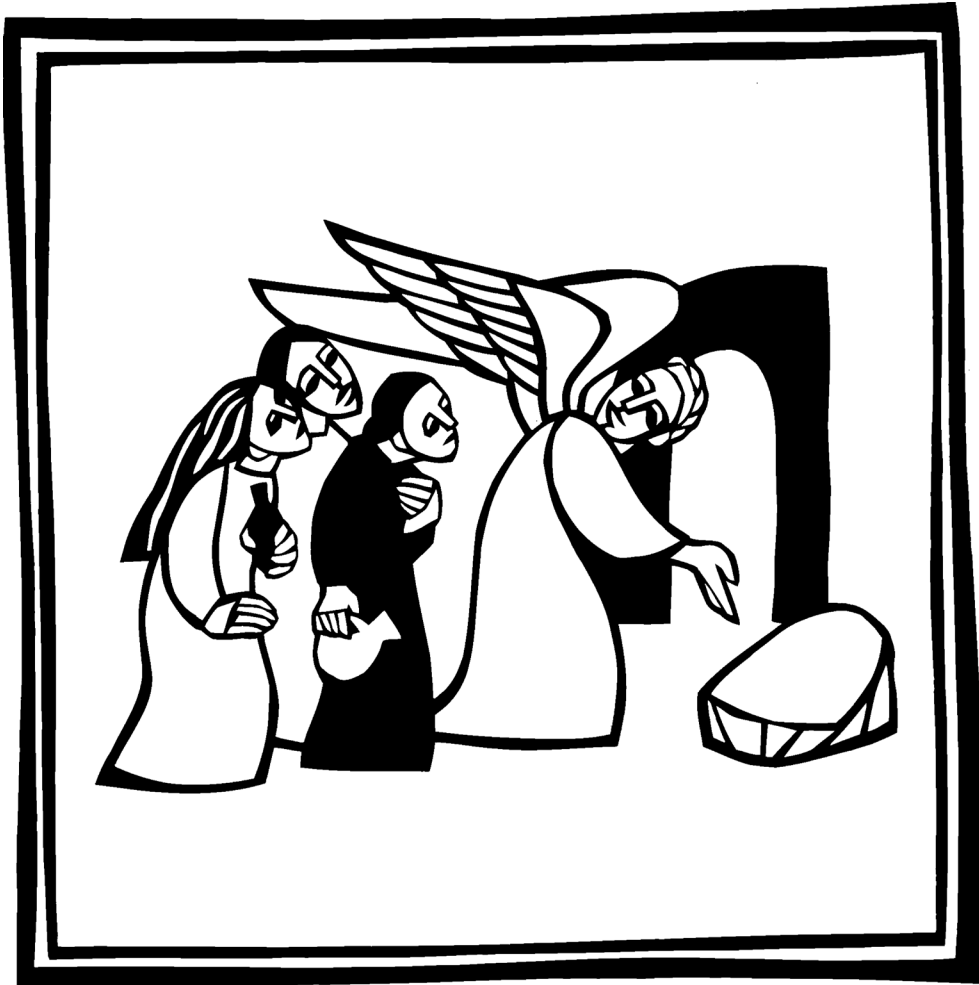


Good Soil Lutheran Ministries
Growing Together in Christ



Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Day
April 17, 2022
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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshipping with you. There's also a "prayground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshipping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Key:

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation

Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant

† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

*Please Note: In an effort to protect those who are vulnerable, **masking is strongly recommended**. In addition, the first four rows of pews on the left side of the sanctuary are reserved as a “masking only” section (for those who wish to be in close proximity only with others who are masking).*

**Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday**

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

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

Prelude and Welcome

Children’s Sermon and the Return of the Alleluia

In Thanksgiving for Baptism, we recall how God has joined us to Christ through baptism and clothes us with mercy and forgiveness.

† **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

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

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.

