



# FIRST EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Easter Vigil—April 4, 2026

5:30 pm.

THREE DAYS

## GATHERING



### INTRODUCTION

This is the night of salvation! At the Vigil of Easter, we gather around fire, word, water, bread, and wine, proclaiming through story and song that ours is a God who continuously brings life out of death. On this night we experience again the heart of God’s baptismal promise and the center of our faith: we are claimed and cleansed, renewed in the death and resurrection of Christ. We gather with all the saints of every time and place to celebrate the good news: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### WELCOME

Sisters and brothers in Christ, on this most holy night when our Savior Jesus Christ passed from death to life, we gather with the church throughout the world in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of Jesus Christ. Through light and the word, through water and oil, bread and wine, we proclaim Christ’s death and resurrection, share Christ’s triumph over sin and death, and await Christ’s coming again in glory.

*(the paschal candle is lit from the fire)*

Let us pray. Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you have given the light of life to all the world.

Bless this new fire, and increase in us a desire to shine forth with the brightness of Christ’s rising, until we feast at the banquet of eternal light; through the Sun of righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### PROCESSION

*(The assembly processes into the sanctuary, following the light of Christ revealed in the paschal candle)*

### HYMN

*“Christ, Be Our Light”*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## WORD

### READINGS

**Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13**

<sup>1</sup> Then the Lord said to Noah, “Go into the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before me in this generation. <sup>2</sup> Take with you seven pairs of all clean animals, the male and its mate; and a pair of the animals that are not clean, the male and its mate; <sup>3</sup> and seven pairs of the birds of the air also, male and female, to keep their kind alive on the face of all the earth. <sup>4</sup> For in seven days I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground.” <sup>5</sup> And Noah did all that the Lord had commanded him. <sup>11</sup> In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. <sup>12</sup> The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. <sup>13</sup> On the very same day Noah with his sons, Shem and Ham and Japheth, and Noah’s wife and the three wives of his sons entered the ark, <sup>14</sup> they and every wild animal of every kind and all domestic animals of every kind and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth and every bird of every kind. <sup>15</sup> They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life. <sup>16</sup> And those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him, and the Lord shut him in. <sup>17</sup> The flood continued forty days on the earth, and the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth. <sup>18</sup> The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. <sup>8:6</sup> At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made <sup>7</sup> and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. <sup>8</sup> Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, <sup>9</sup> but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. <sup>10</sup> He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, <sup>11</sup> and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so, Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth. <sup>12</sup> Then he waited another seven days and sent out the dove, and it did not return to him anymore. <sup>13</sup> In the six hundred first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, the waters were dried up from the earth, and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked and saw that the face of the ground was drying. <sup>14</sup> In the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry. <sup>15</sup> Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup> “Go out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and your sons’ wives with you. <sup>17</sup> Bring out with you every living thing that is with you of all flesh—birds and animals and every creeping thing that creeps on the earth—so that they may abound on the earth and be fruitful and multiply on the earth.” <sup>18</sup> So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>9:8</sup> Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup> “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you <sup>10</sup> and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup> I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup> God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I

make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.”

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

## PRAYER

**Faithful God, you guided Noah through the waters of chaos and preserved life by your promise. In times of storm and uncertainty, draw us into the shelter of your grace and steady our trust in you. Remember your covenant with all creation, and teach us to be faithful stewards of the life you sustain. May your mercy, set like a rainbow in the clouds, remind us always of your enduring love. Amen**

## HYMN

*“Thy Holy Wings”*

ELW 613 vs. 1,3 (Page 10 )

## READING

### Isaiah 55:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. <sup>2</sup> Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. <sup>3</sup> Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. <sup>4</sup> See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. <sup>5</sup> Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. <sup>6</sup> Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; <sup>7</sup> let the wicked forsake their way and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. <sup>10</sup> For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the Sower and bread to the eater, <sup>11</sup> so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

## PRAYER

**Generous God,**

**you invite all who thirst to come freely to the waters of life. Nourish us with your Word, that we may delight in what truly satisfies and live abundantly in your grace. As rain and snow water the earth, let your promises take root in us and bear fruit in justice and joy. Send us out in hope, trusting that your Word never returns empty. Amen**

## HYMN

*“By Gracious Powers”*

ELW 626 vs. 3,4,5 (Page 11)

## READING

### Ezekiel 36:24-28

[Thus says the Lord God:] <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> I will put my spirit within you and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. <sup>28</sup> Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

## PRAYER

**Holy God, you gather your people and cleanse us with living water. Remove our hearts of stone and give us hearts of flesh, alive to your Spirit and your ways. Write your law within us, that we may walk in your statutes with love and faithfulness. Claim us again as your people, and be our God in all we do. Amen**

## HYMN

*“As the Deer Runs to the River”*

ELW 331 (Page 12)

## READING

### Ezekiel 37:1-14

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you and will cause flesh to come upon you and cover you with skin and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the Lord.” <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded, and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy and say to them: Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people, and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord when I open your graves and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.”

