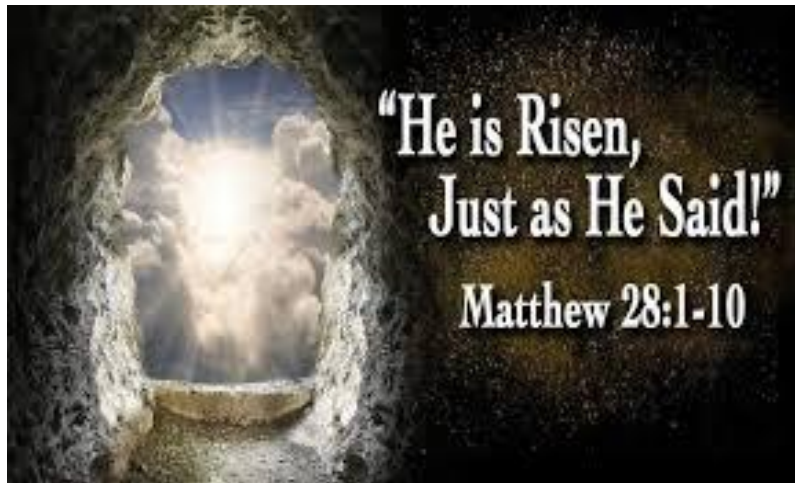


**Easter Sunday**  
**April 5, 2026**  
**Heritage Lutheran Church**  
**Apple Valley, MN**  
**9:00 a.m.**



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**1. Pre-Service Music & Welcome**

**2. Opening Hymn 352 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" (EASTER HYMN)**

*Sing stanzas 1-3 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanza 4 in unison.*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise, then, let us sing Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love, Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

**3. The Invocation**

**Pastor** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**4. Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**Pastor** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**Pastor** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Who made heaven and earth.

**Pastor** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** And you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

**Pastor** Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Therefore, we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Congregation** O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us; have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Pastor** Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only-begotten Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved.

**Congregation** Grant this unto us, O Lord. Amen.

**5. Introit** (Latin, "Entrance")

**Pastor** When I awake, I am still with You. Alleluia! You have laid Your hand upon Me. Alleluia! Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, it is high, I cannot attain it. Alleluia! O Lord, You have searched me and known me, You have known my sitting down and my rising up.

**6. The Gloria Patri** (Latin, "Glory to the Father")

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**7. The Kyrie Eleison** (Greek, "Lord Have Mercy")

♪ **Congregation** Lord have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord have mercy upon us.

**8. The Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (Latin, “Glory in the highest to God”)

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to God on high; And on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You, for Your great glory. O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. You take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You are seated at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy. You only are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**9. The Salutation**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**10. The Collect**

**Pastor** Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech You, that, as You put in our minds good desires, so by Your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**11. Old Testament Lesson Acts 10:34-43**

<sup>34</sup> So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup> you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**12. Gradual Hymn 357 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” (VICTORY)**

*Sing stanzas 1-3 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 4-5 in unison*

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph hath begun.  
Alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,  
But Christ their legion hath dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.  
Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,  
He rises glorious from the dead.  
All glory to our risen Head!  
Alleluia!

4 He closed the yawning gates of hell;  
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.  
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live and sing to Thee.  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 13. The Epistle *Colossians* 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. <sup>3</sup>For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

### 14. Hymn 341 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" (AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ)

*Sing stanzas 1-2 and 4-7 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 3 and 8 in unison.*

1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,  
See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness,  
Comes forth the glorious Sun.  
My Savior there was laid  
Where our bed must be made  
When to the realms of light  
Our spirit wings its flight.

2 The foe in triumph shouted  
When Christ lay in the tomb,  
But, lo, he now is routed,  
His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free;  
In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save  
Has triumphed o'er the grave.

3 This is a sight that gladdens--  
What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens  
The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake,  
No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God's own Son  
In love for me hath won.

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,  
Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil,  
And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all his might  
Cannot my soul affright;  
He is a pow'rless form,  
Howe'er he rave and storm.

5 The world against me rageth,  
Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wageth,  
Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free,  
No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play,  
And night is bright as day.

6 Now I will cling forever  
To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never,  
Whate'er He passeth through.  
He rends death's iron chain;  
He breaks through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell's dark thrall;  
I follow Him through all.

7 To halls of heav'nly splendor  
With Him I penetrate;  
And trouble ne'er may hinder  
Nor make me hesitate.  
Let tempests rage at will,  
My Savior shields me still;  
He grants abiding peace  
And bids all tumult cease.

8 He brings me to the portal  
That leads to bliss untold  
Whereon this rime immortal  
Is found in script of gold:  
"Who there My cross hath shared  
Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died  
Shall here be glorified.

**15. The Gospel Matthew 28:1-10** *Please stand*

**Pastor** The Holy Gospel for today is written in the...

♪ **Congregation** Glory be to You, O Lord!

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

**Pastor** This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

♪ **Congregation** Praise be to You, O Christ!

