

Resurrection of our Lord

April 20th, 2025



Gethsemane Lutheran Church

3600 Hampton ~ St. Louis, MO 63109

Worship God, welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

Welcome to worship! We're delighted you are here!



Gethsemane Lutheran Church is a *Reconciling in Christ* Congregation. **You are welcome here.**



We ask all members, guests, and visitors to please fill out the **attendance slip** in your worship folder and place it in the offering plate.



Please **silence** phones and other devices during the worship service. Sharing that you're at Gethsemane on social media is encouraged! "Check in" using hashtag: #glcstlCheckIn.



The presence, energy, and noise of **children** are always welcome in worship at Gethsemane. The sound of a child in worship is music to our ears. We welcome and encourage kids to move and play. Additional space to move and Wiggle Bags are located in the narthex entry area.



Postures are a way in which we engage the body in worship. These movements (sitting, standing, making the sign of the cross) are optional; please engage in them only as you are comfortable or able.



Holy Communion is offered to all who seek the presence of Christ. This is a welcome table.



Gethsemane Lutheran Church wishes to **acknowledge** and **honor** the Osage, Quapaw, Myaamia, Ojibwe, Šakówinj, Kaskaskia, and Kickapoo peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place—this land—and call it their home.

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ELW Holy Communion Setting Four

“The last enemy to be destroyed is death,” Paul writes. Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Christ is risen, and we have been set free from the bonds of death. Christ is risen, and we are forgiven. Christ is risen, and with the women at the tomb and Peter, we are amazed. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

GATHERING

PRELUDE: Bell Choir – *Now the Green Blade Riseth*

Arr. Kevin McChesney

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P: In the name of ✠ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: **make us one as you are one.**

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters

that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Hymn# 365

GREETING:

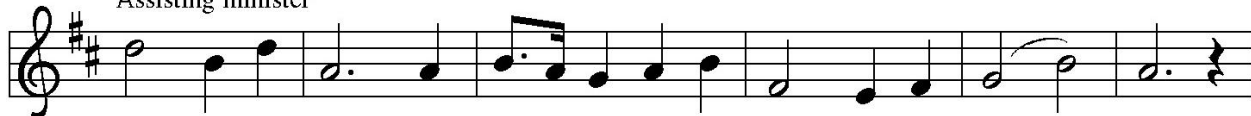
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE: *This is the Feast*

Refrain

Assisting minister

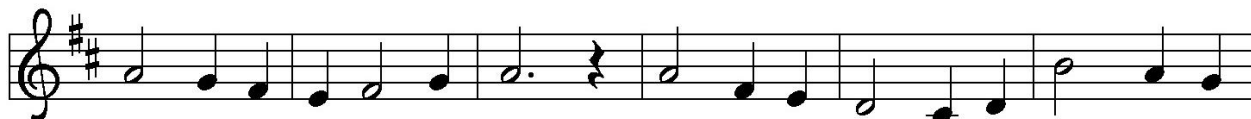


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

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.

Refrain



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.

Final refrain

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

AM: 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 every day 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

The congregation is seated.

WORD

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 10:34-43

Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, sums up the essential message of Christianity. Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: PSALM 118: 1-2, 14-24

The choir will lead the singing of the Psalm with the congregation singing the bolded lines.

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the ¹ LORD is good;

God's mercy en-¹dures forever.

²**Let Israel ¹ now declare,**

"God's mercy en-¹dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength ¹ and my song,

and has become ¹ my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents ¹ of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD ¹ is exalted!

The right hand of the ¹ LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not ¹ die, but live,**

and declare the works ¹ of the LORD.

¹⁸The LORD indeed pun-¹ished me sorely,

but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

²⁰“This is the gate | of the LORD;
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me
and you have become | my salvation.**

²²The stone that the build- | ers rejected
has become the chief | cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has | this been done;
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

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

THE SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:19-26

Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death. He celebrates the destruction of evil and the establishment of God's victorious rule over all.

