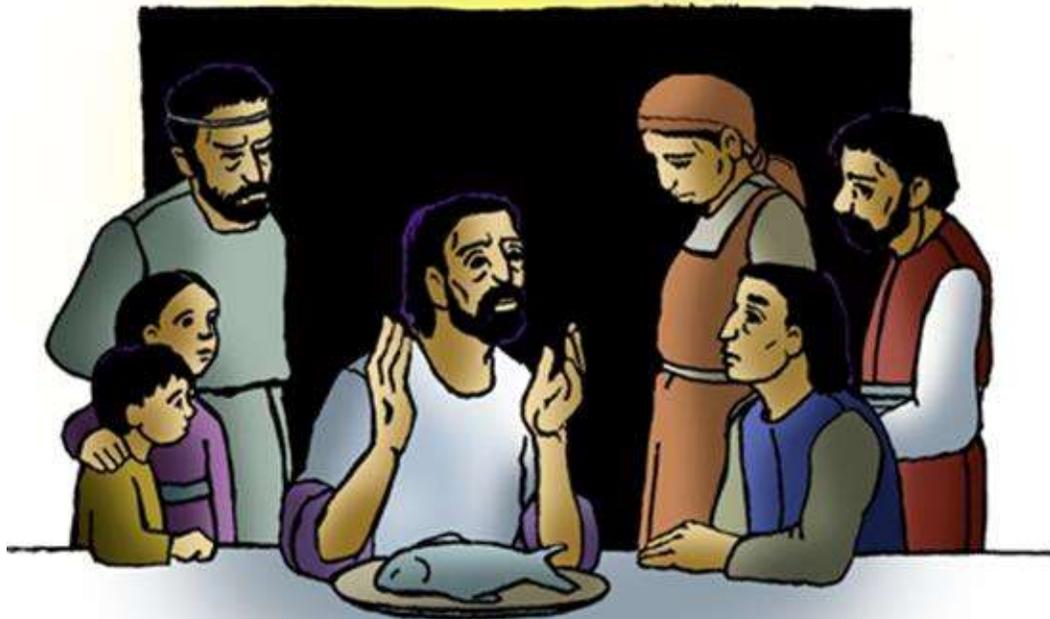


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GATHERING – *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: This is the day:

**All: when tears are wiped away;
shattered hearts are mended;
fears are overcome with joy.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord:

**All: rolls away the stone of fear;
throws off death's clothes;
goes ahead of us into God's future.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made:

**All: death holds no fear for us;
sin has lost its power over us;
God opens the tombs of our hearts, to fill us with life.**

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made! Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed – Alleluia!

Written by Thom M. Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies: <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Join me in a time of confession and forgiveness.

God of Life, we are in awe of what You are doing in all of creation and in us.

**All: Break open our hearts of stone to perceive Your goodness and mercy.
Break open our minds when we have closed ourselves to the needs of this world.
Break open our whole lives, to live into Your created intention for us:
to love You and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
Break us open, O God, as dawn breaks across the land.
In the name of the risen Christ, who broke open the tomb, we pray. Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

All: Christ is Risen indeed – Alleluia!

Pastor: If Christ can break forth from the tomb, there is nothing that can hold us in our sin and death. In the name of the Risen Christ, you are **+** forgiven. You are loved. You are set free to love one another in this world. Share the good news of the resurrection, of new life in Christ, now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

FIRST READING

1 JOHN 3:1-7

God has loved us in order to make us children of God. Though we do not yet know the full details of our future existence, we trust that God will reveal it just as God revealed Jesus to take away our sins.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us in that we should be called God’s children, and that is what we are! Because the world didn’t recognize him, it doesn’t recognize us.

²Dear friends, now we are God’s children, and it hasn’t yet appeared what we will be. We know that when he appears we will be like him because we’ll see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure. ⁴Every person who practices sin commits an act of rebellion, and sin is rebellion. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and there is no sin in him. ⁶Every person who remains in relationship to him does not sin. Any person who sins has not seen him or known him.

⁷Little children, make sure no one deceives you. The person who practices righteousness is righteous, in the same way that Jesus is righteous.

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

LUKE 24:36B-48

In this account of an appearance after his resurrection, Jesus opens the minds of the disciples to understand him as Messiah. Jesus convinces them that he has been raised and sends them on a mission to proclaim the message of repentance and forgiveness.

³⁶While they were saying these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ³⁷They were terrified and afraid. They thought they were seeing a ghost.

³⁸He said to them, “Why are you startled? Why are doubts arising in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet. It’s really me! Touch me and see, for a ghost doesn’t have flesh and bones like you see I have.” ⁴⁰As he said this, he showed them his hands and feet. ⁴¹Because they were

wondering and questioning in the midst of their happiness, he said to them, “Do you have anything to eat?” ⁴² They gave him a piece of baked fish. ⁴³ Taking it, he ate it in front of them.