For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

<p><i>The thanksgiving praises God for all of God's saving actions through water and the word, praying and trusting that this assembly will be renewed by the Holy Spirit in forgiveness, grace, and love.</i></p>	<p>We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.</p> <p>You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.</p> <p>In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.</p> <p>Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.</p> <p>To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Gathering Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today ELW 365 vs 1, 2, & 4</p> <p>1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!</p>

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4

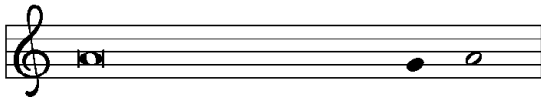
The presiding minister greets the assembly with the words used by Paul in 2nd Corinthians to greet churches. The assembly also greets the presiding minister in return.

† Greeting

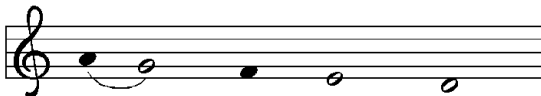
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison means "Lord have mercy."

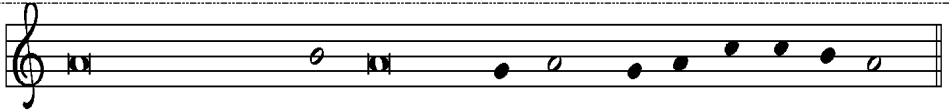
† Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



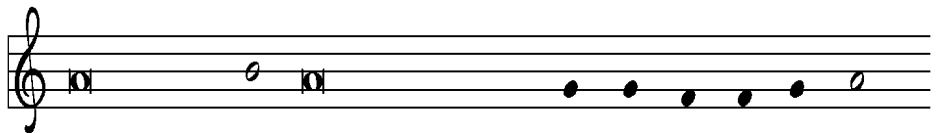
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



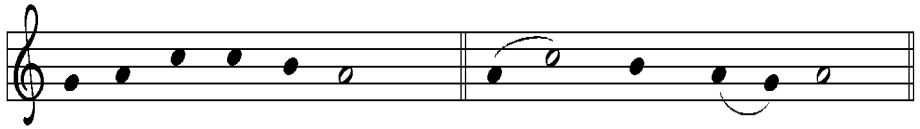
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

Along with the return of the Alleluia, the Hymn of Praise returns on Easter Sunday to signify the joy of the resurrection.

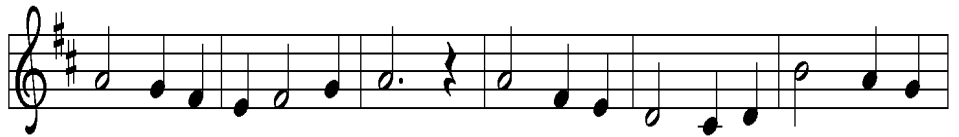
† Hymn of Praise



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



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.

The Prayer of the Day highlights themes from the scripture readings we are about to hear.

† Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

The Word

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

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25 (The Message Translation)

To put this reading into context:

Through the prophet, God promises a new heaven and a new earth. Weeping will pass away, life will be abundant for God's people, and the world—including the wild animals—will be at peace.

Hear now the reading:

“Pay close attention now:

I'm creating new heavens and a new earth.

All the earlier troubles, chaos, and pain
are things of the past, to be forgotten.

Look ahead with joy.

Anticipate what I'm creating:

I'll create Jerusalem as sheer joy,
create my people as pure delight.

I'll take joy in Jerusalem,
take delight in my people:

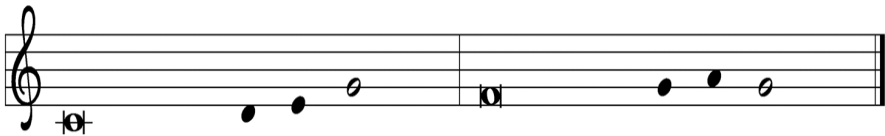
No more sounds of weeping in the city,
no cries of anguish;

No more babies dying in the cradle,
 or old people who don't enjoy a full lifetime;
 One-hundredth birthdays will be considered normal—
 anything less will seem like a cheat.
 They'll build houses
 and move in.
 They'll plant fields
 and eat what they grow.
 No more building a house
 that some outsider takes over,
 No more planting fields
 that some enemy confiscates,
 For my people will be as long-lived as trees,
 they will have satisfaction in their work.
 They won't work and have nothing come of it,
 they won't have children snatched out from under them.
 For they themselves are plantings blessed by GOD,
 with their children and grandchildren likewise GOD-blessed.
 Before they call out, I'll answer.
 Before they've finished speaking, I'll have heard.
 Wolf and lamb will graze the same meadow,
 lion and ox eat straw from the same trough...
 Neither animal nor human will hurt or kill
 anywhere on my Holy Mountain," says GOD.

