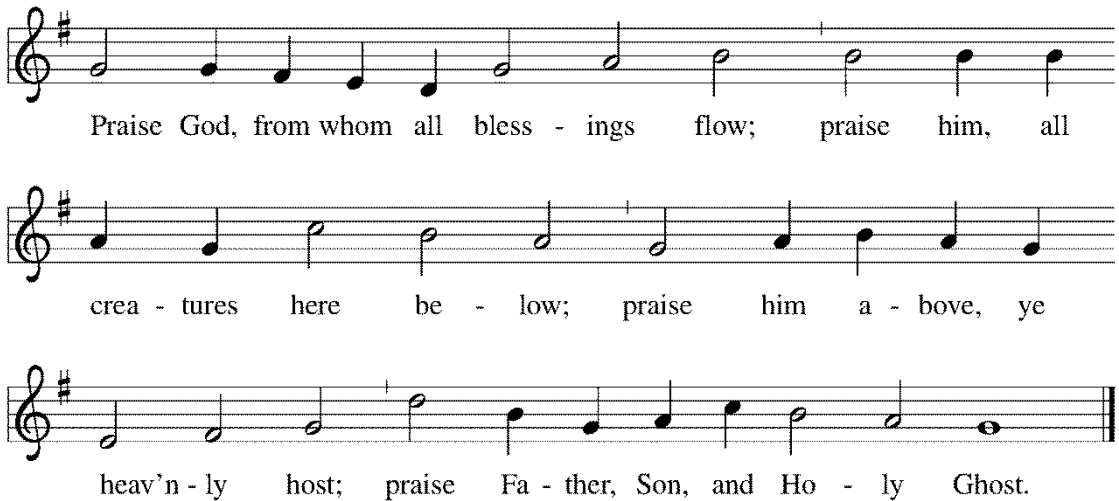
(Congregation responses are in bold print)

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

DOXOLOGY #884

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff ends with a semibreve note, and the second and third staves end with a double bar line.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

INVOCATION

He is risen!

He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession and Absolution

On the Day of Resurrection the angel told the women what his eyes had beheld, and he urged them to tell Jesus' disciples and Peter, but "they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Let us confess to God all that holds us back from spreading the news of our Lord's resurrection.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.

Our gracious heavenly Father,
we confess that we have let the things around us cloud our vision, dim our joy, and close our lips. We have failed to look at Your glory and power through the eyes of the angel. Instead, we have relied on the limited information that our senses provide. We have feared what we could not explain and failed to rely on Your gracious promises. We have, therefore, not loved You with all that we have and are; we have not loved our neighbors as much as we have loved ourselves. Worse, without Your aid, we cannot change.

In Your great mercy, forgive us and, by Your Holy Spirit, assure us of Your victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil on our behalf. Help us then to announce the resurrection to all we meet, to the glory of Your holy name.

By becoming one of us to die for us, our Lord Jesus Christ paid for all our sins. When the Father raised Him on this glorious day, He showed all creation that the Father had received that payment and nothing, even death itself, can stand between us and the Lord's gracious, eternal promises.

Therefore, as a called and ordained minister of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, I announce to you the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Hymn

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

ELW 365



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!

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

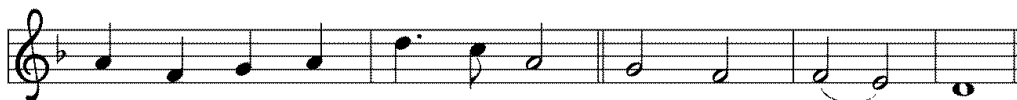
KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, have mer - cy:

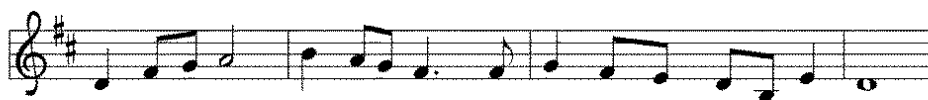


Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

3 For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly

Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est;

glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on

earth, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

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.”

PSALM: Psalm 4

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 dishonor 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 upon 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

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

HOLY GOSPEL:

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 24:36b-48

^{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.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

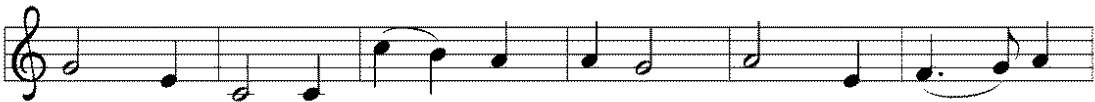
Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Lord, You Give the Great Commission

ELW 579



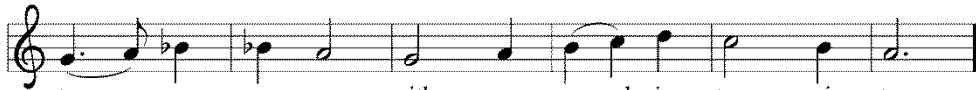
1	Lord,	you	give	the	great	com -	mis-sion:	“Heal	the	sick	and
2	Lord,	you	call	us	to	your	ser - vice:	“In	my	name	bap -
3	Lord,	you	make	the	com -	mon	ho - ly:	“This	my	bod -	y,
4	Lord,	you	show	us	love’s	true	mea-sure:	“Fa -	ther,	what	they
5	Lord,	you	bless	with	words	as -	sur - ing:	“I	am	with	you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing.