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

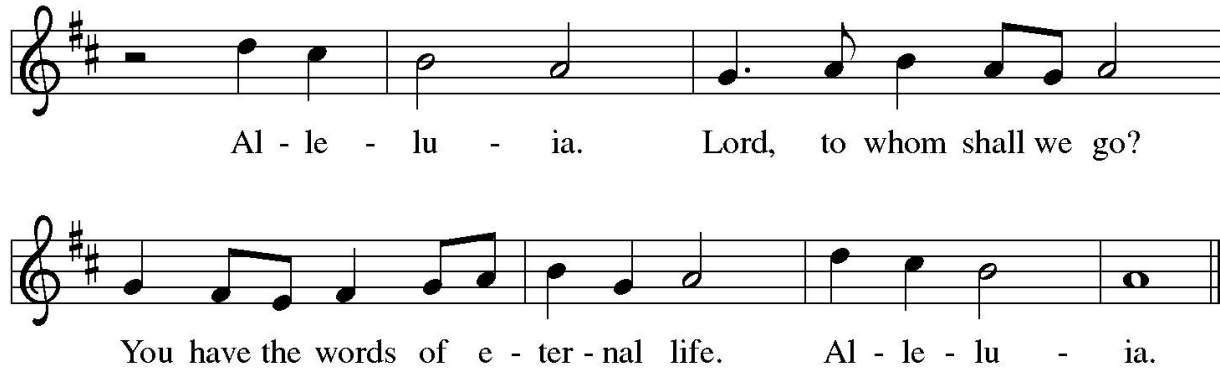
²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter:
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

Evidently expecting to find Jesus' corpse, some of the women among his followers go to the tomb with embalming spices. After a perplexing encounter with the empty tomb and angelic visitors, the women become the first to proclaim the amazing news of resurrection.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] went to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to the hands of sinners and be crucified and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The congregation is seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Day of Resurrection*

Hymn# 361

CONFESSION OF FAITH

P: Let us confess our faith using the words of Martin Luther, taken from the small catechism, the explanation of the second article of the Apostles' creed.

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father in eternity, and also a true human being, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned human being. He has purchased and freed me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. He has done all this in order that I may belong to him, live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in eternal righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

AM: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

AM: ...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

PEACE

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

P: Let us share a sign of peace with one another, using the words of the risen Lord:
Peace be with you.

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

The congregation is seated.

MEAL

OFFERING: *The Offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Christ is Arisen, Let Us Sing*

