


THIRD WEEKEND OF EASTER
APRIL 18 & 19, 2026
5:00PM – 8:00AM – 9:15AM



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your
own
cross
and
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me

LUKE 14:25-33

PRELUDE

“Prelude on *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*”

William Faulkes

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W E L C O M E

we're glad you're here

GATHERING HYMN "Let the Whole Creation Cry"

Salzburg

Let the whole cre - a - tion cry,
Ser - vants striv - ing for the Lord,
Men and wom - en, young and old,

"Glo - ry to the Lord on high!"
proph - ets burn - ing with the word.
raise the an - them loud and bold.

Heav'n and earth, a - wake and sing,
Those to whom the arts be - long
And let chil - dren's hap - py hearts

"Praise to our al - might - y king!"
add their voic - es to the song.
in this wor - ship take their parts.

Praise God, an - gel hosts a - bove,
 Pow'rs of knowl - edge and of law,
 From the north to south - ern pole

ev - er bright and fair in love.
 to the glo - rious cir - cle draw.
 let the might - y cho - rus roll:

Sun and moon, lift up your voice;
 All who work and all who wait,
 "Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly One;

night and stars, in God re - joice.
 sing, "The Lord is good and great!"
 glo - ry be to God a - lone!"

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit

Amen.

Let us pray.

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 for reflection and self-examination ~

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on us the Holy Spirit.

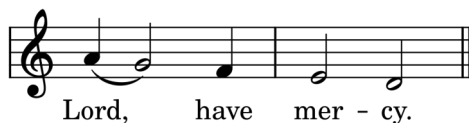
Amen.

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.

KYRIE & THIS IS THE FEAST

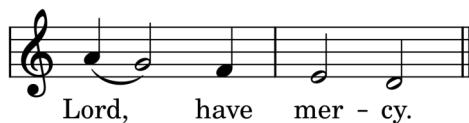
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



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



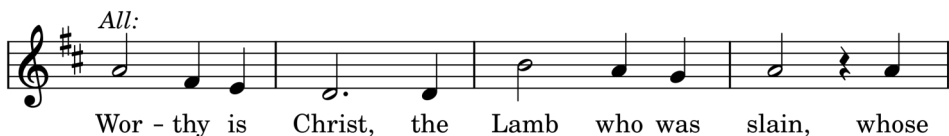
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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



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



bless-ing and glo-ry are his. This is the feast of
 vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia. Sing with
 all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of
 all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and
 might be to God and the Lamb for - ev-er. A - men.
 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.

SALUTATION

Leader: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al - so with you.

**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.**

KIDS' TIME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Congregation stands

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

The first line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a whole rest, followed by a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a half note F5, and a quarter note G5. The time signature changes to 2/4 for the next two measures: a half note G4 and a quarter note A4. The time signature returns to 4/4 for the final measure, which contains a whole note G4.

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

The second line of musical notation is on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a quarter note G5. This is followed by a quarter rest, a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a half note B4, and a whole note C5.

The Gospel is announced, then the congregation responds:

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

The musical notation is on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a whole note G4.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

(*pew Bible pg. 749*)

Following the reading of the Gospel:

Praise to you, O Christ.

The musical notation is on a treble clef staff in 4/4 time. It starts with a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a half note D5, a quarter note E5, a quarter note F5, and a whole note G4.



Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy,
 Christ is a - ble to make us one,
 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out



reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
 at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
 bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured,
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless,
 gives us love to tell, bread to share:



Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
 love in word and in deed ex - press.
 God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

Refrain sung 2x



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain,



pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

OFFERING (SAT.)

“Be Still, My Soul”

Patti Drennan

OFFERING (SUN.)

“We Live By Faith”

Pepper Choplin

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Lamb of God”

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.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER AND BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Before You, Lord, We Bow"

Darwall

Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our
May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, each
Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your

God who reigns a - bove and rules the world be -
vile and for - est green, shine forth in wis - dom's
great re - deem - er own. Be - lieve, o - bey, re -

low with bound - less pow'r and love.
light, and its rich fruits, be seen!
joy, and wor - ship God, a - lone.

Our thanks we bring in joy and praise,
May ev - 'ry tongue be tuned to praise
Cast down your pride, your sin de - plore,

our hearts we raise, to you we sing!
and join to raise a grate - ful song.
and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.

POSTLUDE

"Postlude on *The Doxology*"

David N. Johnson

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Deb, Greg, Barb Lucas in memory of Patricia Ellen Lucas Stoddard,
whose laughter and artistic talents she brought to the world will be dearly missed.

Worship Musicians

Jennifer Sheldon, vocalist
Sanctuary Choir (Sun.)
Curt Sellers, oboe (Sun.)

Lay Readers

5:00 pm Gary H. Smith
8:00 am Paul Petzke
9:15 am Linda Mueller
10:30 am Harlan Loffman

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Knopf

Give an Offering



Offertory lyrics

*We see things that are not yet there,
but in our hopes and dreams.*

*Then watch them come through work
and prayer into reality.*

*We trust in power beyond this earth,
a pow'r we cannot prove.*

*But still we stand amazed at all
the pow'r of God can do.*

*We live by faith and not by sight,
through brightest days,
through darkest nights.*

*For in our hearts there shines a light,
the glorious light of Christ.*

*It was God who said,
"Let there be light,"*

*when the world was void and dark.
And so it is God's own design
for light to fill our hearts.*

*One final day, we'll close our eyes
when our work on earth is done.*

*We'll see the light beyond the skies
shining brighter than the sun.*

*We'll cast off faith,
to trust beyond our sight.*

*For there is fullness in totality.
We'll see the throne of Christ.*

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