# Third Sunday of Easter May 4, 2025

# Order of Worship: Holy Communion, Setting Four

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PRELUDE & BELLS We observe a moment of silence for prayer and meditation.

WELCOME

Blessed be the Kingdom...now and forever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

We stand OPENING HYMN #361

"The Day of Resurrection!"

vv1-4

#### **★**Brief Rite for Confession & Forgiveness of Sins★

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

In the name of the Father and of the ♥ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

\*Silence is kept for reflection and personal confession.\*

1John 1:8-9

Most merciful God... we confess that we are born captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you- who believe and repent- of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

#### **★**HOLY COMMUNION**★**

#### APOSTOLIC 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.** 





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray...Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show yourself to us and inspire us to follow Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Next Steps Weekly Memory Verse: Luke 24:32 Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures.

FIRST READING: ACTS 9:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest <sup>2</sup> and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. <sup>4</sup>He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" <sup>5</sup> He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. <sup>6</sup> But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." <sup>7</sup> The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. <sup>9</sup> For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. 10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." 11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, <sup>12</sup> and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." <sup>13</sup> But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; <sup>14</sup> and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." 15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; <sup>16</sup> I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." <sup>17</sup> So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." <sup>18</sup> And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, <sup>19</sup> and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

**RESPONSE & MEDITATION: PSALM 30** 

<sup>1</sup> I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup>O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

<sup>3</sup> You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

<sup>4</sup> Sing to the LORD, you servants of his; give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.

<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favor for a lifetime.

<sup>6</sup>Weeping may spend the night, but joy comes in the morning.

<sup>7</sup>While I felt secure, I said, "I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

<sup>8</sup>Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

<sup>9</sup>I cried to you, O LORD;

I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

<sup>11</sup> Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper."

<sup>12</sup>You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

SECOND READING: REVELATION 5:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, <sup>12</sup> singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"

<sup>13</sup> Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" <sup>14</sup> And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!



GOSPEL READING: JOHN 21:1-19

# Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup> After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. <sup>4</sup> Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup>He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. <sup>8</sup> But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. <sup>9</sup>When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. 10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." 11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. 13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. 15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." 16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. 18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." <sup>19</sup> (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY #392

"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"

vv1-4

We sit. SERMON

Growing into New Life
Sore Eyes

Rev. Jared Stillions, STS

We stand. Profession of Faith

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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary and was made man. 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. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He 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.

\*means whole, entire Christi

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another. A brief silence

You commanded your servant Peter to tend your sheep. Equip your Church with every good gift, so it feeds your flock with your holy Word and life-giving Sacraments. By its faithful endurance, soften the hearts of its persecutors, so that they may turn to you and live.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless this congregation. Kindle our hearts to seek the lost, lift up the broken-hearted, and feed hungry souls around us with your holy and precious Word. We pray for our mission to develop fully devoted followers of Jesus; to support Solid Rock our mission in action; and that you send us adults for baptism.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You confronted Saul on the Damascus road. In your merciful, tough love, confront those who scorn your Word and refuse your truth. Give us holy reason and gentle hearts, so that through us, you lead many unbelievers into your flock.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

You are Lord, King, Judge, and Savior of the world. Bless and strengthen all who take counsel for the nations. Guide them in pathways of justice and righteousness. Use their labors to feed all people with justice as well as loaves; to drink of peace as well as clean water; to live in friendship with their neighbor, and to walk humbly before you, their Lord and God.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Defend and guide all who stand between life and death; between violence and safety; and between oppression and freedom. Lend them your wisdom and righteousness. Raise them up when they falter. Heal their wounds, and grant them joyous reunions with loved ones.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Oh great and good Shepherd, gently tend all who are sick, lonely, grieving, despairing, and all who cry out for mercy. Today we remember before you: {List}. Give the Spirit of your compassion to all who care for them, and restore them to wholeness and hope. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you are worthy to open the scroll and to judge the world. Yet you freely grant forgiveness and salvation to every sinner who dies trusting in your promises. Thank you for keeping those promises to the faithful departed, especially those dear to us. We pray especially for the families of {List}. Give us faith to trust your Word in times of doubt and confusion. Give us compassion to care for all your dear lambs. Give us grace to receive a foretaste of the banquet-feast of heaven. Give us joy, which is the undying inheritance of all whom you love.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant whatever is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you live in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