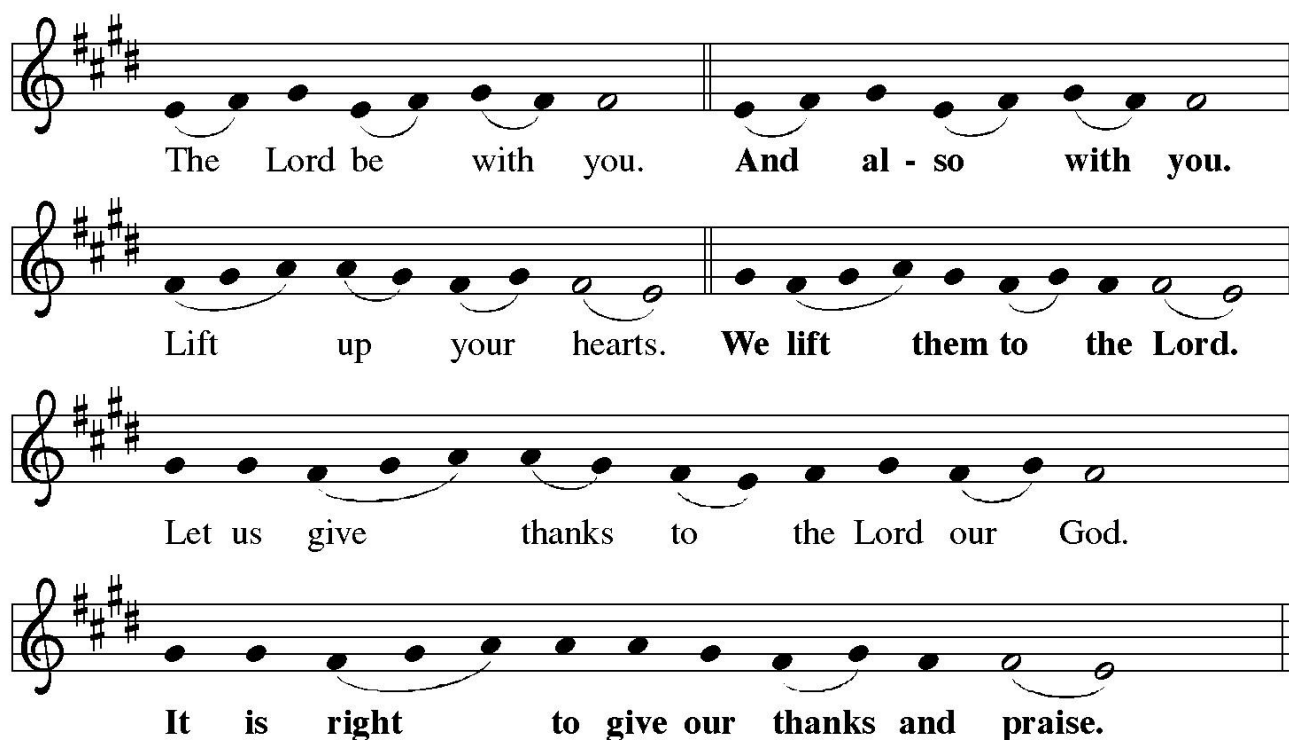
Kenneth T. Kosche

The congregation rises in body or spirit.

OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

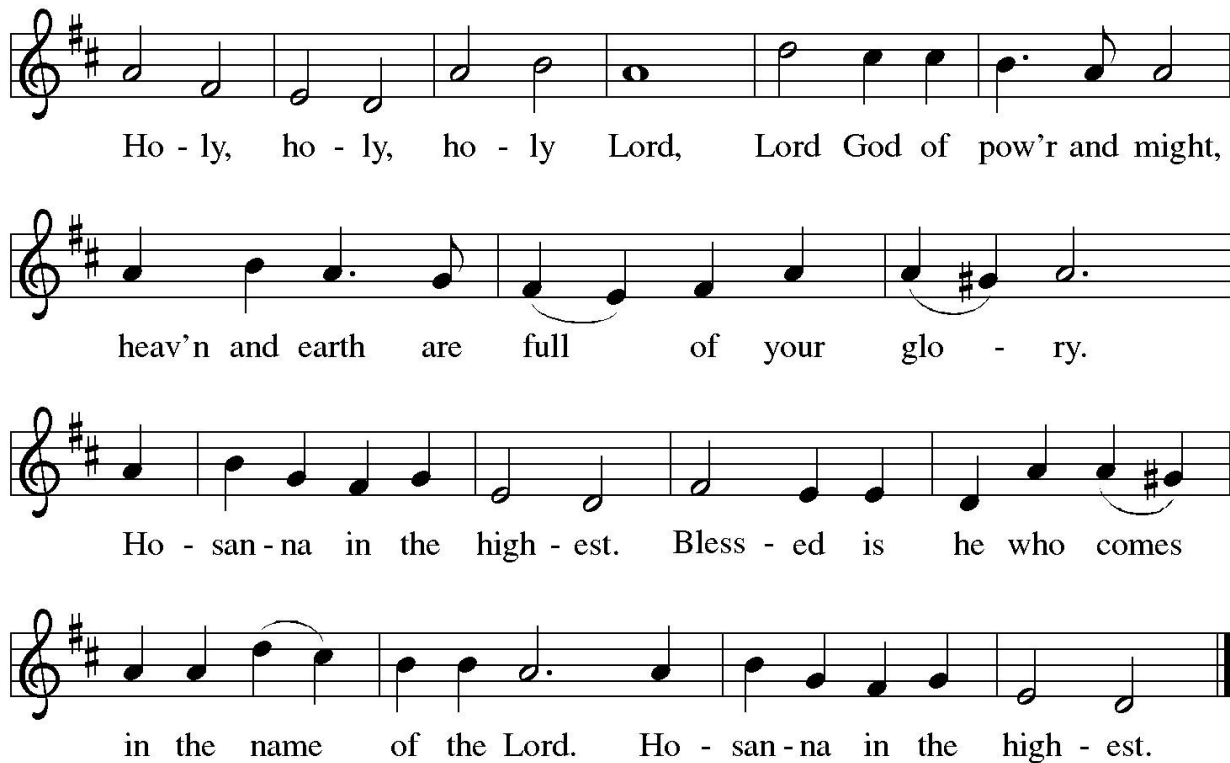
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

