

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024



## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

The prophet is given a vision of what will happen for us, who believe in Christ's death and Resurrection.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

**C** Lord God, our Creator, You have been gracious to us since the beginning. But we frequently forget Your name, Your law, and Your promises. We have turned away from You in search of provision and purpose in earthly things. Still, out of love for us, You redeemed us from sin and death through Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Take away our guilt and shame, so that we may rejoice in Your salvation.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### HYMN

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here:           “Christ has tri - umphed!   Christ has tri - umphed!”  
 strife.        Christ has tri - umphed!   He is liv - ing!  
 say:           “Christ has tri - umphed!   He is liv - ing!”  
 God,           All the glo - ry,           nev - er end - ing!



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

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## GOSPEL READING

**Luke 24:1–12, 36–53**

## SERMON

## THE CORINTHIAN CREED

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*First Corinthians 15 records one of the earliest creeds or confessions of faith. Paul writes,*

- P** “I would remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you— unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that...
- C** **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.”**

*All of these aspects of our faith are essential: Christ’s death, burial, and resurrection, as well as His appearance to the disciples (and hundreds of others) to demonstrate the truth of God’s promises. Without the Resurrection, our faith would be meaningless. But Christ lives, and because He does, we can be confident that God’s promises to us in Christ have been fulfilled.*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### OFFERING

Festival Choir - "Resurrection Victory" by Lloyd Larson

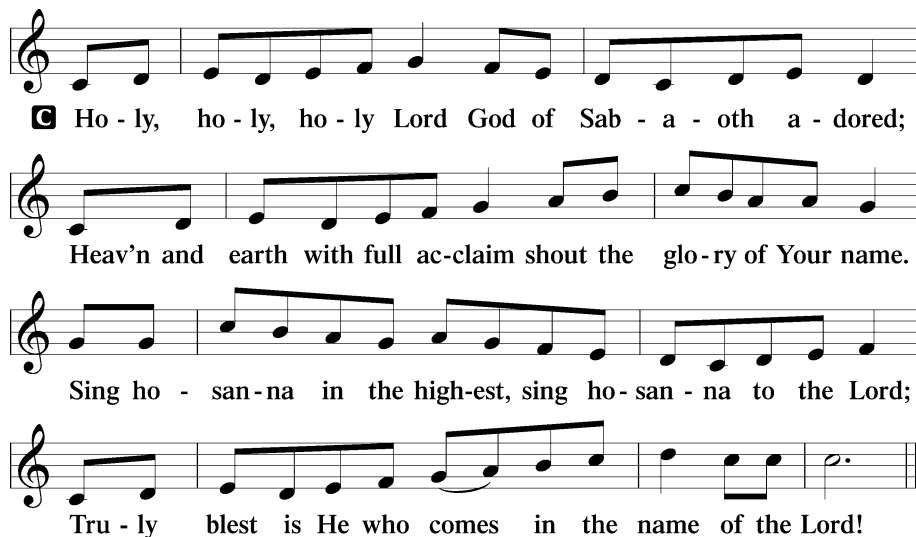
### THE LORD'S SUPPER

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1-3; Psalm 136:

- P** The Lord be with your spirit. God's Grace be with you all.
- C** Amen.
- P** You have been raised to new life in Christ, so seek the things that are above,
- C** where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.
- P** Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.
- C** For we have died to sin, and our life is now hidden with Christ in God.
- P** Thank you, Lord God, for the countless blessings ... forever praising You and saying:

### SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;  
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.  
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;  
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### THE PEACE OF THE LORD