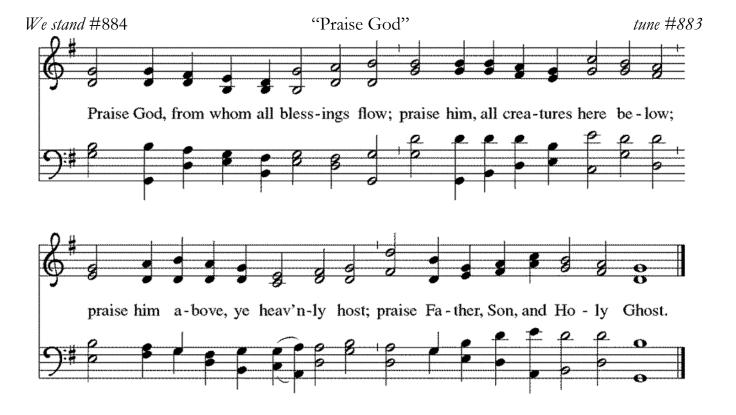
#### SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also, with you.** We briefly greet those in our row with the words "Peace be with you."

We sit. Offering, Offertory Song & Prayer- Giving back to God



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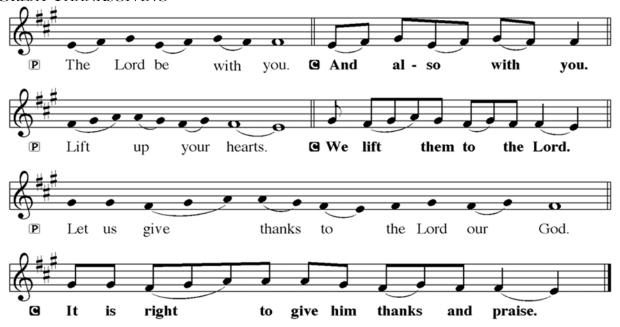


Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

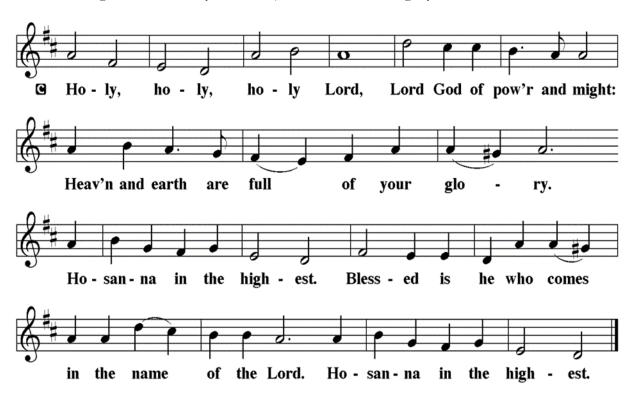
#### OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, king of the universe. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



It is indeed right and salutary . . . and join their unending hymn:



**EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION** 

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth... as he comes to us in his holy supper.

### Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, ... Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

#### We sit. Invitation To Communion

As often as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. **Thanks be to God.** 

Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ present and received in, with, and under the bread and wine. All who are baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and who believe the Lord's words "This is my body given for you" and "This is my blood poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins" may receive Communion. Young children, not yet receiving Communion, may receive a blessing.

(Matt 26:26ff, Mark 14:22ff, Luke 22:19ff, 1 Cor. 11:24ff)

