

*Hallelujah,
He is Risen!*



Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

ROMANS 6:4



**Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed!**

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able and face the Processional Cross.

THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Starting at a whisper.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

With a normal voice.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed!

Lifting our voices toward heaven.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING SONG

ELW #365

JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

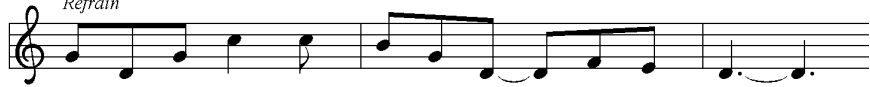


peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



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



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and join in the hymn of



all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

JEREMIAH 31:1-6

God's final word is always "Yes." Because God's love is everlasting, God always remains faithful. Ancient Israel is assured that it will be rebuilt and have plentiful crops. The people of God too will ultimately be reunited.

¹ At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.

² Thus says the LORD:

The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴ Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with your
tambourines

and go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵ Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶ 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.”

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND READING

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ. His resurrection reshapes the entire focus and motivation for our lives since we are now hidden with the risen Christ in God.

¹ If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on

earth,³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

R: The Word of God, for the People of God!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Following the Children's moment, children in pre-k through 5th grade are invited to gather in the Sunday School room for an activity. They will return to worship before communion.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

ELW # 172

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

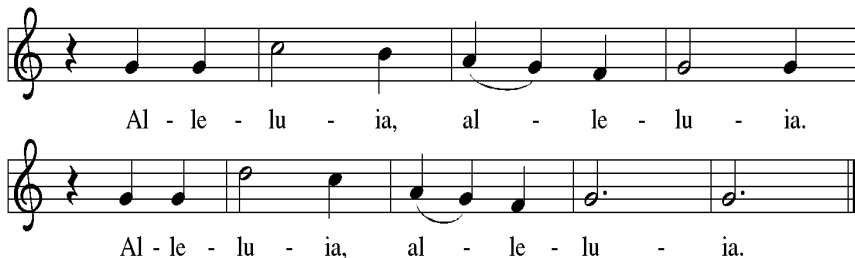
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THE GOSPEL

MATTHEW 28:1-10

Sorrow gives way to “fear and great joy” when two women are sent by an angel to proclaim the good news: Jesus is risen!

P: This is the Holy Gospel according to St.
Matthew the 28th chapter.



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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G-clef, 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The second staff continues the melody with quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

¹ After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ So they left the

tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ 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."

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

GOSPEL PROCESSION

ELW # 172

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH

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

Please be seated.

THE REFLECTION

REV. CLAYTON J. BAILEY

THE AFTERWORD

Following the Reflection, all Middle & High School Youth are invited following the reflection to meet in the Dining Room. They will connect with the message for the day and spend time in prayer. The youth will return following the offering hymn.

Please stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #318

ALLELUIA, SONG OF GLADNESS

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P: Praise to you, O God, for your Word of life:
creating a wondrous universe, proclaiming
freedom from captivity, becoming the song of
your people.

C: **We praise you, O God, for your Word.**

P: Your Word is made flesh among us:

A: With Mary in the garden,

C: **You call us by name.**

P: With Thomas beholding your wounds,

C: **You call us to believe.**

A: With sheep of others folds,

C: **We are gathered by your voice.**

P: Your Word names our death and our life: we
are like seeds that fall into the earth and die.

A: You are like rain and snow that come down
from heaven to water the earth,

P: You are a vine in which we abide.

A: Through your Word, you appoint us to bear
fruit, fruit that will last.

C: **We bless you, O God, for your Word.**

- P: By your living Word, we are witnesses of these things. Breathe into us your Holy Spirit.
- A: Open our minds to understand the scriptures. Give us wisdom to declare what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands.
- P: Fill us with strength to love, not in word or speech alone, but in truth and action.
- A: With every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, we join in the hymn of all creation, as we thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.
- C: We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

At this time you are welcome to share the Peace of Christ with those around you. Following the Sharing of the Peace you may be seated.