**16. The Confession of Faith The Nicene Creed**

**Congregation** I believe in One God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, The Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one Holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

## 17. Chief Hymn 351 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (DUKE STREET)

*Sing stanzas 1-2 and 5 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanza 3 in unison.*

**Choir sings verse 4.**

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

5 He lives to silence all my fears;  
He lives to wipe away my tears.  
He lives to calm my troubled heart;  
He lives all blessings to impart.

3 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.

## 18. Sermon – “With Fear And Great Joy” Matthew 28:1-10

## 19. Hymn 351 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (DUKE STREET)

*Sing stanza 7 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 6 and 8 in unison.*

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.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives;  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"

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.

## 20. The Offering

## 21. Prayers

### **The Service Of Holy Communion**

*Heritage Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of the ELS and WELS partake of the Lord's Supper today. Visitors, please speak with Pastor Anderson about receiving the Sacrament in the future.*

**22. Communion Hymn 359 “This Is the Feast” (FESTIVAL CANTICLE)**

1 This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God.

*Refrain* This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, And honor, blessing, and glory are His.

*Refrain*

3 Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation.

*Refrain*

4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

*Refrain*

5 For the Lamb who was slain Has begun His reign. Alleluia!

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**23. The Preface (p. 72)**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**Pastor** Lift up your hearts.

♪ **Congregation** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**Pastor** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

♪ **Congregation** It is good and right so to do.

**Pastor** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**24. The Sanctus (Latin, “Holy”) (p.76)**

♪ **Congregation** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**25. The Lord’s Prayer: (p.77)**

**Pastor** 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.

♪ **Congregation** For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**26. The Words of Institution (p.79)**

**Pastor** Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**27. The Pax Domini** (Latin, "The Peace of the Lord")

**Pastor** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**28. The Agnus Dei** (Latin, "Lamb of God")

♪ **Congregation** O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

**29. The Distribution**

**30. Distribution Hymns**

**Hymn 349 "How Rich, At Eastertide" (VRUECHTEN)**

1 How rich, at Eastertide,  
The harvest we are reaping,  
For Christ, the Crucified,  
Gives comfort to the weeping.  
Saved by His bitter death,  
With all our sins forgiven,  
We learn to live by faith,  
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
For now is Christ arisen.

2 As first-gifts hallow all  
If offered in thanksgiving,  
So Christ has died for all,  
The First of all the living.  
Wherefore, the blessed dead,  
Who else had vainly striven,  
Are on with Him, their Head,  
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
For now is Christ arisen.

3 The Lord, who taught the way  
Of dying and forsaking,  
Shall bring us to that day  
Of our complete awaking.  
Then let no ill destroy  
The hope we have of heaven:  
Come, serve our God with joy,  
For now is Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;  
For now is Christ arisen.

**Hymn 346 “Death Is Dead, the True Life Liveth” (REGENT SQUARE)**

1 Death is dead, the true Life liveth!  
O'er the portals of the grave  
Life's great Sun bright-shining giveth  
Light our darkened souls to save:  
Christ arisen bursts our prison;  
See His triumph-banners wave.

2 Life's own King on Calv'ry dying,  
Wins a crown of life for me;  
E'en the grave to Him complying  
Flow'rs in life abundant free;  
Death's chill sadness changed to gladness—  
This the Easter victory!

3 He who rose from death all-glorious  
Soon will gather to His side  
Those who sleep in Him, victorious  
By the blood His wounds supplied;  
Flesh and spirit, through His merit,  
Reunited, glorified.

4 Jesus, death's Destroyer, make me  
Day by day to die with Thee;  
Thus, with Thee arising, take me  
Thine through all the days to be—  
Thine for ever, faithless never—  
This my prayer unceasingly.

**Hymn 354 “Like the Golden Sun Ascending” (WERDE MUNTER) (verses 1,2,5,8,9,10)**

1 Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth His glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And death's dismal, dreadful cave  
Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.

2 Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened Paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

5 Thou hast died for my transgression,  
All my sins on Thee were laid;  
Thou hast won for me salvation,  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet Thee in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.

8 Unto life Thou shalt arouse me  
By Thy resurrection's pow'r;  
Though the hideous grave shall house me,  
And my flesh the worms devour;  
Fire and water may destroy  
My frail body, yet with joy  
I shall rise as Thou hast risen  
From the deep sepulchral prison.

9 Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,  
And Thy Holy Spirit send  
That my walk and my behavior  
May be pleasing to the end;  
That I may not fall again  
Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace Thou hast retrieved me  
And from which Thou hast relieved me.

10 For the joy Thy advent gave me,  
For Thy holy, precious Word;  
For Thy baptism which doth save me,  
For Thy blest Communion board;  
For Thy death, the bitter scorn,  
For Thy resurrection morn,  
Lord, I thank Thee and extol Thee,  
And in heav'n I shall behold Thee.

