

Second Sunday of Easter

April 27, 2025

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota



Holy Communion

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

I Will Be a Child of Peace
Minnesota Boychoir Allegro
Mark Johnson, director; Todd Price, pianist

arr. Elaine Hagenberg

Entrance Hymn

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

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Stand and turn to face the cross at the back of the church.

All are welcome in the many ways we inhabit bodies, minds, and spirits. Throughout the liturgy, the assembly is encouraged to participate as needed in gesture, posture, and movement. Children are, of course, invited to be children, bringing their own joy, sound, and movement to worship.

Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The grace and peace of Jesus Christ, who was raised from the dead, be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

All



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



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



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



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

Prayer of the Day

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Let the Children Come

Word

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

First Lesson

Revelation 1:4-8

The book of Revelation recounts a mystical vision of the risen Christ experienced by a Christian prophet named John. Here he describes Christ as a timeless redeemer, the beginning, present, and end of all time.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail
So it is to be. Amen.

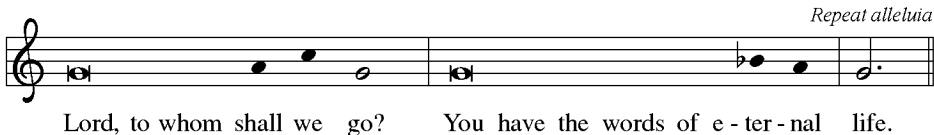
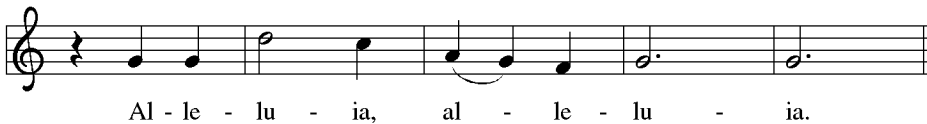
⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Stand.



Gospel

John 20:19-31

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who "have not seen and yet believe."

After the Gospel is announced the assembly responds: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹ When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.

³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

After the Gospel has been read the assembly responds: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Sit.

Hymn of the Day

We Walk by Faith

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Stand.

Affirmation of Baptism

Introduction

Presentation

8:15 a.m.

Madeline Bowring

Siri David

Ephraim Eckert

Edward Farwell

Avery Karl

Will Martin

Alice Rapacz

Leo Robole

Leah Sherwood

Grace Wright

10:45 a.m.

Susanna Beaton

Toby Cherry

Wyatt Deimel

Nathan Masuda

Soren Mechelke

Charlotte Russell

Nora Schneider

Prayer

Merciful God,

we thank you for these siblings,

whom you have made your own

by water and the Word in baptism.

You have called them to yourself,

enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit,

and nourished them in the community of faith.

Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism,

and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth.

We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

People of God,
do you promise to support these siblings
and pray for them in their life in Christ?
We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Laying on of Hands

During the hymn, the families, mentors, and sponsors of the confirmands will assemble for the laying on of hands. The pastors lay hands on the head of each person and pray.

God of Love, for Jesus' sake, stir up in __name__ the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life. Amen.

Hymn	<i>Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am</i>	814
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Hymn	<i>Come and Fill Our Hearts</i>	528
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Acclamation

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.
We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.

Prayers of Intercession

*The assembly responds to each prayer petition, God of grace: **Hear our prayer.***

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Peace

The assembly may greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.

We practice living a life that offers its hand in healing peace. People may say, "Peace be with you," as well as shake hands, or place two hands together over the heart, or bow, or by sitting and praying for peace. We recognize that the people of God carry different stories about touch, medical risk, or mental and physical vulnerability. This one, holy body has many gestures. Take care of one another.

Offering

Soon We Will Be Done

African American spiritual
Arr. Kyle Pederson

Minnesota Boychoir Allegro

Sit.

The offering is an act of worship, responding with our gifts of talent, time, and money in thanksgiving for God's love made known in Christ. All have gifts that build up the body of Christ. Passing the plate is a sign of sharing in ministry together. The green papers in the bulletin are a way of participating if you give electronically.

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Setting the Table

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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The assembly sings stanzas 1 and 2 as gifts of bread, wine, and money are brought forward.



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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.

Holy, living, and loving God,
we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.

We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood,
for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery,
and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

We give you thanks for Jesus
who, living among us,
healed the sick,
fed the hungry,
and with a love stronger than death,
gave his life for others.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup:
carry us in your arms from death to life,
that we may live as your chosen ones,
clothed in the righteousness of Christ.

Through Christ all glory and honor is yours,
Holy One, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy church,
both now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Mother,
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The risen Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread.
Holy things for holy people.

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sit.

Communion

Lutherans trust that the love of Christ is truly present in the bread and wine of holy communion. Welcome.

To receive communion:

Receive a cup from the usher.

Come first to the bread station. If you need gluten free bread, please tell the server.

Receive the wine from the silver chalice or juice from the pottery chalice.

Place the cup in the basket and return to your seat.

If you are unable to come forward to for communion, please inform an usher. Communion may be brought to your seat.

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.

Hymn *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters* 445

Choir *Prayer of St. Francis* Todd Price
Minnesota Boychoir

Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises* 379

Prayer after Communion
Stand.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

Sending Hymn *The Risen Christ* 390
The assembly faces the cross as it is sent into the world.

Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

One Song At a Time
Minnesota Boychoir

Darla Eshelman

Worship Leaders

Thank you to all those who serve today.

If you would like to participate in worship leadership, speak with any of the pastors.

	8:15 a.m.	10:45 a.m.
Presiding Minister	Bradley E. Schmeling	Bradley E. Schmeling
Preaching Minister	Deacon Ashley Greenwood	Deacon Ashley Greenwood
Assisting Minister	Jon Anderson	Larry Nelson
Lector	Stephanie McCleery	Kate Ostrem
Communion Assistants	Annetta Gardner, Sintayehu Hanson, Sarah Henrich, Gregg Micholic, Cheryl Stever, Brady Yehlen	Mark Christianson, Sharon Ingersoll Dunbar, Michael Ostrem, Charlie Ronneberg, Madelyn Ronneberg, Hazel Thrasher
Acolytes	Ruby Peterson (crucifer), Lucie Giambelluca	Isaiah Hanno (crucifer), Maija Kain-Malmberg
Ushers	Frank Stever, Beverly Dretzke, Roy Satre, Cara Sjodin, Scott Stensrud	Marc Isaacson, Carole Arwidson, Rob Hauser, Reese Ronneberg, Charlotte Stevenson
Sacristan	Mark Bergaas	Mark Bergaas
Altar Preparation	Jill Stewart, Barb Veath	Charlie Knutson, Liz Knutson
Livestream		Thor Carlson, Peter Ostrem,
Sound	John Teipel	Drew Stevenson
Alb Washing		Angela Gallant
Organ	Timothy Strand	Timothy Strand
Piano	Dennis Friesen-Carper	Dennis Friesen-Carper

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