OFFERING AND OFFERING MUSIC

Jerusalem- Break Forth into Joy, Break forth into Joy!

CHOIR ANTHEM

*Easter Anthem
by William Billing/arr. Hugh Chandler*

Please stand.

OFFERING SONG

ELW # 380

HALLELUJAH! JESUS LIVES!

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives!
He is now the Living One;
from the gloomy halls of death
Christ, the conqueror, has gone,
bright forerunner to the skies
of his people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Why do you weep?
Why that sad and mournful sigh?
Christ who died our brother here
lives our brother still on high,
lives forever to bestow
blessings on his church below.**

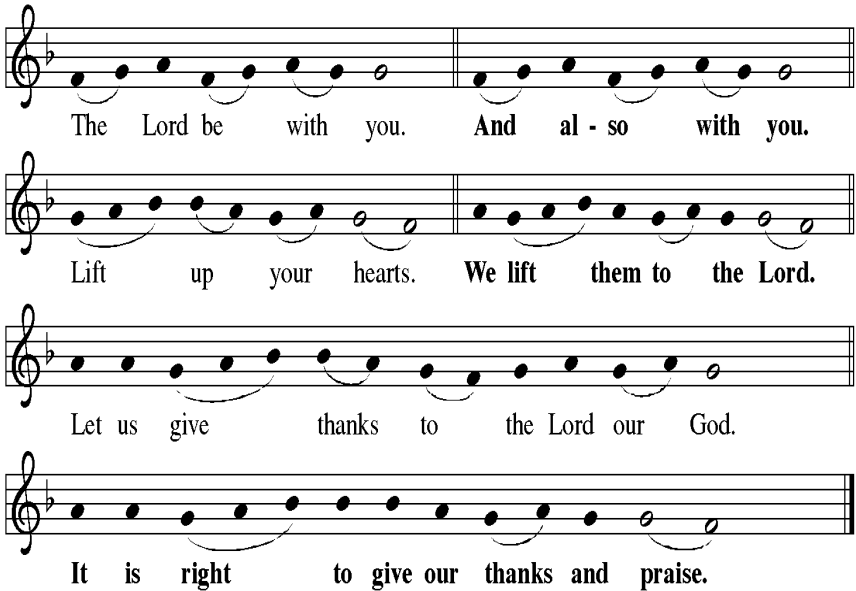
**Hallelujah! Angels, sing!
Join with us in hymns of praise.
Let your chorus swell the strain
which our feebler voices raise:
Glory to our God above
and on earth his peace and love!**

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love.

C: Amen.

THE DIALOGUE



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

THE PREFACE FOR EASTER

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to 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 angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

THE SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The melody is simple and homophonic, with lyrics written below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup, we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris-en. Christ will come a - gain.

P: O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures, with sun
and moon and stars, we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

A: As our Savior Christ has taught us, together we are bold to pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

