ST. MARY'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD SUNDAY—EASTER SUNDAY
APRIL 20, 2025 ~ 9:00AM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

- *Please respect the beauty of reverence and quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.*
- *Turn off phones or silence them.*
- *Please know that St. Mary's Lutheran Church celebrates Holy Communion for ALL! This is Christ's table and His invitation. You do not need to be a Lutheran, or a member of our church to participate. Also, if you wish to come up for only a blessing, please tell us when you approach, and we will bless you! If you are unable to come up for communion, tell the usher that you would like to receive communion at your seat, and someone will bring it to you.*

PRELUDE

Please stand in body or spirit.

WELCOME

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.

GATHERING SONG .....Hymn #365 *"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

In the name of ☩ the One
who was, who is, and who is to come.

Amen.

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection,
and called to live the baptized life,
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God,
we give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that make a people your own,
that restore to wholeness,
and empower us to be witnesses in your name.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that strengthen believers
and give new life to beloved servants of your church;
waters that extend your boundless love
and cross barriers of our own making.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism,
waters that open the hearts of believers
and give a voice in the night to those in captivity;
waters that set your people on a new path,
rejoicing in the Spirit's power.
Baptized into you, O Living One,

make us one as you are one.

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One,
that our every day is shaped by these waters
that give us our very lives in you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *(read together)*
Let us pray. **God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**
PLEASE BE SEATED
WORD *(see insert)*
FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65:17-25
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24 *(read responsively)*
SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26
Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.
CHOIR & CONGREGATIONAL GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!" BY M.K. BEALL & J. CARTER*
Adult Choir will sing Verses 1, 2 & 3
Congregation will stand when choir moves and join them on Verse 4 (see white insert)
GOSPEL: JOHN 20:1-18
The holy gospel according to John 20th Chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.
The gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.
PLEASE BE SEATED
SERMON
Please stand in body or spirit.
HYMN OF THE DAY.....Hymn #361 *"The Day of Resurrection!"*
NICENE CREED
With the whole church, let us confess our faith using the words of the 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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 INTERCESSION

God, of Grace

receive our prayer.

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

MEAL

PASSING OF THE PLATE

MUSICAL OFFERING Adult Choir *"Sing Praise To God" BY M.HARLAND, N. BOROP ARR. BRUCE GREER*

Early Sunday morning, at the breaking of the day,
the ground began to tremble and the stone was rolled away.
Mary came there searching for the One that she held dear.
She found angels there announcing, "He's no longer here!"

Refrain: Sing your praise to God, let the Church rejoice, stand and lift your voice. Jesus is alive! Celebrate the news, there's an empty tomb. Jesus is risen, sing your praise to God!
Jesus is risen, sing your praise to God!

Believers through the ages bear witness of that day, through His glorious resurrection Jesus overcame the grave. Worship the Messiah! Magnify the Son! For the Father has redeemed us through the Chosen One. (refrain)

OFFERING *Please stand in body or spirit*.....Hymn #893 *"Before You, Lord, We Bow", vs. 1*

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

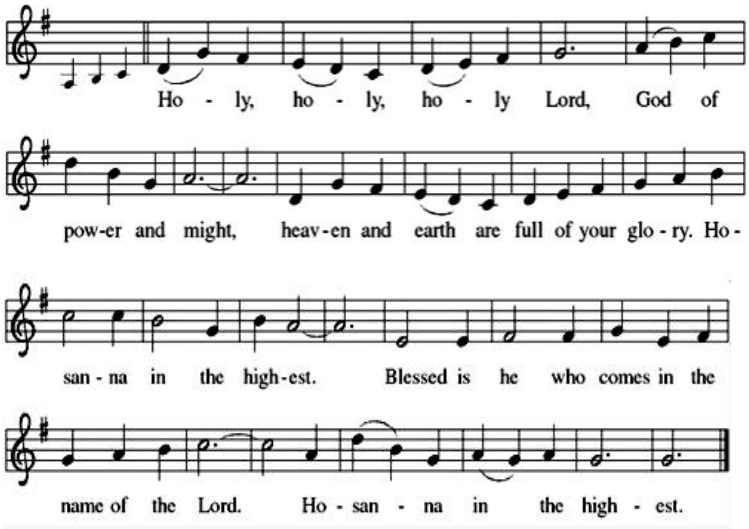
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is indeed right …join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (HOLY, HOLY, HOLY)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

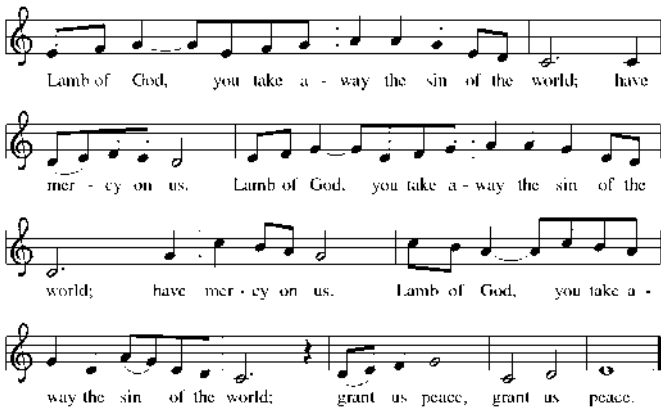
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

PLEASE BE SEATED

COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



DISTRIBUTION HYMN .....Hymn #362 *"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

Please stand in body or spirit.

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

BLESSING

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ☩ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

Amen.

SENDING SONG .....Hymn #376 *"Thine is the Glory"*

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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No Hospitality today—Happy Easter!