### **Hymn 353 "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" (JESUS, MEINE ZUVERSICHT)**

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me.  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave Christ will recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High o'er heav'n and earth is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God through Christ forgives offense;  
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died;  
Hence will I, to Jesus living,  
Pure in heart and act abide,  
Praise to Him and glory giving.  
Freely God doth aid dispense;  
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well  
Naught from me His love shall sever,  
Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell  
Part me now from Christ forever.  
God will be a sure defense;  
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! Henceforth is death  
But the gate of life immortal;  
This shall calm my trembling breath  
When I pass its gloomy portal.  
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense,  
"Lord, Thou art my confidence!"

**31. The Nunc Dimittis** (Latin, “Now Dismiss Us”) (p.81)

♪ **Congregation** Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, forevermore. Amen.

**32. The Collect of Thanksgiving** (p.82)

**Pastor** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.

♪ **Congregation** And His mercy endures forever.

**Pastor** Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

♪ **Congregation** Amen.

**33. The Salutation**

**Pastor** The Lord be with you.

♪ **Congregation** And with your spirit.

**34. The Benedicamus**

**Pastor** Let us bless the Lord.

♪ **Congregation** Thanks be to God.

**35. The Benediction**

**Pastor** The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

♪ **Congregation** Amen, amen, amen.

**36. Closing Hymn CW 439 “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” (CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN)**

*Sing stanzas 1-3 in harmony as you are comfortable. Sing stanzas 4 and 7 in unison. See music on the next page.*

1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands  
for our offenses given;  
but now at God’s right hand He stands  
and brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
and sing to God right thankfully  
loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death,  
such ruin sin had wrought us.  
No innocence was found on earth,  
and therefore death had brought us  
into bondage from of old  
and ever grew more strong and bold  
and held us as its captive. Alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,  
His people to deliver;  
destroying sin, He took the crown  
from death's pale brow forever.  
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
an empty form alone remains;  
its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven;  
the Word of grace has purged away  
the old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife  
when life and death contended.  
The victory remained with life,  
the reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
that death is swallowed up by death;  
disgraced, it lies defeated. Alleluia!

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1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of - fens -  
2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in sin  
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple to  
4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife when life and death

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loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
and held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!  
its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!  
dis - graced, it lies de - feat - ed. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here the true Paschal Lamb we see,  
whom God so freely gave us;  
he died on the accursed tree—  
so strong his love—to save us.  
See, his blood now marks our door;  
faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
and Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
to which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is himself the joy of all,  
the sun that warms and lights us.  
Now his grace to us imparts  
eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
the night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
on Christ, the bread of heaven;  
the Word of grace has purged away  
the old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
he is our meat and drink indeed;  
faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

## Special Music

**Special thanks to the musicians helping with our service today:**

**Trumpet – Nathan Henricks**

**Trombone – Jason Eisenbeis, Maddie Paulsen**

**Euphonium – Jacob Calhoun**

**Tuba – Klaudia Calhoun**

**Organist– Nathan Nikoley**

## **Announcements**

**Easter Breakfast** – Thank you to the Inreach Board for planning and serving the Easter breakfast this morning. Thank you to everyone who helped provide food for breakfast.

**TLC** – The Ladies Connection will meet on Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**Women’s Bible Study** – The Monday night Women's Bible Class meets at church at 6:30 p.m. Contact Ruth for more information.

**Men’s Bible Study** – Men’s Bible study meets on Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.

**Fellowship** – Volunteers are always needed to provide fellowship food every Sunday. Please sign up on the volunteer board.

**Choir** – The choir meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30. New members are always welcome!

**Cleaning Schedule** – Help is needed to clean the sanctuary, narthex and gym. There is a sign-up sheet on the volunteer board if you are able to help out. Thank you!

**Budget Update** – We have updated the member-giving scorecard through the end of February. If you have any questions, please speak with church treasurer Phil Holz or church president Dave Paulsen.

<u>Member Giving Scorecard</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Target</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Annual Target</u>
Member General Fund Giving	\$215,006	\$222,069	(\$7,063)	\$360,000
Estate Gift	\$42,200	\$0	\$42,200	\$0
School Deficit Reduction Giving Target	\$18,546	21,411	(\$2,865)	\$32,117
Hike for Heritage	\$17,517	\$0	\$17,517	\$0
Accrued Matching Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Member Giving</b>	<b>\$293,269</b>	<b>\$243,480</b>	<b>\$49,789</b>	<b>\$392,117</b>



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### **The Exhortation**

Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ; "This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood which is shed for you for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "for the remission of sins" you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it all of you," and "this do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **Communion Prayers**

#### **Before**

We do not presume to come to Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the Lord who desires always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Body of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.

#### **After**

Lord Jesus Christ, even as You rose triumphant from the grave, I beseech You to grant me grace to rise from the bondage of sin, to walk in the newness of life, that when You appear as my Judge and Redeemer, I shall greet You in peace and joy, and may throughout eternity enjoy the bliss of Your unveiled Presence. Amen