



# ALLELUIA!

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, strength, and hon-or, 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, hon - or,  
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er.  
This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, Al-le-lu -  
ia. For the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al-le -  
lu-ia, al - le - lu - ia! This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our  
God, Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - - - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☞ ... one God, now and forever.
- ☞ Amen.

## WORD

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

*Children are invited to come forward; parents are welcome to come with their children.*

### FIRST READING *The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus* Acts 5:27-32

When they had brought the apostles, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup>saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup>But

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

*Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.*

*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.*

*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."*



Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup>The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup>God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup>And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God, Word of life.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Salvation Is Created"

*Pavel Tschesnokoff*

### SECOND READING

Revelation 1:4-8

*Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, is coming*

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, <sup>5</sup>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, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>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.

<sup>8</sup>"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.

**AI** Thanks be to God.

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"I Will Praise Thee, O Lord"

*Knut Nystedt*

### GOSPEL

*Beholding the wounds of the risen Christ*

John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

**AI** Glory to you, O Lord.

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." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>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."

<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>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." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>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."

Alleluia. Christ is risen!  
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

ALLELUIA!

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>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.

The gospel of the Lord.

**AD** Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON**

“Signs of Life”

Pastor Kristen Jacobson

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

“We Walk by Faith”

(hymn) 635

stanzas 1 & 2 - all; 3 - men; 4 - women; 5 - all

**NICENE CREED**

**A** With the whole church, let us confess our Easter faith.

**AD** 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*after each petition:*

Lord in your mercy,

**AD** hear our prayer.

**P** Receive these our prayers, O God, and give us all that we need for this day and the days to come, for the sake of the crucified and risen one, Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

**AD** Amen.

God feeds us  
with the presence  
of Jesus Christ



## MEAL

### PEACE

- P** The peace of our risen Lord be with you always.  
**All** **And also with you.**  
*The assembly is invited to share God's peace with one another.*

### GATHERING OF GIFTS

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. During this time, the table is set. After the offering is gathered, bread, wine, money, and other gifts are brought forward. The assembly stands as the procession reaches the chancel.*

*"How Can I Keep from Singing"*

*Z. Randall Stroope*

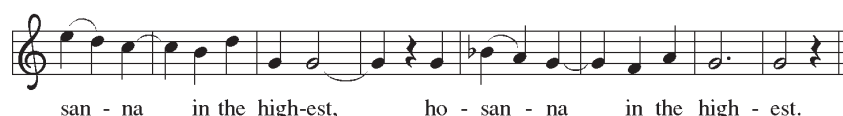
### Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray together.  
**All** **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**  
**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**  
**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**  
**give us glad and generous hearts,**  
**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**All** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.  
**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ... join their unending hymn:

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**





All are invited to receive these gifts of God.

Children are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.

Communion at this service is served standing by individual chalices. Please follow the direction of the ushers to a communion station.

Grape juice and gluten-free bread are available upon request.

God blesses and sends us in mission to the world

### Eucharistic Prayer

**P** ...we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



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

**P** ...now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

### Lord's Prayer (1975)

**AD** **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.**

### Breaking of the Bread and Invitation to the Table

#### Communion

#### Music during Communion

"Pater noster"

Jacob Handl

"Crossin' Ovah"

Richard Jackson

#### Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray.  
... through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AD** **Amen.**  
*silence for reflection*

## SENDING

### BLESSING

**P** May the risen Christ bring you all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope.

Almighty God,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**AD** **Amen.**

### RECESSIONAL HYMN

"This Joyful Eastertide"

(hymn) 391

### DISMISSAL

*Please face the processional cross for the dismissal.*

**A** Go in peace. Share the good news.

**AD** **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

# ALLELUIA!

*The carillon sends the assembly into mission.*

*Please gather for fellowship following worship in fellowship hall or south commons.*

*Brief sanctuary tours will be offered this morning following the postlude.*

## POSTLUDE

Fantasy on "Victimae paschali laudes"

*Dom Paul Benoit*

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## SERVING TODAY

Pastor D. Foy Christopherson	<i>presiding</i>
Pastor Kristen Jacobson	<i>preaching</i>
John Aasan	<i>assisting minister</i>
Mark Sedio	<i>cantor/organist</i>
Voce	<i>choir</i>
Andrew Last	<i>director</i>

Shirley Flachman	<i>reader, 8:30</i>
Brad Boogren	<i>crucifer, 8:30</i>
David Molvik	<i>sound operator, 8:30</i>

Allison Winblad	<i>reader, 11:00</i>
Rick Johnston	<i>crucifer, 11:00</i>
Mark Brodin	<i>sound operator, 11:00</i>

Dave Dahl	<i>radio announcer</i>
Richard Stegall	<i>sacristan</i>

Allison Winblad, Ann Oyen, Barb Hoernemann, Barb Brown, Barb Schommer, Pramila Nelson	<i>communion ministers</i>
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Bob & Millie Jung, Charles & Karla Moline, Shirley Flachman	<i>hosts and greeters</i>
Cheryl Erickson, Pat Forse	<i>docents</i>
Christopher Haug, Dave Nelson, Michael Wickman, Kris Stedje	<i>seasonal environment &amp; art</i>



*If you wish to donate chancel  
flowers contact Gloria Hahn at  
952-545-6109.*

**A special thank you to Voce**, under the direction of Andrew Last, for enriching our services with their musical offerings this morning. Voce was formed in 1998 after Regis and LaSalle High Schools (Cedar Rapids, Iowa) combined to form what is now Xavier High School. The 40-voice auditioned ensemble is comprised of students in grades 9-12 who audition each fall. Andrew Last is in his sixth year as Director of Choral Activities at Xavier High School. Last received his Bachelor of Arts in Music Education and Vocal Performance from Luther College and his Masters of Music in Choral Conducting from Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff.



## WELCOME!

**Everyone is welcome.** As a community of the people of God, the members of Central Lutheran Church are called to welcome all people regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ “there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male or female” (Galatians 3:28). Christ has made us one.

**Guests are welcome.** We are pleased you are worshipping with us today. We invite guests to complete the “Welcome to Central” card found in the pew racks and leave it with an usher or place it in the offering plate. If you would like more information about Central, please contact us at 612-870-4416, or email [info@centralmpls.org](mailto:info@centralmpls.org).

**Children are welcome** at all services. Worship bulletins for children and activity bags are available at Sanctuary entrances. If you would prefer to use Central’s nursery (available for children ages four and younger), you will find it up the steps from the information desk at the South Entrance (across from the fellowship hall). An usher or greeter will be glad to assist you.

**Welcome to the Lord’s Table.** All are welcome at the Lord’s Table. Please follow the guidance of the ushers and instructions in the order of service. During communion, ministers will bring bread and wine to persons in designated access seating areas. If you are not in a designated access seating area and desire to commune where you are seated, please notify an usher who will direct communion ministers to come and serve you. Communion may be received in one kind (only bread or only wine) from any station if wheat bread or alcohol presents a health concern. Gluten-free breads and alcohol-free wine are available by request at most liturgies from most communion stations.

**We envision** becoming a thriving, vibrant model of urban Lutheran ministry for the 21<sup>st</sup> century. This lofty vision requires us to ask each day if our goals for worship, learning, and service are clearly reaching a diverse neighborhood and city in language and action that reflect the world as well as our heritage.

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