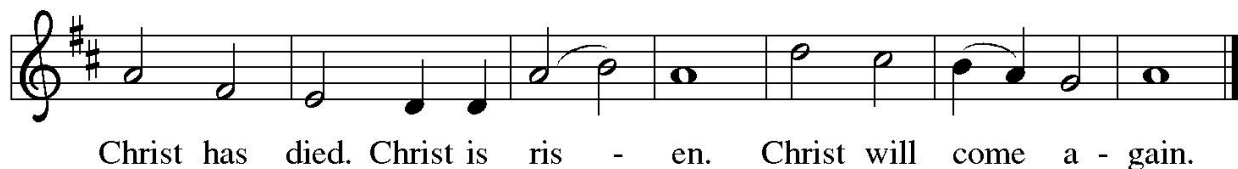
P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, 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.

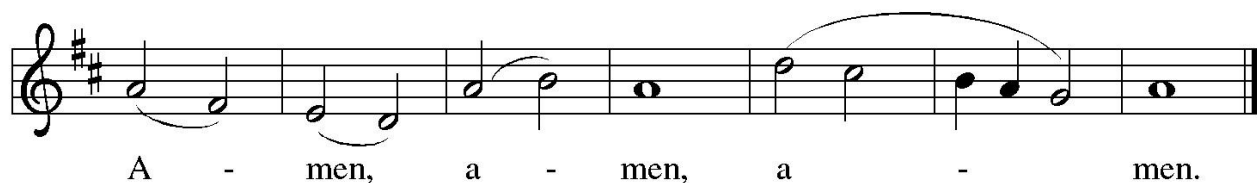
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you ...With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. ...we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AM: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

P: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

The congregation is seated.

All who seek the Lord are welcome at Christ's table to receive the gift of God's grace! Those not receiving the bread and wine are welcome to come for a blessing. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION:

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Thine is the Glory

Hymn# 376

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Hymn# 369

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Hymn# 860

The congregation may stand as they are comfortable.

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

AM: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.
Amen.

The congregation is seated.

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

After making this time to worship God, these are ways we welcome all to nurture a community of harmony, healing, and justice.

The congregation may stand as comfortable.

BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Hymn# 367

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

Arr. Hal Hopson

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WORSHIP LEADERS		
PRESIDER	Rev. Cheryl Walenta Gorvie	
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USHERS	Adam Rentchler	Nancy Luebke
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LECTOR	Garrett Finazzo	Steve Walentik
BRASS INSTRUMENTALISTS	Mike Schmidt, Kristen Tarsala, Megan Yemm, Mike Elliott, Linus Christian	
CHILDREN’S SERMON	Chris Schmidt	
ALTAR GUILD	Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton	
WINE	Available	
FELLOWSHIP HOST	Gethsemane Green Committee	

We invite all members, guests, and visitors to join us for Easter Breakfast (pastries and yogurt parfait buffet), coffee and/or fellowship between services in the Fellowship Hall downstairs. The Easter Breakfast is hosted by the Gethsemane Green Committee who are raising funds for wildlife elements for our lawn areas in order to meet Bring Conservation Home gold-level certification. Suggested donation is \$10/per person. No advance reservations needed. You do not need to participate in the breakfast or make a donation to enter the Fellowship Hall! All are welcome!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Barb Johnson: healing and strength

