

# St. Luke Lutheran Church

**"Energized by God's Love"**

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdell

**Evangelical Lutheran Worship  
Easter Sunday**

**Setting III  
March 31, 2024**

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**Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!**  
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.  
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.

# SERVING US THIS MORNING

**Ministers: All of the Members of this Congregation!**

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**Children's Message:** Grace Alexandrou

**Eucharist Assistant:** Roy & Theresa Tuason

**Altar Guild:** Shirley Loo & Denise Tsang

**Greeters:** Doug & Doriann Shreve (Front Door), Don & Loretta Merry (Side Door)

**Worship Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Deb & Wil Mandac

**Background Worship:** Kathleen Peters

**Organist:** Beth Stauter

**Choir Director:** Chris Frye

**Bell Choir Director:** Wil Mandac

**Tech Team:** Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Bradley Wadsworth, Ethan ElAmir, Justine Skov, Madeleine Gan, Ryan Peters, Tim and Denise Tsang.

**Prayer Chain Coordinator:** Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

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## **ORDER OF *WORSHIP***

<b>PRELUDE</b>	<b><i>"AN EASTER ALLELUIA"</i></b> (By E. L. Ashford)	<b>Beth Stauter</b>
<b>INTROIT</b>	<b><i>"THE LORD REIGNS"</i></b> (By Dale Wood)	<b>Beth Stauter</b>
<b>WELCOME</b>		<b>Pastor DanTisdel</b>

**GATHERING HYMN “CHRIST THE LORD IS RIS’N TODAY; ALLELUIA!” ELW #369**

**INVOCATION**

*(music found on page 138)*

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

**[C] And also with you.**

**KYRIE**

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**[C] Lord, have mercy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**[C] Amen.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE “The Feast of Victory” – (Congregation sings all verses and refrain)**

*(music located in hymnal on pg. 140)*

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 1 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. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

vs. 4 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

[P] Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[P] Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

[P] At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**[C] Amen.**

[P] Look, here is water!

**[C] Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

[A] Let us pray...

**[C] 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.**

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH GRACE ALEXANDROU**

## **GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Reading – Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity: Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, "receives forgiveness of sins through his name."*

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable

to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

### **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

**OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary**

**NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary**

[OT] At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

[NT] *Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,*

[OT] the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

[NT] *Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.*

[OT] Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.

[C] **For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: “Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.”**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

**“HE IS RISEN”**

**St. Luke Choir**

(By Craig Courtney)

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading – 1 Corinthian 15:1-11**

*The core of the Christian faith and Paul’s preaching is the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. As the crucified and risen Christ appeared to the earliest of his followers, so we experience the presence of the Risen One in the preaching of this faith.*

Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ

died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to Mark ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

**Gospel – Mark 16:1-8**

**Read by Pastor Dan Tisdel**

*The resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.*

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MESSAGE "RENEWING, REFRESHED, AND REBORN" Pastor Dan Tisdel**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"REVELATION SONG"**  
(By Jennie Lee Riddle)

**Led by Deb Mandac &  
Andy Wadsworth**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**[C] I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again 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.  
(\*universal)**

## **GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS**

**[A] Let us pray...**  
**[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**[P & A] God of grace,  
[C] Hear our prayer.**

## **PEACE OF CHRIST**

## **TRANSITIONAL PRAYER**

**[A] Let us pray...**  
**[C] Oh God, Each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.**

## **MEAL**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**[P] The Lord be with you.  
[C] And also with you.  
[P] Lift up your hearts.  
[C] We lift them to the Lord.  
[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**[C] It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**[P]** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise; for you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**[C] 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.**

***"LAMB OF GOD"***

*(music found on page 146)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)**

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please receive a blessing of the day.

### **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**[P]** Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**[C] Amen.**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SENDING HYMN**

***"THE STRIFE IS O'ER,  
THE BATTLE DONE"***

**ELW #366**



## **BENEDICTION**

[P] Alleluia! Christ is risen!

[A] **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

[P] The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ☩ bless you now and always..

[C] **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

**POSTLUDE:**

***“THE STRIFE IS O’ER”***  
(Arr. By Roger C. Wilson)

**Beth Stauter**