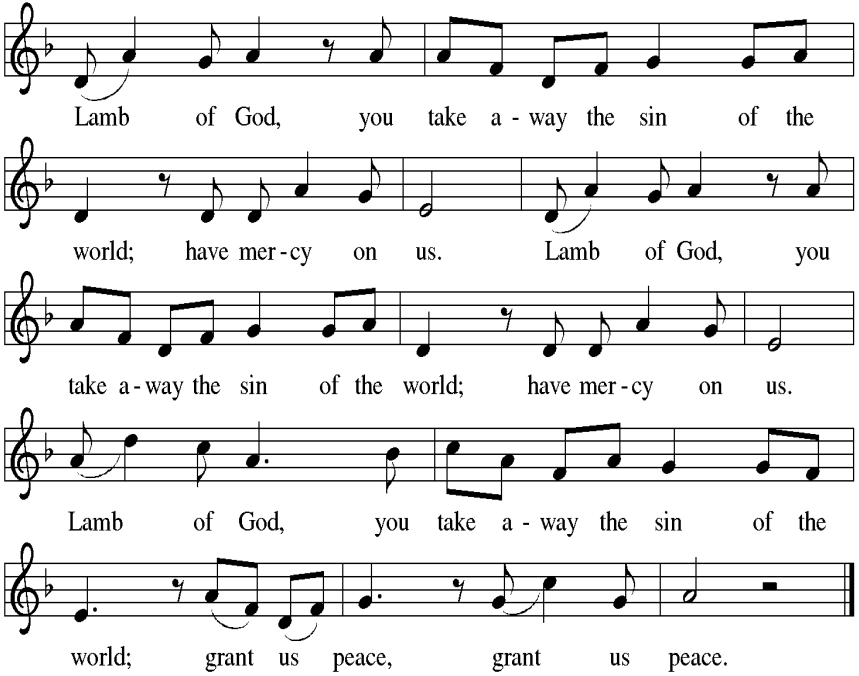
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Come to the table of new life.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

At Grace, all are welcome to the Table of the Lord. At the ushers invitation, you are invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine. Grape juice is offered as an additional substitute. As you return to your seat using the side aisle, there is a basket to dispose of your individual communion cup. Those who would like a blessing are also welcome to come forward. Simply ask Pastor for a blessing instead of taking communion.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 619

I KNOW MY REDEEMER LIVES

COMMUNION HYMN

ELW # 474

BREAD OF LIFE FROM HEAVEN

After all have communed, you will be invited to stand.

TABLE BLESSING

P: The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray. Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

P: Go out into the world as the people of God in this place. May the God who raised Jesus from the dead grant you grace. May the Son who gave his life for you give you peace, may the Spirit who is with you day by day, inspire you to greater service now and forever more.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING SONG

ELW # 367

NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS

THE SENDING

P: Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A: Go in peace. Praise the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! You are God's gift to us today. Please introduce yourself to the pastor and come worship with us again.

PLEASE NOTE: Our Sunday worship is live streamed on Facebook.

DRIVE-IN CHURCH - If you are joining us on Sunday in the parking lot please tune your radio to 90.3 FM.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Russell & Margaret Auxter, Wendell & Mary Widmer, and Les Widmer, by Marcella Widmer and family.

THE RADIO BROADCAST is given in celebration of Our Risen Lord, by Robert & Janet Dorr. **(Radio Broadcasts can be heard each Sunday morning at 9:30 am on Eagle 99.1. Anyone wishing to sponsor a radio broadcast [cost is \$72.50 and please make checks payable to BAS Broadcasting.], should contact the church office.)**

THIS WEEK AS YOU PRAY please remember: Ruth Auxter, Diane Berryman, Kristen Brown, Kathy Burmeister, William Damschroder, Cindy Delagrange, Peggy Dorr, Donna Garner, Ken Hirt, Kristen Lindsay, Debbie Porter, Duane Pump, Tim Rutherford, Julie Stawowy, Jan Serwin, Melissa Toker, and Connie Wasserman.

HOSPITAL VISITS! If you, or a member of your family, are in the hospital, please call the church office and let us know.

HEARING DEVICES are available at the Usher station at the back of the Sanctuary. Please return after worship so that they can be charged and ready for the next service.

PRAYER LIST REQUESTS - If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer and would like to be added to our prayer list, please write their name on the back of our *Welcome Cards*. You are welcome to indicate what prayers are needed, i.e. “has an upcoming surgery” etc. Names submitted for our prayer list will remain on the list for four (4) weeks. Our goal is to keep the prayer list ever flowing and as up to date as possible.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday from 9 am to 4 pm and Friday from 9 am - 1 pm.