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give, May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Text: Jeffery Rowthorn, b. 1934

Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The prayers are led by the assisting minister. Each portion ends with these words:

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

*At the conclusion of the prayers, **Amen.***

MUSICAL OFFERING

8:30 a.m. – “A Joyous Prelude, Jesus Shall Reign” – Bell Choir

11:00 a.m. - “Amen” - Chancel Choir

MEAL

DIALOG

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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some measures containing beamed eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staves, aligned with the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff ends with a double bar line. The fourth staff continues the melody. The fifth staff ends with a double bar line.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

We give you thanks, Father...
...in your holy Church both now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

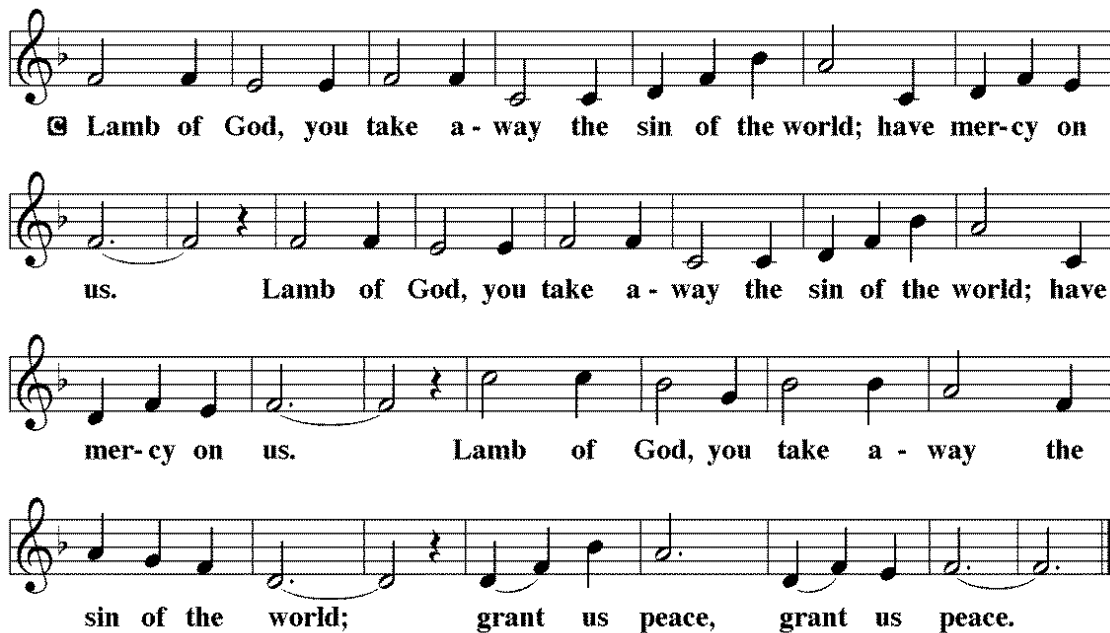
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

The risen Christ invites us to this table.

Come, eat and be satisfied.

Lamb of God



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 HYMNS: 781, 793, 393, 484

Children of the Heavenly Father ELW 781

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|--|--|
| 1 Children of the heav'nly Father
safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven | such a refuge e'er was given.
2 God his own doth tend and
nourish, |
|--|--|

in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares
them,
in his mighty arms he bears
them.

- 3 Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children
sever;

unto them his grace he showeth,
and their sorrows all he
knoweth.

- 4 Though he giveth or he taketh,
God his children ne'er
forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

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Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of
my heart; naught be all else to
me, save that thou art: thou my
best thought both by day and by
night, waking or sleeping, thy
presence my light.

- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou
my true word; I ever with thee
and thou with me, Lord.
Thou my soul's shelter, and
thou my high tow'r, raise thou
me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my
pow'r.

- 3 Riches I heed not, nor vain,
empty praise, thou mine
inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in
my heart, great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

- 4 Light of my soul, after victory
won, may I reach heaven's joys,
O heaven's Sun! Heart of my
own heart, whatever befall, still
be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing! ELW 393

- 1 A hymn of glory let us sing!
New hymns throughout the
world shall ring:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
ascends unto the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 The holy apostolic band
upon the Mount of Olives stand,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
and with his faithful foll'wers
see their Lord ascend in
majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 To whom the shining angels
cry, "Why stand and gaze upon
the sky?"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- "This is the Savior!" thus they
say, "this is his glorious triumph
day!"
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 "You see him now, ascending
high up to the portals of the
sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
"Hereafter Jesus you shall see
returning in great majesty."
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
all praise to you let earth
accord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run,
with Father and with Spirit one.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Bede, 673-735; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

Refrain

You satisfy the hungry heart
with gift of finest wheat.