Jessica Freiburger: healthy pregnancy

Aria Thome': healing and peace

Marjorie Thome': healing

Tommy Lee: healing

Request for:	<i>On Behalf of:</i>
Pam M (healing)	<i>Jean Chouquette</i>
Tom (brother) find comfort and love as he navigates terminal cancer diagnoses	<i>Natalie Traylor Fontana</i>
Matt Spicer (terminal cancer)	<i>Pastor Cheryl</i>
Matt and Emily, Kaily and Blake (healthy pregnancies)	<i>Kohlberg Family</i>
Melissa and Fred - employment; Our Country, World and the City of St. Louis; Farmers of the World	<i>Cat Leonard</i>
The people of Gaza and the Occupied Territories of Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Ukraine, Sudan and Myanmar; Ginny Olson (healing and strength); Sister Marie Orf (healing and strength); Marcelle (successful treatment); Jojo (healing and courage); all impacted by disasters; for peace with justice in our world.	<i>Maryn Olson and Angie Fulton</i>
The Hoppe Family (continued health and love)	<i>Penny Family</i>
Maddix with his upcoming cleft palate surgery	<i>Richardson Family</i>
Please keep in your prayers all those fearful of their future and show them hope where things seem hopeless.	<i>Starr-Hunter Family</i>
Carol Eggers - restore health	<i>Unsicker Family</i>
Bless me with housing and a better environment	<i>Kimberly</i>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Easter egg hunts for children 5th grade and younger will take place between services. Please come to the fellowship hall between services and enjoy breakfast. Announcements will be made in the hall when the hunts are about to begin (approximately 15 minutes after the first service ends for PreK and younger, and 15 minutes later for Kg-5th graders) Instructions will be given to the children before the egg hunt begins. Parents are asked to accompany their children. If you have forgotten your Easter basket, we have baskets and bags for you to borrow.

Tree Planting! Meet in the South Lawn next Saturday, April 26 at 9 am to help plant and mulch our new baby trees and shrubs. The baby trees are here and can be seen in the “cellar hole” near the parking lot. The trees were awarded to us as part of Forest ReLeaf’s Project CommuniTree program. Bring a shovel and/or rake if you can. All ages are invited and encouraged to participate, or just bring a chair and watch. Snacks provided!

Usher and Associate Usher Training Please consider volunteering as an Usher or Associate Usher! Associate Usher is a NEW way for youth (age 11+) and adults to serve as Worship Leaders. They will help with offerings, communion, etc. but without all of the responsibilities of an Usher. A brief training for both roles will take place after the second service on Sunday, May 4. All new AND current ushers should plan to attend!

The **April Big Ask** is toilet paper and sanitary pads (not tampons per our partners’ request.) Please place donations for Big Ask items in the wooden cabinets near the shopping cart. Items placed **IN** the shopping cart go to our Free Food Pantry.

LuMin: Dinner and Jesus nights at LuMin are a wonderful way for college kids to feel like they have a space to pray and socialize while having a free meal! Gethsemane has one more time to host during the spring session. April 27th. Please consider providing food! The sign up and more information is on Gethsemane’s website.

Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held at Gethsemane on July 28-August 1, 9 am-5 pm with half day and full day options. Registration for volunteers and campers is on Gethsemane’s website. VBS is open to kids four-years-old through 5th grade, and volunteer opportunities are available for 6th graders to adults.



Thursday e-newsletter! Gethsemane uses Constant Contact to send the weekly e-news on Thursdays. If you would like to be included, please click this QR code to be added to the list. Also, be sure to check your spam or junk folders!

Gethsemane Lutheran Church Calendar
April 20 – April 27, 2025

Today, 4/20 Easter Sunday	8:30 am Between Services 11:00 am Noon-ish	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Fellowship and Easter Breakfast Easter Egg Hunts Worship Service Brief Choir Rehearsal after second service
4/21 Monday		No Bell Choir Rehearsal
4/22 Tuesday	All day 10 am	Earth Day! Bible Study
4/23 Wednesday	10:00 am	Staff Meeting (phones unanswered)
4/26 Saturday	9:00 am	Tree Planting in South Lawn!
4/27 Sunday	8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am 6:00 pm	Worship Service: In-Person and on YouTube Sunday School and Fellowship Worship Service Lumin Dinner No Choir Rehearsal

Upcoming Dates to Consider

Date	Time	Event
Monday, April 28	11:30 am	Women's Luncheon at Favazza's on Southwest. RSVP to Kathleen Moe
Sunday, May 4	9:45 am Noon (following worship)	*Last Day of Sunday School until Fall Current and New Usher/Associate Usher Meeting and Training.
Sunday, May 11	All Day	Mother's Day
Tuesday, May 13	6:30 pm	Council Meeting
Sunday, May 18	Between Services Noon (following worship)	Social Action Committee Meeting Worship and Music Committee Meeting
Sunday, May 25 th	9:30 am	Summer Single Services Begin