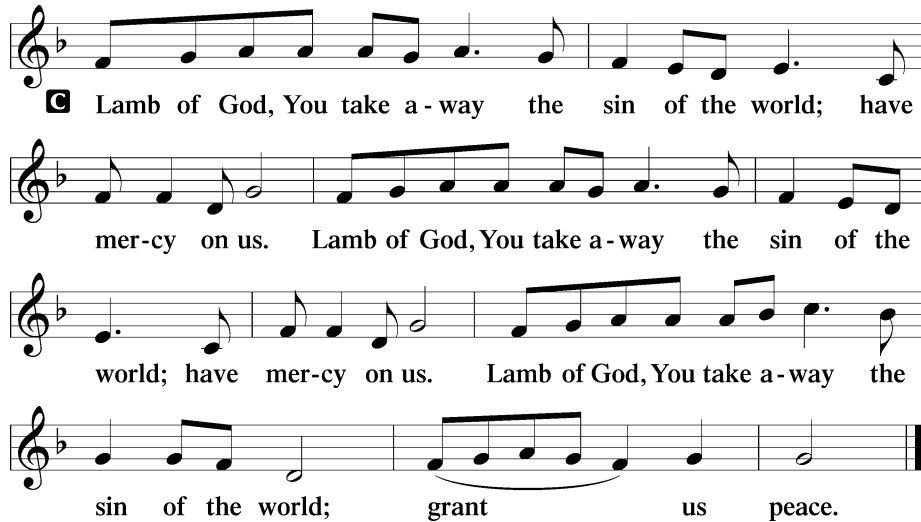
John 20:19

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to greet each other saying, "Peace be with you."*

## AGNUS DEI

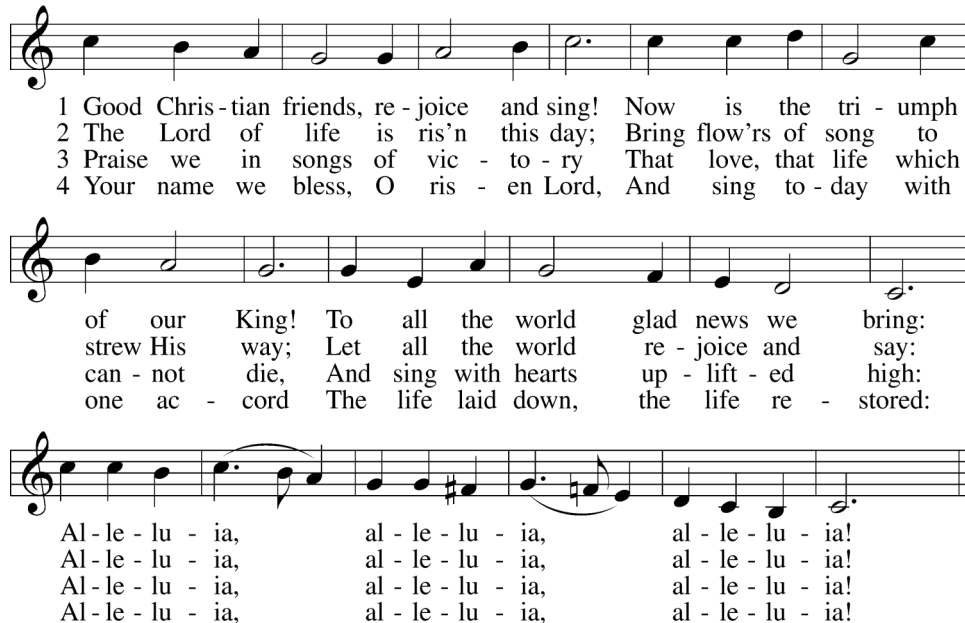
John 1:29



☐ 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.

## DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” LSB 475



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joyce and sing! Now is the tri-umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
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:  
strew His way; Let all the world re-joyce 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!  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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## In Christ Alone



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
 2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner-stone, this sol - id  
 God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right-eous-  
 world by dark - ness slain; then burst-ing forth in glo - rious  
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
 Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
 And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com-fort - er, my all in  
 God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
 pluck me from his hand; till he re-tURNS or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

## PRAYER

## BENEDICTION

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
**G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## HYMN

### “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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# EASTER FLOWERS

## GIVEN BY

## DEDICATION

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### DAFFODIL

Dee Brueggemann (2)	In memory of Mom & Dad, Raymond, Janice, Lenore and Janet Dittmar
Gary and Donna DiLalla	In memory of loved ones
Bill and Christine Flammann (2)	In memory of our godparents— Bill and Ann Scheffler and Walter Indorf and Marie Paxson
Kerry and Karen Geffert	In memory of our mothers, Kay Geffert and Jean Kincaid
Charles and Wendy Krolides	In memory of our parents who taught us our faith

### HYACINTH

The Antoniou Family	In memory of Jeanette “Tante Nette” Davis
Sherry Duff and Marty Schaivone (2)	In memory of our parents, Andrew and Sandra Duff and Augie and Angelina Schaivone
Kerry and Karen Geffert	In memory of our mothers, Kay Geffert and Jean Kincaid
Charles and Wendy Krolides	In memory of our parents who taught us our faith
Kendra Norman	In memory of my parents, Elmer and Ruth Plaxton
The Roman Family	In memory of Alexander and Joyce Roman
Jerry and Nancy Sabol	In memory of loved ones

### LILY

The Ferik Family	In memory of John and Gladys Ferik and Robert Jablonsky
Charles and Wendy Krolides	In memory of our parents who taught us our faith
The Rodriguez Family	In memory of Alexander and Joyce Roman, Rafael Rodriguez and Cindy Bonazzoli
Jerry and Nancy Sabol	In memory of loved ones

### TULIP

Mary Atkinson	In memory of loved ones
Chris and Jen Deloge	In memory of Shirley Thomas
John and Pat Deloge (2)	In memory of Charles and Claire Senft In honor of our children, their spouses and our grandchildren
The Ferik Family	In memory of John and Gladys Ferik and Robert Jablonsky
Charles and Wendy Krolides (2)	In memory of our parents who taught us our faith
The Rodriguez Family	In memory of Alexander and Joyce Roman, Rafael Rodriguez and Cindy Bonazzoli





# HOLY CROSS

LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're with us to worship today, and hope God's Word will refresh you. We pray you might find peace and comfort in the forgiveness Christ freely gives. We believe you'll be renewed and refreshed by the Holy Spirit who gives and strengthens faith through the Word and Sacraments. You're always welcome to worship with us, and join any activities we host. We are excited you are here, and pray God's richest blessings upon you today.

## GUESTS & VISITORS

We'd love to know that you were with us today. Scan the QR code below to check-in online, and we'll connect with you soon! *You can also use the check-in card you'll find in front of you, and either place it in the offering plate, or hand it to an usher anytime.*

## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

We love kids in Church! There is a kids station as you enter the sanctuary, which has books and bags for younger children to borrow. Coloring pages and children's bulletins are for anyone to use. *Please return books and bags when you are finished.*

## OFFERINGS & GIFTS

Giving back to God in thanks for all He provides is an important part of worship and our ministry to the community. If you have something to give, place it in the offering plate as it goes by. **You can also safely give online** using the QR code below or visit [holycross.life/connect](https://holycross.life/connect)

## HOLY COMMUNION

We believe Christ when He says He is truly present in the bread and the wine of Communion. Those who are baptized, and believe the promise of Christ; that His body and blood are given for you, for your forgiveness—are welcome to receive the Sacrament.

**If this is not what you believe, or aren't sure whether to receive or not—we ask that you refrain until you've spoken with the Pastor.** You are invited (kids too!) to receive a blessing. Come forward, with your arms folded across your chest, and the pastor will bless you.