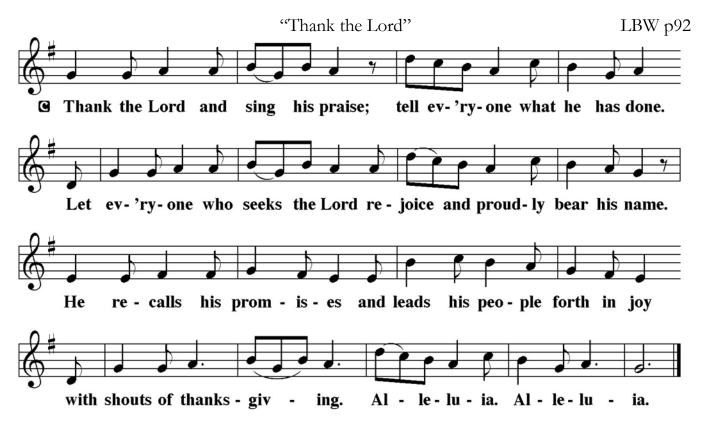
Communion administration occurs in a continuous fashion at the Communion rail. The ushers will guide you to the rail. To receive the elements, extend your hand, palm up, to the ministers. White grape juice is available in the center of the trays. For those unable to consume either bread or wine, the Church affirms the Lord's full presence in each element alone. Once you have received the elements, return to your seat by the side aisles. If you do not desire to receive Holy Communion, you may remain seated.





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We stand POST-COMMUNION BLESSING, SONG, & PRAYER May the true body and blood...keep you in his grace. Amen.



Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** *Silence is kept for reflection.* 

#### BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ₱ give you peace. **Amen.** 

CLOSING HYMN #383

"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

tune 843 vv1-3

# ST. PETER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Our mission is Christ's mission – "I will build my church" by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

**MANNA FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** Social Ministry will be holding a Food Drive for the Manna Food Pantry until July. The Pantry is in desperate need of cereal and juice. If you would like to contribute, a box in the Narthex and one by the elevator will be available for your donations. Thank you in advance!

TODAY: Last day of Christian Learning for Youth with an intro to the 2025 VBS "Epic Australian Adventure!" Youth will hear an exciting bible story, make a craft, and check out the imagination science station

**TODAY:** Blood Drive Opportunity: The impact of your blood donations is felt daily...patients survive traumatic injuries, families are given more time together and lives are FOREVER changed! Your generosity and unwavering support are critical in saving lives which is why we do what we do!! You're welcome and invited to the St. Peter Lutheran Church Blood Drive on **Sunday, May 4 from 8AM-1PM**, in front of the church. With graduation just around the corner, consider making your donation on behalf of a senior student to help them earn their Red Cord Graduation Honors. To preregister online go to https://donor.southtexasblood.org, or call 210-731-5590. And remember, EVERY DROP COUNTS-YOUR DONATION CAN SAVE UP TO THREE LIVES!

Wednesday, May 7 Lunch & Learn First United Methodist Church Hallettsville: "The Health Exam You Didn't Know You Needed" by Dr. Van Kaden Andre; Board Certified Ophthalmologist from Schulenburg, TX. Please RSVP by Friday, May 2, 2025, to Joann Shimek at 361-676-2579

# Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2025

Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 23; Revelation 7:9-17; John 10:22-30

**OFFERING YTD (Jan-Mar '24)** \$71,688.40; **EXPENSES** \$60,525.00

**DIFFERENCE** +/-+\$11,163.40

# **Openings for:**

**Radio:** May 25, June 16; July 6, 13; Aug 10, 24, 31; Sept 7, 14, 21; Oct 26; Nov 2, 16, 23, 30; Dec 14, 28

**Flowers:** June 1, 8, 15, 22; July 6, 13, 20; Aug 10, 31; Sept 7, 14; Oct 19, 26; Nov 9,16; Dec 14, 28

# This Weekend May 4

Sunday AM: Assisting: Sophie Teltschik

Communion Set Up: Rida Chovanetz

Communion Clean Up: Karen Satterly

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Cal Bonzer, Trent Skelton, Michael Woytek, Kevin Sullivan

Acolytes: Wyatt Adee & John Stillions

Power Point Sunday: Barb Koehn

Altar Flowers given by: By the Family in memory of Landon Wayne Koehne Radio Ministry given by: Women in Mission in memory of Peggy Kostelnik

**Sunday PM:** Assisting: Ailene Peck Communion Clean Up: Ailene Peck

Organist: Denise Drozd

#### This Week @ St. Peter

Sun May 4, 8:00 am-1:00 pm St. Peter Blood Drive, 9:00 am Worship Service(*LAMB Sunday*), 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 All Ages End of Christian Learning VBS Intro, 2:00 pm Shiloh Memorial Service, 5:00 pm Worship Service