Word of God. Word of life.
 Thanks be to God.

Chanting the psalms is an ancient practice. The chosen psalm is a response to the first reading.

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-15, 22-24, 29



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¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let Israel | now declare,
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."

¹⁴The LORD is my strength | and my song,
and has become | my salvation.

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

"The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!

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

²³By 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.

²⁹O give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;
God's steadfast love en- | dures forever.

*We welcome
the gospel by
singing the
Gospel
Acclamation.*

† Gospel Acclamation: Halle Halle Hallelujah ELW 172



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -



- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -



lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

The Gospel reading is announced. We rise to our feet, if able, as a sign of respect and anticipation for the Gospel that reveals Jesus Christ to us.

† Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12

To put this reading into context:

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵The 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. ⁶Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸Then they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But 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.

	<p>Easter Sermon: The Rev. Marissa Harrison</p> <p><i>Silence for Reflection</i></p>
<p><i>The Hymn of the Day invites the Assembly's participation in the sermon event—it is a response to the proclaimed Word of God.</i></p>	<p>† Hymn of the Day: Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing ELW 389 vs 1, 4, & 5</p> <p>1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing. The cross stands empty to the sky. Let streets and homes with praises ring. Love, drowned in death, shall never die.</p> <p>4 Women and men, in age and youth, can feel the Spirit, hear the call, and find the way, the life, the truth, revealed in Jesus, freed for all.</p> <p>5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age, till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.</p> <p><small>Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936 Text © 1975, rev. 1995 Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream, IL 60188. All rights reserved. Used by permission.</small></p>
<p><i>As the church, we pray for those in our community and around the world. The prayers are also responsive, emphasizing our participation.</i></p>	<p>† Prayers of Intercession</p> <p>On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, and our world.</p> <p><i>A brief silence.</i></p> <p>Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give the church the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life. Merciful God, receive our prayer.</p>

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, and provide farmers with a plentiful harvest. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people across the world. Empower government agencies and international organizations that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Encouraging God, you do a new thing among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety or who suffer in any way especially Jae, Jeff, Oakley, Andrew, Willie, Char, Jen, Jerry, Marie, Tony, Mary, Jeanette, the family of Gary Dennison, the family of Sherman Bishop . . . and those whom we lift up in our hearts silently or aloud. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give this community of faith a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**


Resurrecting God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you, especially Gary and Sherman. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer to you these petitions and those we carry in our hearts, trusting in your abundant and ever-present mercy.
Amen.

A practice of the ancient church, where we recognize Christ's peace

† **Passing of the Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.

<p><i>in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p><i>The people greet one another saying, “Peace” or “Peace be with you” sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God’s ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, and your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil continue making an impact by giving at www.goodsoillutheran.org/support or by using this QR code below.</p> <p><i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don’t take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil’s support page:</i></p> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God’s blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Alleluia! Jesus is Risen ELW 377 vs 1 & 2</p> <p>1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!</p> <p><i>Refrain</i></p> <p>Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!</p>

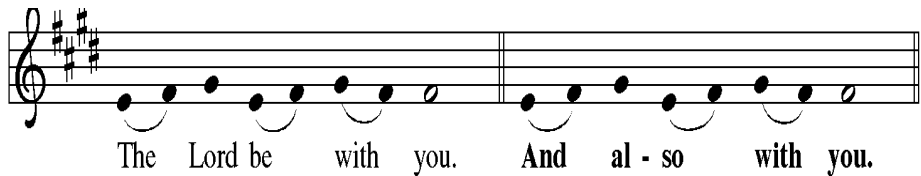
2 Walking the way, Christ in the center
telling the story to open our eyes;
breaking our bread, giving us glory:
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain*