Come give to us, O saving Lord, the
bread of life to eat.

- 1 As when the shepherd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice; so when you call your fam'ly, Lord, we follow and rejoice. *Refrain*
- 2 With joyful lips we sing to you our praise and gratitude that you should count us worthy, Lord, to share this heav'nly food.
Refrain
- 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ outpoured?

Do not one cup, one loaf, declare our oneness in the Lord? *Refrain*

4. The myst'ry of your presence, Lord, no mortal tongue can tell: whom all the world cannot contain comes in our hearts to dwell. *Refrain*
- 5 You give yourself to us, O Lord; then selfless let us be, to serve each other in your name in truth and charity. *Refrain*

Text: Omer Westendorf, 1916-1997
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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

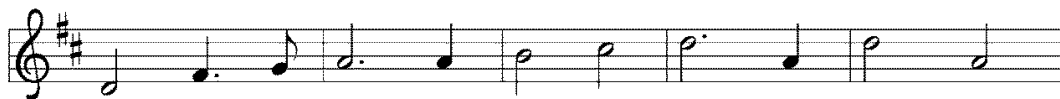
BLESSING

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.
The God of life,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

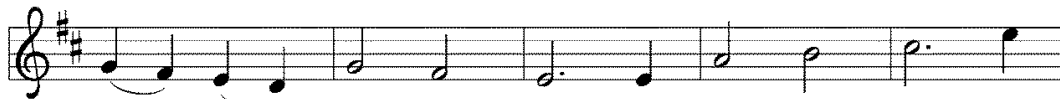
HYMN

Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing

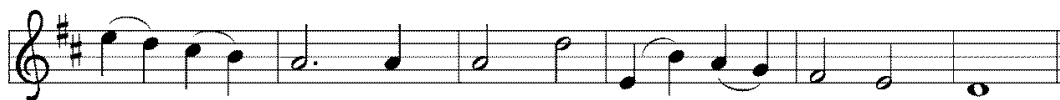
ELW 389



1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. Share the good news and have fun doing it! Alleluia!

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WELCOME VISITORS. We extend a warm welcome to all who are visiting and hope you will return to worship with us again.

WE ARE EQUIPPED WITH A HEARING LOOP Assistive Listening System. Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to “T” during worship. *Additional hearing devices are available from the Media Center.*

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS
Deacon Bob Bonomo, Deacon Rick Mainster, a Ann Neville and Lisbeth Goetter. Our sincere thanks to all!

FLOWERS in the sanctuary today are given by Ann & Cliff Possinger in honor of their 29th wedding anniversary.

MUSICAL OFFERING TODAY
8:30 a.m. “A Joyous Prelude, Jesus Shall Reign”
Bell Choir
11:00 - “Amen” – Chancel Choir

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS
Frank Wheatley, Marion McGauran, Cathy Heaps, Dorothy Mensing, Kathy & Dick Hildebrandt, Jeremy Page-Wood, Michael Koch, Pam Dionne, Pr. Bill Barrett, Ilse Miles, Sheila Mandell, Sylvia Hartsfield, Maria Thomas, Ray & Maxine Whitcomb, Dawn Clark, Isabelle Amundsen, Dave Boerger, Carolyn & Ray Creager, Barb Johnson, Margaret Hehn, Bill Graham, Peter Krol, Mireya Vera, Luna Bradford, Rita Sillen, Karl Hertel, Joseph Dorwart, Alejandra Vukelich, Harper Wood, Mike Hickman, Pastor Felice Johnson

Attendance last Sunday
Total: In-Person, Facebook Live & You Tube: 146
General Offering: \$12,636.00

THIS WEEK AT GSLC

SUNDAY

8:30 a.m. Bell Choir
11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

MONDAY

10:00 a.m. Bible Study

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. Bells

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. SOS
6:30 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY

8:30 a.m. SOS

FRIDAY

8:00 a.m. Property Workday on grounds

Zoom Coffee Hour
Sundays 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

REMINDER TO ALL – As you enter the sanctuary, please lower your voices so as not to disturb those who are meditating and praying in preparation for worship.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE is today. Please submit your article/information to gschurch@live.com no later than noon tomorrow for publication in the upcoming edition of The Shepherd's Voice.

BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Koch continues each Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. Please contact him for more information.

RACHEL'S DAY is Sunday, May 2. This is a day observed by Lutheran churches to remember children in crisis. This year we have chosen to benefit Jessie's Place Citrus County Children's Advocacy Center in Lecanto. We will have volunteers in the Narthex handing out blue ribbons and providing information of the many services available to these children at Jessie's Place. Please visit us to make a donation and receive a blue ribbon. Checks should be made out to W/ELCA or an amount for W/ELCA can also be designated on your giving envelope. Cash can be given at church on May 2.

We continue to celebrate the Easter season by gathering to worship the risen Lord.

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!