⁴⁴ Jesus said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the Law from Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures. ⁴⁶ He said to them, “This is what is written: the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and a change of heart and life for the forgiveness of sins must be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR LUCY WYNARD

SONG OF THE DAY

In Christ Alone

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

You are encouraged to share your prayer concerns by typing a name or a few words in the comment box on YouTube or Facebook, or by saying the names aloud.

Intercessor: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love. *A brief silence.*

Intercessor: Living God, in the midst of Easter joy we are still filled with questions and wondering. Open our hearts and minds as we encounter the scriptures, so that the church embodies repentance and forgiveness in the name of Jesus to all nations. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Creating God, like a master artist you have fashioned the universe out of your love and delight. Heal your creation where it is in need of restoration. Provide all the inhabitants of earth a peaceful and sustainable home. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer the hopes of us all with the peace of Christ, and give your loving kindness to national, state, and local leaders of all people. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant your compassion to those who are sick or suffering in any way and nurse them back to health and wholeness. We pray especially for those on our hearts, whom we name now . . . (. . . pause 10 seconds . . .). . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: Loving Parent, you have given us such love that we should be called the children of God. Reveal yourself to us so that we in this community of faith will grow more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness to your justice and mercy. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: God of all times and ages, those who have died in you now see you as you are. We thank you for their lives among us (. . . *brief pause for reflection* . . .). Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. . . . Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

Intercessor: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

**All: 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.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Take a moment to creatively share a sign of peace with those with you. Think of others whom you wish a blessing of Christ's peace. Pray for them briefly, and consider texting, calling, or writing them a note this week.

OFFERING

You are encouraged to continue to give as you are able in this time of worshiping online. You can mail your offerings to St. Paul: 617 St. Lawrence Ave, Beloit, WI 53511. Or give online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=531526>. Please check the eNews and newsletter for other ways to support God's Work, Our Hands in our community and around the world.

SENDING – *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

SENDING SONG

Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

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SENDING BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go now as God's chosen witnesses, to testify that Christ has been raised and that we are raised with him. Do not be afraid.

May God raise you from all that would entomb you;
May Christ Jesus ✝ abide in you and give you life;
And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

People: Amen.

Pastor: We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

People: Thanks be to God.

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SERVING YOU TODAY

Pastor
Organist & Director of Music
Reader
Intercessor

Rev. Lucy Wynard
David Frank
Cathy Oswald
Sharyn Pann

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

*We offer our prayers and deepest condolences to the family and all who loved
Jane Svennevig, who passed away on April 13.*

May God comfort and sustain those who mourn.

Janice S. (Katie Hassenfelt's mother); **Dick H.** (Katie Hassenfelt's father-in-law); **Tracy C.** (father of Tori & Trevor Carr's father); **Dick P.** (Chet Organ's friend); **Charlene B.**; **Jennifer** and all those **who seek shelter**; **Robin B.** (Resa Haile's friend); **Rick M.**; **Roger E.**; **Amy F.**; **Will S.**; **Kathy W.** (Pastor Lucy's mother-in-law); **Lynn** (Jan Knutson's college friend); **Egil**; **Tori C.**; **Tom** (Billie Kenitzer's brother); **RL**; **Kathy P.**; **Juelane** (Mark Mueller's sister); **Larry & Shayne M.** (St. Paul Soup Lunch friends); **Carol M.**; **Steve H.**; **Timothy W.**; **Shirley** (Ken Harris's mother); **all who have been diagnosed with or are waiting for test results or are otherwise affected by COVID-19; and all those affected by the violence in our nation and around the world; and friends and family in the military.**

Names will usually be kept on the prayer list for two months unless otherwise requested. Please let us know if you have any additions for the prayer list.



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



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



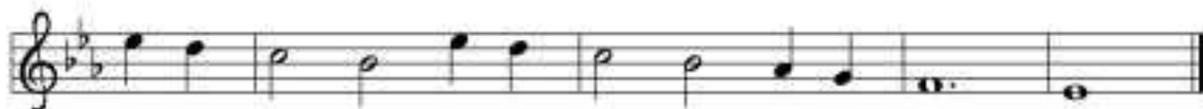
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 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!

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- 1 Christ is ris-en! Shout Ho-san-na! Cel-e-brate this day of days!
- 2 Christ is ris-en! Raise your spir-its from the cav-erns of de-spair.
- 3 Christ is ris-en! Earth and heav-en nev-er-more shall be the same.



Christ is ris-en! Hush in won-der: all cre-a-tion is a-mazed.
Walk with glad-ness in the morn-ing. See what love can do and dare.
Break the bread of new cre-a-tion where the world is still in pain.



In the des-ert all-sur-round-ing, see, a spread-ing tree has grown.
Drink the wine of res-ur-rec-tion, not a ser-vant, but a friend.
Tell its grim, de-mon-ic chor-us: "Christ is ris-en! Get you gone!"



Heal-ing leaves of grace a-bound-ing bring a taste of love un-known.
Je-sus is our strong com-pan-ion. Joy and peace shall nev-er end.
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho-san-na, ev-'ry-one!

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