



Encourage One Another

There is real power in the Word of God. Paul says, "I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone..."

The "He Is Risen" Mural

The giant mural hanging behind the altar is a reflection of our community at Easter. It is a composite of twelve 3'x5' canvas panels that were hand painted by hundreds of people during the five weeks of Lent 2019.

One team mapped out the paint-by-number image, another team built the canvases, another team managed the painting process, and tons of people had lots of fun painting and visiting with each other. This is a glimpse of how God works.

God has a vision for the world, to work together in loving harmony, but we have to actually pick up the paint brush of God's love and do our part to make it work.

Today's Cantor:
Duane Horn

As Jesus did,
we welcome children
of all ages as integral members
of the body of Christ, and
we welcome the sounds and activity
that accompany them!

Thank you
Parents/Grandparents
for bringing your children
to worship!

Welcome!

Dawn is not an event, rather it is a process: dawning. With the growing light, more clarity and deeper understanding of this new day take shape. Since Easter morning there has been a new day dawning. You are witnessing something new taking shape.

For families of children 5 and under, you are invited to find a Spark Box outside the worship space for your child to play. More wiggles? The nursery is available for 3 and under.

Welcome to worship at Easter Lutheran Church this morning! All are welcome here. Thank you for joining us today. You are also invited to take an Announcements sheet here at Easter, or visit easter.org for events & activities (Announcement sheets are posted weekly under Events & News).



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May 19, 2019
8:30 & 10 a.m.

Easter Lutheran Church

"to grow in faith and carry on the work of Jesus Christ"

Prelude: "Prelude in D Major" - J.S. Bach

Mary Kotrba, piano

Greetings and Announcements

Gathering

Confession and Forgiveness

Pastor: Christ is risen!

Congregation: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.

P: Since Easter morning, a new day has been dawning: a day of life and light unending. Together, let us walk boldly into this healing light.

(Silent moment for meditation.)

P: God of wonder and grace,

C: we need the dawning of your new day. You offer us light and we still find ourselves stuck in shadowy tombs. You offer us life and we squander away our minutes. We think mostly of ourselves. We hurt one another. We spoil the earth. Make us alive in you, O God. Forgive us. Shine your light on us, that we will remember this new day dawning. Amen.

P: Do not be afraid. This new day dawning is God's continual promise of life and life abundant. The resurrected Christ restores our light, banishes hate, grows peace, and brings us hope. You are forgiven. A new day is dawning.

C: Amen

The Sharing of the Peace is a way of demonstrating hospitality and grace with others. Please understand if some people choose not to shake hands while sharing the Peace for health reasons, but simply greet you with a smile.

The Holy Spirit gathers us in unity on the first day of the week, the day of Christ's resurrection

Sharing of the Peace

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Gathering Hymn: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Hymnal #834

All hymns can be found in the red book under the chairs

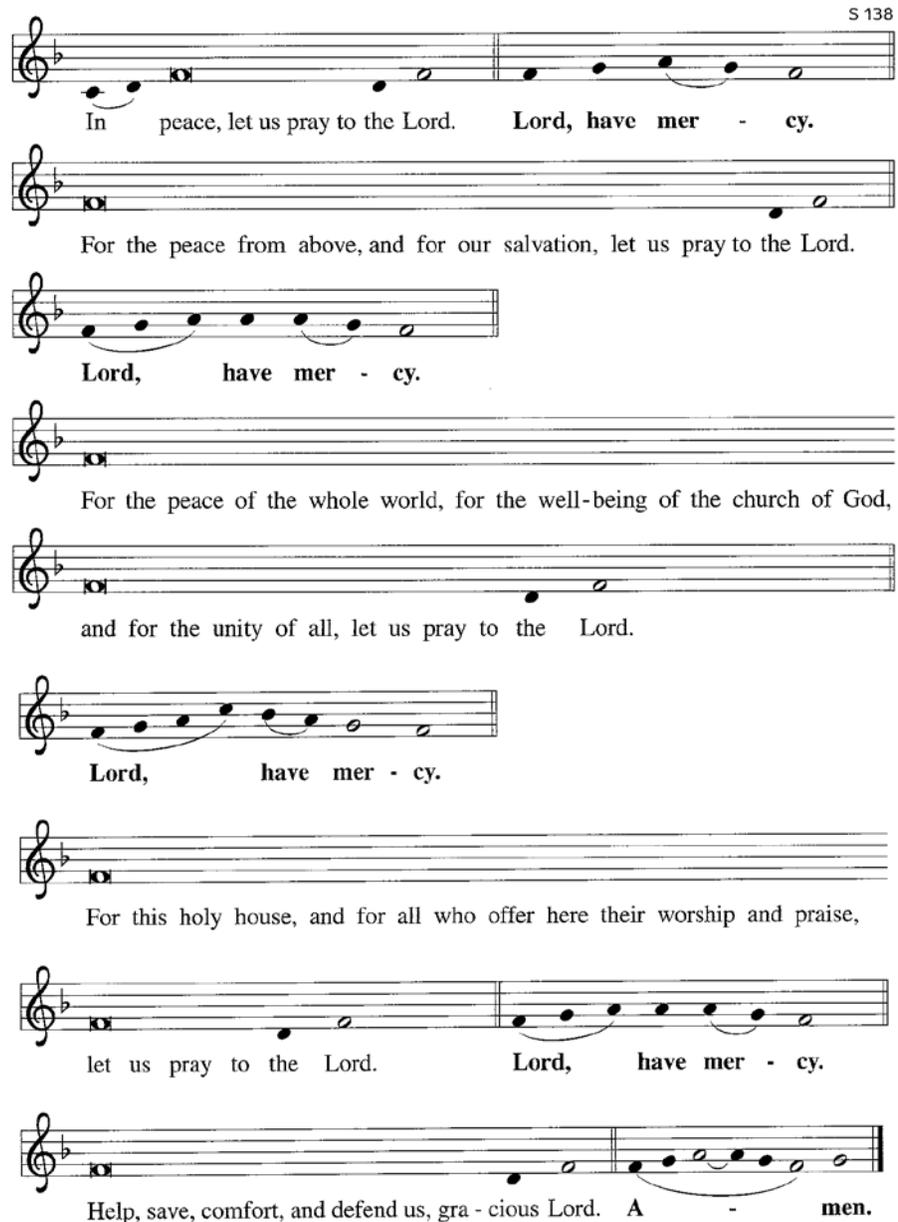
Greeting:

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

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Kyrie

S 138



In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

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

Lord, have mer - cy.

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 mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Refrain S 140



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 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, al - le - lu - ia. 3 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.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

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Canticle of Praise:

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slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

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

Prayer of the Day

Risen Lord, your new day is dawning! Plant your Word in our hearts like wildflower seeds. May we become like unruly gardens; growing wild grace, love, and peace. We want to live boldly and faithfully. You are the hope of the world, Amen.

Anthem: *“Take My Hand, Precious Lord”* - arr. Lojeski

Easter Choir

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

Word

Children’s Message

Lesson: Romans 1: 8-17 (NRSV)

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world. For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers, asking that by God’s will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you. For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles. I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish —hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

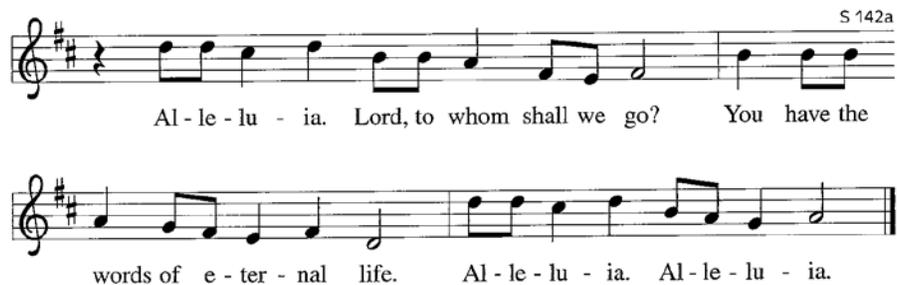
For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, “The one who is righteous will live by faith.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation:

S 142a



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

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

Gospel: Matthew 9: 10-13 (NRSV)

And as Jesus sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Angela Denker

Hymn of the Day: *“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”*

Hymnal #767

“Father” is a specific and accessible image of God that Jesus gave us. Jesus did not limit God to this image. References to God as Creator, Parent, Mother, Counselor can be equally as helpful and valid.

Another translation of ‘catholic church’ is ‘church universal’

The offering is an act of worship. We give ourselves, our time and resources as a symbol of our love and appreciation for God’s grace, and our investment in God’s work through this church.

Text-to-Give

Simply send a text message to **651-419-3775** with the amount you would like to contribute (example: 25). Within a few minutes, you’ll be sent a text with a link to register. We hope you enjoy this new way to share your generosity, and thank you for supporting the ministries of Easter Lutheran Church.

Apostles’ 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 Intercession

Each prayer petition will conclude:

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: **Hear our prayer.**

Meal

Offering of Gifts

Offering Hymn: *“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”*

Hymnal #656

Presentation: *“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”*

Hymnal #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Offering Prayer

Our hearts are open to you, living God. You have designed the flowers to bloom and the rains to fall. The sun rises and sets, the seasons change at your direction. All you have made is good, and yet you bend your ear to us. We are grateful. Receive our hearts, our time, and our worship. Inspire us to be more, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

S 144a

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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first measure. The third and fourth staves are continuous.

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 Pascal 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 Magdeline 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

S 144b

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

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All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to come forward for a blessing. Children who have received instruction are welcome to commune.

Communion today is at the table.

Grape juice is available in the tray and gluten-free wafers are at the back of the sanctuary near the sound booth.

Words of Institution

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.

Distribution

"Lamb of God"

S 146

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.

Did you pick up your Announcements?

The Announcements tell you what's going on at Easter in the coming weeks. They can be found at the doors to the sanctuary. Check it out!

Visit easter.org for details

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to grow in faith and
carry on the work
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"Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast"

Hymnal #516

"United at the Table"

Hymnal #498

Prayer after Communion

Sending

Blessing

Sending Song: "May the Road Rise Up to Meet You" - Kornelis

Easter Choir

Dismissal

Postlude: "Fantasy No. 1" - C. Kotrba

Calvin Kotrba, piano