## PRAYER

**God of life, you breathe your Spirit into dry bones and bring new life where there was none. When we feel empty, weary, or cut off, speak your Word of hope into our depths. Raise us up as your living people, restored and renewed by your power. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may stand and live to your glory. Amen.**

## HYMN

*“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*

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### Romans 6:3-11

<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life

**Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYER

**Gracious God, through the waters of baptism you unite us with Christ in his death and resurrection. Bury what is broken within us, and raise us to walk in newness of life. Free us from the power of sin, that we may live for you with joy and purpose. Remind us daily that we are alive to you in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

## HYMN

*“Halle, Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”*

ELW 172 (6x) (Page 14)

## READING

### Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup> After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, 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> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” <sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, 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 and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

## PRAYER

**Risen Lord, in the dawning light you shattered the power of death and filled the world with hope. Calm our fears and meet us in our uncertainty with your living presence. Send us, like the women at the tomb, to proclaim the good news with courage and joy. Lead us to Galilee and beyond, that we may see you and share your resurrection life. Amen**

## BAPTISMAL SERVICE

See Insert (page 17)

*We rejoice together as we celebrate the baptism of James Michael Jedrzejewski*

## HYMN

*"Borning Cry"*

ELW 732 (page 15)

## MILESTONE MINISTRY, "WELCOME TO THE LORD'S TABLE"

We welcome Sophia Boliva, Luca Bolivar, Miele Imada, Brooke Campbell to the Lord's Table

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

## Meal

## THE 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.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## 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.**

## COMMUNION

*All are welcome who come trusting in the gift of God's presence in the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, shared in this meal. "The body of Christ, broken for you", and "the blood of Christ shed for you", include the promise of the forgiveness of sin, life and salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. The ushers will invite you to come forward for communion. We invite everyone to receive communion if you so desire. The invitation to receive Holy Communion is from Christ Jesus; therefore "all are welcome". In our serving communion trays, wine is darker red on the outside, and grape juice is the lighter color in the center. We serve only gluten-free bread prepared in a kitchen excluding wheat flour, to include everyone regardless of*

*wheat-gluten sensitivities. Come, taste and see, that the Lord is good.*

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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. Amen.**

## **SENDING**

## BENEDICTION

## SENDING HYMN

*“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”*

ELW 365 (Page 16)

## SENDING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace, serve the risen Christ!

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

## POSTLUDE

*WELCOME to worship!*

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS & HYMNS are available from the ushers.

ADDITIONAL PARKING is available in the Ahlberg Chapel parking lot, one-half block north of the church on Terry Street.

RESTROOMS are located on the upper level of the church, along the hallway leading to the Big Room. There are handicap accessible restrooms on the lower level near the elevator, and in the Big Room.

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READER      Sally Campbell

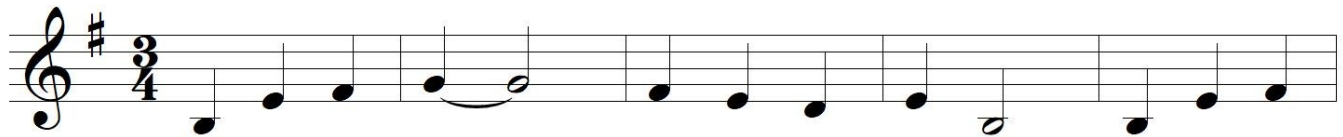
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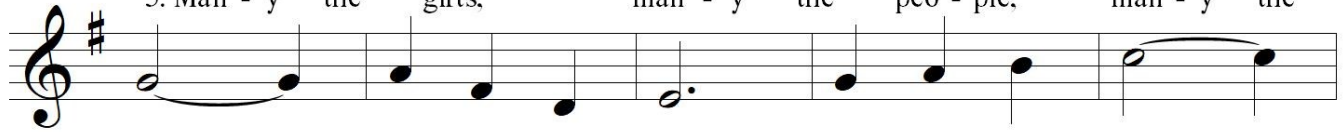


