

Welcome to Pilgrim Lutheran Church

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Easter Sunday

April 4, 2021

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God,
Who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

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.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are 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.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

GATHERING HYMN~~Jesus Christ is Risen Today~~ELW #365

Je-sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our tri-um-phant ho-ly day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once up-on the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suf-fer to re-deem our loss. Al-le-lu-ia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Un-to Christ, our heav'n-ly king, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who en-dured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sin-ners to re-deem and save. Al-le-lu-ia!

But the pains which he en-dured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our sal-va-tion have pro-cured; Al-le-lu-ia!
Now a-bove the sky he's king, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the an-gels ev-er sing. Al-le-lu-ia!

Sing we to our God a-bove, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise e-ter-nal as his love; Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'n-ly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. Al-le-lu-ia!

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THE GREETING

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed, alleluia

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.

KYRIE

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

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.

Lord, have mercy

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

Lord have mercy

Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength,

and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 everyday 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.

Amen.

READINGS

A reading from Isaiah 25:6-9

**⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,**

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.
⁷ **And he will destroy on this mountain**
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
⁸ **he will swallow up death for ever.**
Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ **It will be said on that day,**
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Let us read Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 responsively

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures for ever!

² **Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures for ever.'**

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ **There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:**
'The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.'

¹⁷ **I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.

¹⁹ **Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give**
thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ **I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

²² The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³ **This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.**

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.:

A reading from 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should 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.

³ 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. ⁴ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁵ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁶ Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁷ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ⁸ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards 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. ⁹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel according *Mark 16:1-8* Glory to you O Lord

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, 'Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?' ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But 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. ⁷But 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.' ⁸So 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.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day~~Thine Is The Glory~~ELW #376

Thine is the glo-ry, ri-sen, con-qu'ring Son;
End-less is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
An-gels in bright rai-ment rolled the stone a-way,
Kept the fold-ed grave-clothes where thy bo-dy lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-qu'ring Son;
end-less is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

an-gels in the sky lok down sad and won-d'ring
eyes to see the ap-proach-ing sac-ri-fice.

Lo, Je-sus meets thee, ri-sen,from the tomb!
Lov-ing-ly he greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom;
Let his church with glad-ness hymns of tri-umph sing,
For the Lord now liv-eth; Death hath lost its sting!

Refrain

Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-qu'ring Son;
end-less is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!
No more we doubt thee, glo-rious Prince of life;
Life is naught with-out thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than con-qu'rors
 through thy death-less love;
Bring us safe through Jor-dan to thy home above.

Refrain

Thine is the glo-ry, ris-en, con-qu'ring Son;
end-less is the vic-t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

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APOSTLE'S CREED

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

**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.**

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Hear us O God
Your mercy is great.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERATORY HYMN

**We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
we are an offering. Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands, Lord use our lives, they are
yours: We are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that hope to be, we give
to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:
We are an offering, we an offering.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**God of love,
you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING~~ELW pg 152

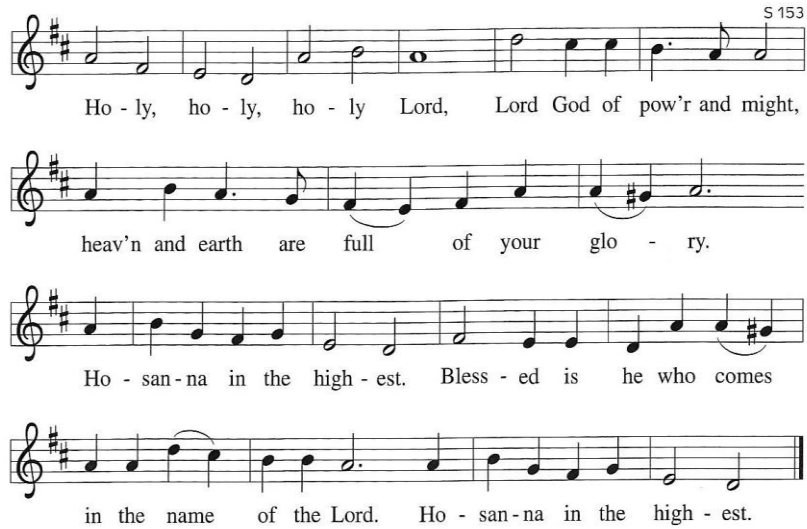
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

... We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Hymn of Thanksgiving



S 153

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
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.