SUBMISSIONS FOR OUR ANNOUNCEMENTS AND NEWSLETTER should be sent to Tricia in the office at dabrunztricia@yahoo.com

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE NOISY OFFERING will be received this weekend at both services. The noisy offering collected this weekend will be given to Habitat for Humanity to help build ramps for those in need.

BRIDGE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION will take place next weekend at both services. They need the following items: cereal, canned meats, rice, dried pinto beans, cans of tomato sauce, pasta, paper towels, cleaning supplies and diapers. These items may be placed in the shopping carts located in the Narthex and at the Baker Street entrances. You may also take your gifts directly to the Bridge of Hope Food Pantry at Hayes Memorial UMC, 1441 Fangboner Rd., Fremont. Thank you for your help.

LISTENING WITH A SECOND EAR WITH PR. BAILEY will meet following worship on *April 12*. Everyone is welcome to gather in the front pews for conversation, dreaming, and growing together as people of God.

SERVING IN WORSHIP	
ACOLYTE	Kelsey Wagner
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GREETERS: BAKER STREET	Dan & Carol Polter
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Notes for worship: The "Litany for Easter" was written by Rev. Clayton J. Bailey

The "Benediction" was written by Rev. Margaret Whyte and posted on re-worship.blogspot.com



Easter Lilies

1 – Given in loving memory of Peg Smith, by Annette, Derek, Mark, Kaityln, Brenden, and Bill.

1 – Given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Gary Nossaman, by his wife Mary and their family.

2 – Given in loving memory of our parents, Arnold & Lyla Avers and Donald & Helen Harris, by Jan Harris.

2 – Given to the glory of God and in memory of deceased loved one, by Ronald & Cecilia Boucher.

1 – Given in remembrance of our beloved son, Steve Swope, by Bob & Janet Dorr.

1 – Given in loving memory of parents, Fred & Martha Fisher, Ken & Maxine Perry, and sister Clara Kistler, by Carl & JoAnn Fisher.

1 – Given as a gift to the congregation.

1 – Given celebrating the promise of Easter and in memory of our family, by Jeff & Peggy Kiser.

1 – Given in loving memory of Ben Pelphrey, by Pam Pelphrey.

1 – Given in loving memory of Walter & Gwen Rafferty, by Pam Pelphrey.

A decorative border of yellow lilies with green leaves frames the text on the left and right sides of the page.

1 - Given in loving memory of Sharon Zilles,
by Dick Zilles.

1 - Given in loving memory of Paige Russell, by
her family.

1 - Given in honor of our great-grandchildren,
Bodie Amor, Auroa Donahue and Lucy Jo Radon,
by Bill & Tanya Schling.

1 - Given in loving memory of Larry Beck, by
Linda Beck and family.

1 - Given in honor of the ministry we share
together at Grace, by Pastor and Wendy Bailey.

1 - Given in honor of our family, Andrew, John
and Haley, by Pastor and Wendy Bailey.

2 - Given in loving memory of Doris & Joe Michles,
by their family.

1 - Given in loving memory of Judy “Nana” Rollins
and Jodie Rollins, our loving Nana and aunt who
are dearly missed, by Cornelia Star.

1 - Given in honor of Melissa Toker who is fighting
cancer to stay with her family.

Thank you to everyone that helped to make our
worship space beautiful for Easter!



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THIS WEEK AT GRACE April 5 - 12, 2026

Today **EASTER /NOISY OFFERING/
BRIDGE OF HOPE COLLECTION**

8:00 - Easter Breakfast - Dining Room

9:00 - Worship/Communion

Monday **OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday - - - -

Wednesday 6:00 - Youth Committee Meeting

Thursday 11:30 - Soup Kitchen

Friday - - - - -

Saturday 4:00 - Worship/Communion

Sunday 9:00 - Worship/Communion/Kids Zone

10:15 - Confirmation

10:15 - Listening with a 2nd

Ear with Pr. Bailey

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE: 153

Called to Present the Light of Christ!