# Christ, Be Our Light

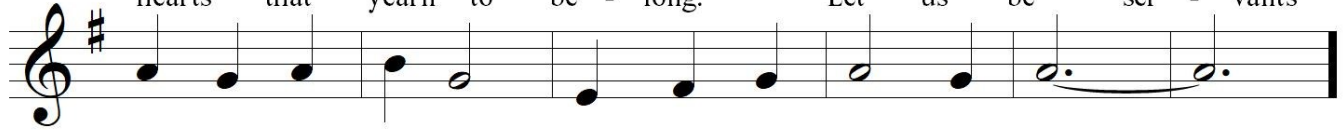
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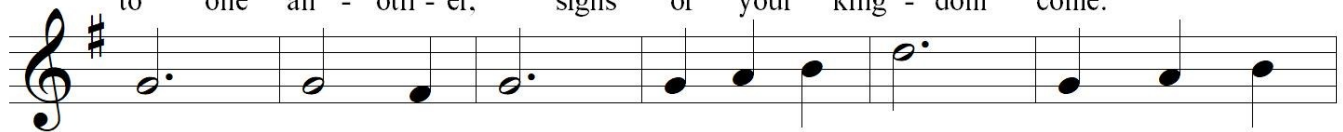
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2. Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for  
3. Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for  
4. Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for  
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



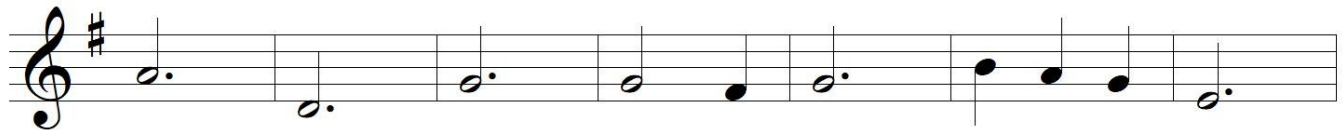
truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
wa - ter man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



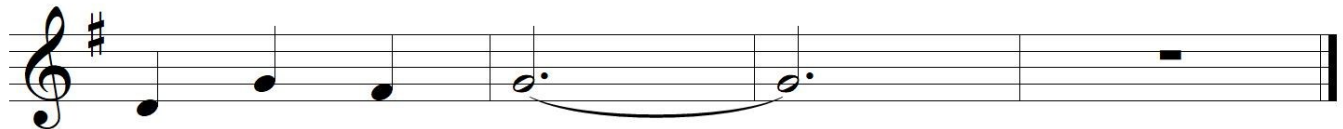
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ be our light! Shine in your church



gath - ered to - day.

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Music: Bernadette Farrell

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CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

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# Thy Holy Wings

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1. Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2. Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3. Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of \_\_\_ No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and \_\_\_ let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and \_\_\_ peace with - in thy nest.  
Give \_\_\_ me a will - ing \_\_\_ spir - it, a \_\_\_ heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy child - ren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a \_\_\_ new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly \_\_\_ slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

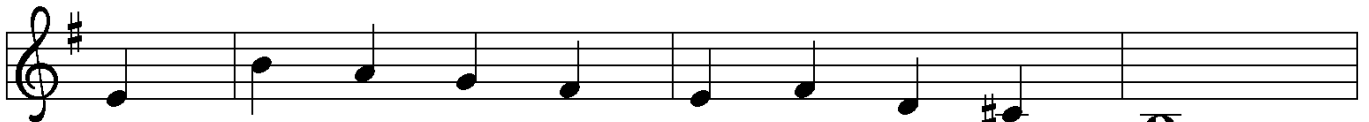
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## By Gracious Powers



1 By gra - cious pow'rs so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,  
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,  
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming  
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us  
 5 By gra - cious pow'rs so faith - ful - ly pro - tect - ed,



and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing come what may,  
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;  
 with bit - ter suf - f'ring, hard to un - der - stand,  
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,  
 so qui - et - ly, so won - der - ful - ly near,



we know that God is with us night and morn - ing,  
 oh, give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion,  
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling  
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through  
 we live each day in hope, with you be - side us,



and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.  
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.  
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.  
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.  
 and go with you through ev - 'ry com - ing year.