*\*Gluten-free bread (individually wrapped) is available for those who need it. Simply ask the pastor when you come forward. White grape juice is also available in the center ring of the communion tray.*

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or go to [holycross.life/connect](https://holycross.life/connect)



# HOLY CROSS HAPPENINGS

March 31, 2024

## CABIN FEVER, WINTER DOLDRUMS?

Here's your chance to spend some time outdoors in the warm sunshine. The Holy Cross Gardens and Grounds Team is looking for volunteers who can give an hour or two a month to help us make the outside of our church look as beautiful as the inside. No experience is needed for the wide variety of tasks: watering, weeding, planting, mulching, pruning, and occasional fertilizing. We are in the planning stage of enhancing the flower gardens and we would welcome any ideas you have to beautify and improve the grounds.

**Please contact Jim Finch**

([jimmyfinch@earthlink.net](mailto:jimmyfinch@earthlink.net)) or Elisabeth Erb

([elisabeth.erb@gmail.com](mailto:elisabeth.erb@gmail.com))

Any help will be greatly appreciated!

## SPRING FLEA MARKET AT HOLY CROSS

Mark your calendars for Holy Cross' Spring Flea Market on Saturday, May 25. We're still in the planning stages so if you would like to help plan, organize, run or be a vendor, please contact Kerry Geffert at [president@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:president@holycrosstrumbull.com).

Many hands will be needed!

## SING A NEW SONG

We are looking for musicians who may be interested in helping expand our musical offerings and accompaniments for worship in a variety of traditional and contemporary styles. If you are a musician and would be interested in singing, or an instrumentalist (ex: violin, flute, guitar, bass guitar, drums, etc.), **please speak with or email Elisabeth Erb at [musicdirector@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:musicdirector@holycrosstrumbull.com)**

## OUTPOURING OF LOVE AND CARE

Thank you to all those who participated in the fundraiser for one of our preschool families, Stan & Jenny Grace Jablonka. Jenny was diagnosed with stage 4 non-Hodgkin's lymphoma and the collection of money and gift cards took place to help them with the financial strain this illness is having on the family. They currently have twins attending our school and an older daughter who is disabled. Between Holy Cross members and the staff and parents at our preschool, just over \$3,400 in cash and \$1,335 in gift cards was collected. This gift was presented to the Jablonka Family last week.

## We received the following from Jenny:

*"I am truly at a loss for words. I received the most generous gifts from you all & the entire church community today & I just cannot thank you enough. This really helps lift the burden during these challenging months. We are so blessed to be a part of such a loving community. Thank you all for this & the love, care & warmth you provide to Abby & Jason every day. We are blown away, still speechless really... thank you a million times!!"*

**Please continue to keep Jenny in your prayers for healing.** *"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"*—Matthew 25:4

## WEEK OF MARCH 31

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<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9:30am—10:30am</b> ----- <b>Easter Sunday Worship</b>
<b>MONDAY</b>	7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
<b>THURSDAY</b>	7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
<b>FRIDAY</b>	7am—5:30pm -----Preschool
<b>SUNDAY (4/7)</b>	<b>9:30am—10:30am</b> ----- <b>Worship</b> 10:45am -----Sunday School & Bible Class

### HOLY CROSS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Registration is ongoing for the 2024-2025 school year at our preschool. Part-day and full-day programs are offered for Pre-K, 4s and 3s. To find out more details, contact our Preschool Director, Michele Glennon: 203-268-6471, [preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com](mailto:preschool@holycrosstrumbull.com)

### LWML 30TH BIENNIAL CONVENTION

All women are invited to attend the LWML New England District 2024 convention on Friday and Saturday, April 26-27, at the Trumbull Marriott. The theme is “Songs in the Night,” based on “*Where is God my Maker, who gives songs in the night*” (Job 35:10). Our very own Pastor Erb will lead the Bible study on Saturday morning and afternoon. Additional speakers include Katie Schuermann, Rev. Gregory Wismar, Rev. James Krikava and Rev. Robert Beinke. Registration is available for one or two days—on Friday from 11am to 9pm and Saturday from 8:30am to 4pm. Additional information can be found at: [lwml-ned.org](https://lwml-ned.org). Any questions, please contact Sharon Dever at [president@lwml-ned.org](mailto:president@lwml-ned.org).