Mon May 5, 1:00 pm Quilting,

Tue May 6, 6:00 pm Learning Commission, 7:00 pm Prayer Group

**Thu** May 8, 6:00 pm Solid Rock Board, 7:00 pm AA/Al-Anon

Sat May 10, FH Rental

Sun May 11, 9:00 am Worship Service "Happy Mother's Day", 10:00 am Coffee Time, 10:30 am Adult Christian Learning, LYO Service Event 10:30-11:30, 2:00 pm Solid Rock end of year program, 3:00 Nursing Home Service, 5:00 pm Worship Service

# Our Prayer List:— Requests listed 4 weeks under Concerns For unless otherwise requested.

Tommy Kanak, Betsey Rideout, Leon Woytek, Cynthia Gates, Christopher Shadden, Darrell Stock, Jim Wells, Ky Lange, Kathy Brown and friend Kay, Steve Kutach, Margaret DeLaRosa, Tommy Herandez

Extended concerns: Requests listed 9 months unless otherwise requested.

Oleen Covey, Gracie Isbell, Jim Brandt, Edmund Koerth, Barbara Tackett,

Charlotte Hartmann, Melissa Grice, Michael Drozd, Jeffrey Morgenroth, Charlie Garmon, Carrie Besetsny, DeWayne Dixon, James Evans, Pr. John Schmidt & family (Missionary in Ghana)

Other Concerns: first responders (military, law enforcement, firefighter, medical), Safe House Church (Hallettsville);

San Miguel (Ft. Worth) and Houston Oromo Lutheran Churches, President Trump, & our country

Grieving Families of: Kim Fowlkes, Jean Niemetz, Emmanuel Velasquez,

Michelle Greenwell, Michelle Goranson, Andy Seay, David Buzek, Kenneth & Mary DeBord, Normas Garcia, Pr. Michael Gabby, Pr. Ron Warren, Howard & Dean Loewe

Serving Next Weekend: May 11

**Sunday AM:** Assisting: Darlene Stacy

Communion Set Up: Barb Koehn Communion Clean Up: Judy Drozd

Organist: Denise Drozd

Ushers: Cal Bonzer, Trent Skelton, Michael Woytek, Kevin Sullivan

Acolytes: Maggie Stillions and Caroline Duty Power Point Sunday: Julieane Mihalovich Altar Flowers given by: The Adee Family

Radio Ministry given by: Women in Mission in memory of Jean Niemetz

Sunday PM: Assisting: Ailene Peck Communion Clean Up: Ailene Peck Organist: Denise Drozd

SAVE THE DATES IN MAY

Sat May 17 5:00 pm Graduation Milestone Dinner (Emilie Hotz)

Sun May 17 Market Days (WIM Bake Sale)

Sun May 18 Honoring Graduate Emilie Hotz during 9AM Service

Sun May 18 LYO Service Event 10:30 am-11:30 am

Sun May 18 2:00 pm Solid Rock End of Year Program

# Entrance Hymn (ELW) The Day of Resurrection! (ELW 361)

Text by John of Damascus; Music by German melody

1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.

2 Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light, and list'ning to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.

3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin, the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend; for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!

4 All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son, all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne, and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!

# Hymn of the Day (ELW) Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (ELW 392) Text by William C. Dix; Music by Rowland H. Prichard

1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; his the scepter, his the throne; Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone. Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion

thunder like a mighty flood:
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation
has redeemed us by his blood."

2 Alleluia! Not as orphans are we left in sorrow now; Alleluia! he is near us; faith believes, nor questions how. Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er, shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of heaven, here on earth our food, our stay; Alleluia! here the sinful flee to you from day to day. Intercessor, friend of sinners, earth's redeemer, hear our plea where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal, Lord omnipotent we own; Alleluia! born of Mary, earth your footstool, heav'n your throne. As within the veil you entered, Text by Brian A. Wren, Music by Thomas Pavlechko

1 Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days! Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed. In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown. Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2 Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.

3 Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same. Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain. Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!" God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, ev'ryone!