Text: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1906–1945; tr. Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: TELOS, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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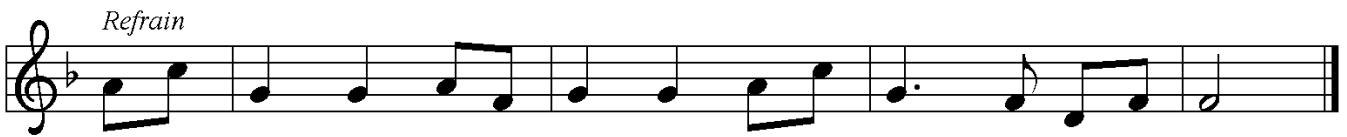
# As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

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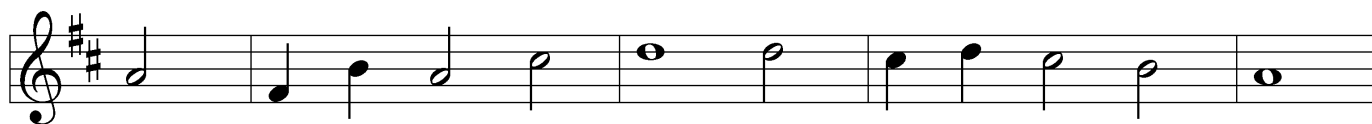
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## Breathe on Me, Breath of God



- 1 Breathe on me, breath of God; fill me with life a - new,
- 2 Breathe on me, breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
- 3 Breathe on me, breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love all that you love and do what you would do.  
un - til with you I will one will to do and to en - dure.  
but live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Edwin Hatch, 1835–1889

Music: DURHAM, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

ELW 172

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal-

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. It features a melody of eighth and quarter notes with some ties. The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature, providing a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
Hal - le - lu - jah.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The top staff shows the vocal line with lyrics. The bottom staff shows the bass line. There is a small annotation 'Hal - le - lu - jah.' above the bass line in the middle of the system.

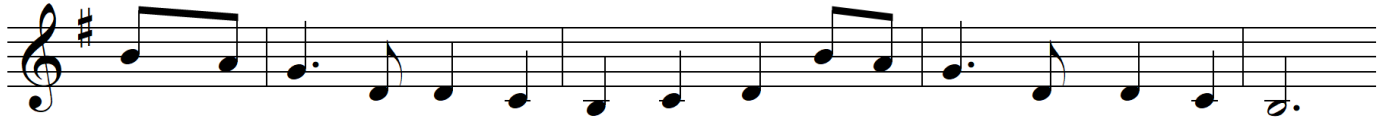
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

The third system concludes the piece. The top staff shows the final vocal phrases. The bottom staff shows the final bass accompaniment, ending with a double bar line.

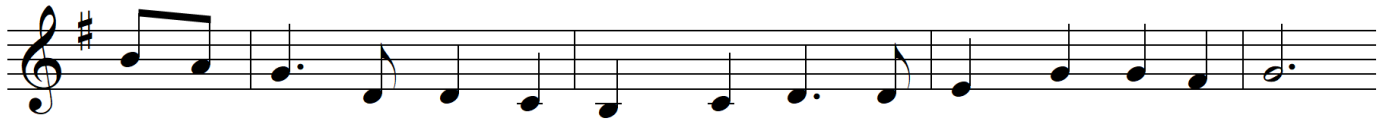
Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
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# Borning Cry

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1. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
2. "When you heard the won - der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
3. "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not to old, no lon - ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see you life un - fold.  
you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;  
If you find some - one to share your time and you bind your hearts as one,  
When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you shut your wea - ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."  
I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."  
I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4. "I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Text: John C. Ylvisaker, b. 1937  
Music: John C. Ylvisaker  
Text and Music © 1985 John C. Ylvisaker

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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 is 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*, 1780, alt.;  
 Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

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# HOLY BAPTISM

## James Michael Jedrzejewski

April 4, 2026  
5:30 p.m.

### PRESENTATION

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent out in mission for the life of the world.

Parents or Sponsors: We present James Michael Jedrzejewski for baptism.

Parents and Sponsors, do you promise to nurture James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

As you bring James, to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help James grow in the Christian faith and life?

**We do.**

People of God, do you promise to support James and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

**We do.**

### PROFESSION OF FAITH

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce evil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

## **THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **BAPTISM**

James Michael Jedrzejewski, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The congregation responds:

**You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized.**

**Alleluia!**

Let us pray:

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new

birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain James with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**Amen.**

James, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

**Amen.**

## **WELCOME**

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

**Amen**

*Applause is appropriate to welcome James in Christ.*