WORDS OF INSITUATION

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.**

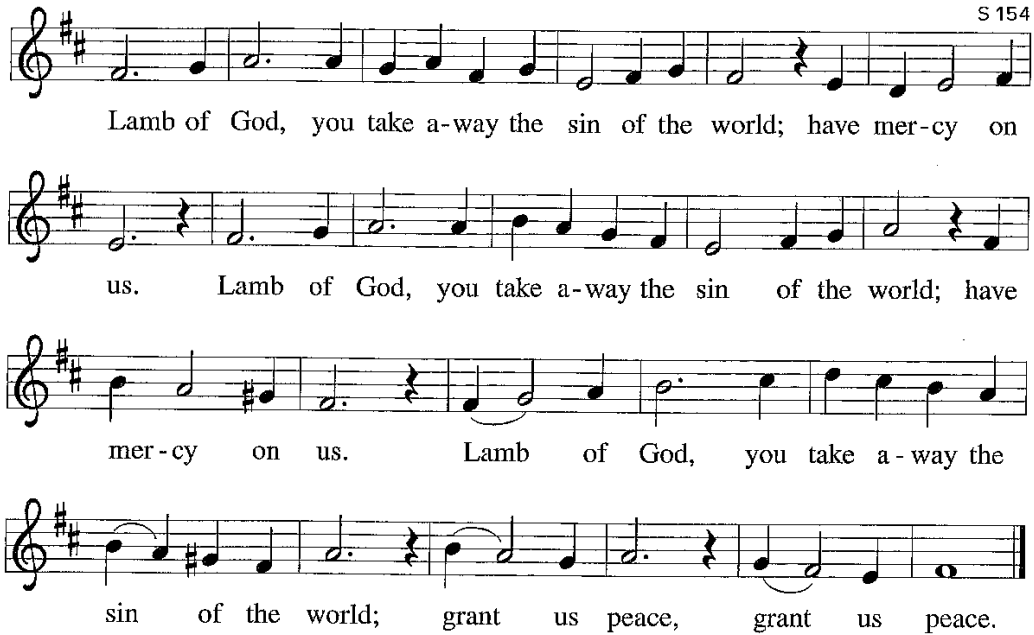
**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever.**

Amen

Communion

The assembly may be seated. Music may accompany the communion, and may begin with:

S 154



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.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that through your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION HYMN~~ ~~ELW #207

207 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

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BENEDICTION

May the Lord Bless you and keep you
May the Lord make his face to shine upon you
May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN~~Alleluia, Jesus is Risen~~ELW #385

Al-le-lu-ia! Jesus is Ris-en!

Trum-pets re-sounding in glo-ri-ous light!

Splen-dor, the Lamb, heav-en for-ev-er!

Oh, What a mir-a-cle God has in sight!

Refrain:

Je-sus is ris-en and we shall a-rise.

Give God the Glo-ry ! Al-le-lu-ia!

**Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen-ter
Tell-ing the sto-ry to o-pen our eyes;
Break-ing our bread, giv-ing us glo-ry:
Je-sus our bless-ing, our con-stant sur-prise.**

Refrain:

**Je-sus is ris-en and we shall a-rise.
Give God the Glo-ry ! Al-le-l-uia!**

**Je-sus the vine, we are the branch-es;
Life in the Spir-it the fruit of the tree;
Heav-en to earth, Christ to the peo-ple,
Gift of the fu-ture now flow-ing to me.**

Refrain:

**Je-sus is ris-en and we shall a-rise.
Give God the Glo-ry ! Al-le-lu-ia!**

**Weep-ing be gone; sor-row, be silent:
Death put a-sun-der, and Eas-ter is bright.
Cher-u-bim sing: O grave, be o-pen!
Clothe us in won-der, a-dorn us in light.**

Refrain:

**Je-sus is ris-en and we shall a-rise.
Give God the Glo-ry ! Al-le-lu-ia!**

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THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed!

Go in peace. Share the Good News. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God.

Lectionary Readings for Next Sunday

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19-31

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