FLOWERS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given By:	Dedication:
Ken and Cheryl Bauer	In honor of our granddaughters Anna, Gracyn, Harper and Adeyn
DeVore Family	
Pastor Cheryl and Alfred Gorvie	The Communion of Saints
Kathleen and Carolyn Moe	To Randy and Christopher
Cayce Morice	
Rentchler Family	Our grandmothers, Glodeen Jennings and June Nickel, whom have joined the Lord during the last year.
Dell Roth	
Mary Scanlan	In memory of my son Gary and husband Bill
Debbie Schaller	
Dawn Schuessler	In thanksgiving for family
Brian, Lindsay and Brock Williams	In memory of Katy Arbuthnot

GIFTS GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Given By:	Dedication:
Denise Buehrer ²	In honor of my niece who was born on Easter 28 years ago
Natalie Traylor Fontana ²	In memory of Hannah Abigail
Beth Jung ⁵	In memory of Regina Jung
Elizabeth and Steven Penny ⁴	To honor all leaders of the church who welcome all, especially Rev. Cindy Ford Breed and Rev Dr. T. Edwards Breed
Carleen Reinhardt ³	
John Sandberg ²	In loving memory of Marge, Don, Jennifer, and Frank Sr.
Lois and Jack Wind ¹ Joan Williams ¹	In memory of Harold and Norma Schenck, Cletus and Elaine Wind, Jeffrey Williams and Family members who are no longer with us.

¹ Designated for Garden Fund

² Designated for Little Free Food Pantry

³ Designated for Project Peanut Butter

⁴ Designated for Project Sanctuary

⁵ Designated for African American Spiritual Reparations

COVER ARTWORK

Fill My Cup

by Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 24:1-12

Pen and ink on paper

For me, to not know Christ is to live a life thirsty for truth, meaning, understanding, and purpose. We search and search and it feels like we cannot find the thing that we were hoping for. It is not until we surrender and trust in faith that we are able to find peace. We must open the door of our hearts to allow the Holy Spirit to enter and to do the work. Many will see us and not believe that the peace we exude is real, looking at us with skeptical eyes. Many will come thirsty, wondering from whence cometh our help, and some will know, and they shall rejoice for we have seen the light. Our daily prayer is that God will have us thirst no more and fill our cup. —*Steve Prince*

Prompts for contemplation

- Look at the three women. What expressions do you see? How do their eyes, faces, and postures impact the mood of the image?
- Focus on the middle woman. What do you think the house in her body symbolizes?
- Notice the flow of energy and movement in the image. What direction does it seem to be moving in, and how does it impact the feeling or message of the artwork?
- What does the man's position in the image suggest about his role in the scene? How does he relate to the figures and the action surrounding him?



Steve Prince

Steve Prince (he/him) is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, and currently resides in Williamsburg, Virginia. He received his BFA from Xavier University of Louisiana and his MFA in Printmaking and Sculpture from Michigan State University. He is the Director of Engagement and Distinguished Artist in Residence at the Muscarelle Museum of Art at William and Mary University. Prince has shown his art internationally in various solo, group, and juried exhibitions.

Gethsemane is a Reconciling in Christ Congregation Affirmation of Welcome

Christ's welcome knows no boundaries! Therefore, our welcome knows no boundaries and we invite all people to full participation in the life of the congregation.

We at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Saint Louis embrace...

People of any race or ethnicity...

People who are male, female, transgender, intersex or any other gender identity...

People of any age...

People wherever they are, or wherever they have been, on their faith journeys...

People who are single, married, widowed, divorced, separated or partnered...

People who are gay, lesbian, straight, bisexual, or any other sexual orientation...

People with a variety of political perspectives...

People who have, or had, addictions, phobias, abortions, or a criminal record...

People who are homeowners, renters, living with parents, or homeless...

People who are fully-abled, disabled, or of differing abilities...

People of differing educational backgrounds...

People of any socio-economic condition...

People not mentioned above, all of whom are created and loved by God!

As we celebrate and seek to preserve the beautiful, amazing diversity of God's creation, we pledge to ourselves and to all others that we will strive to live as a reconciling people in our life together and in our outreach to the world. We are committed to being a radically loving and welcoming community of faith.

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