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926
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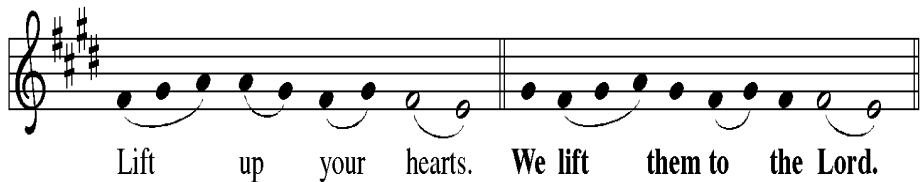
† Offering Prayer

Living God,
you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together
in your peaceable reign,
and you welcome us all at your table.
Reach out to us through this meal,
and show us your wounded and risen body,
that we may be nourished and trust
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

† Great Thanksgiving



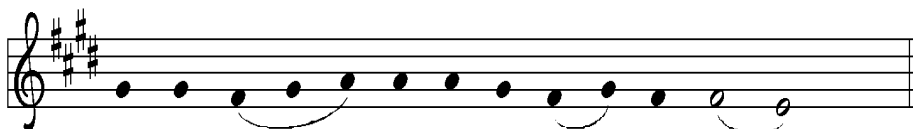
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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.

† Sanctus

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.

	<p>† Eucharistic Prayer and Words of Institution</p>
<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.</p> <p>Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.</p> <p>Give us this day our daily bread;</p> <p>and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;</p> <p>and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</p> <p>For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.</p>
<p><i>Standing is considered "the posture of resurrection."</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the wine and grape juice are sparkling today to further celebrate the joy of Easter!</i></p>	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil. Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding up front. You are invited to stand at the altar rail. Gluten-free communion is available upon request. Wine is white and grape juice is red.</i></p> <p>The body of Christ, given for you. Amen.</p> <p>The blood of Christ, shed for you. Amen.</p>

**Communion Hymn: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing
ELW 362**

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious king,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Christ, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast—
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured
death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce pow'rs beneath you lie;
you have conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
now no more the grave enthrall;
you have opened paradise,
and your saints in you shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
this alone can sin destroy!
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
newborn souls in you to be. Alleluia!

	<p>8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, your name we praise. Alleluia!</p> <p>Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-1868, alt.</p>
	<p>† Post-Communion Table Blessing</p> <p>May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Prayer after Communion</p> <p>We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.</p>
<p><i>This beloved blessing, known as the Aaronic or Priestly blessing, comes from Numbers 6:24-26 and has blessed generations of people dating back to ancient Israel.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Sending</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.</i></p> <p>† Blessing</p> <p>The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace. Amen.</p>

† Sending Hymn: The Day of Resurrection
ELW 361 vs 1, 3, & 4

- 1 The day of resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad,
the passover of gladness,
the passover of God.
From death to life eternal,
from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over
with hymns of victory.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful,
let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph
and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen,
their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen,
our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father,
all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit,
eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number
fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory
ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.

*The dismissal
sends us out
into the
world as
Christ's*

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

<i>Body—fed, nourished, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, and our service begins!</i>	
	Postlude

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You are warmly invited to stay after worship for special Easter Fellowship (same level as the sanctuary) and an Easter Egg Hunt outside for the kids! In the event of inclement weather, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held downstairs in the fellowship hall.

The Risen Christ’s peace be with you!

Today’s Worship Servants:

Presiding: Pastor Marissa Harrison	Reader: Bill Fink
Ushers: Bill and Darlene Wahl	Counters: Larry Jacobson Stan Zeager
Online Usher: Adam Pate	Acolyte: Alexandra Inman



Announcements from Good Soil Sunday, April 17, 2022

For those in need of healing, comfort, or strength: Family of Sherman Bishop, Family of Gary Dennison, Jae, Jeff, and Oakley, Andrew Evatt, Willie Lee, Char Mattson; Jen Mitterholzer; Jerry and Marie Sternad; Tony Sykaluk; Mary Wahl; Jeanette Weidlich

For those celebrating their birthday:
TJ Lanter (Apr 19)

For those celebrating the anniversary of their baptism:
Edith Young (Apr 17), Char Mattson (Apr 22)

The flowers adorning the altar today are given by members of the Good Soil faith community to the glory of God in celebration of the Resurrection:

Linda Beebe
Kathy Berkshire
Sherman Bishop and Deb Yandala
The Blocksoms
Carl Bruns
The Carlsons
The Connors
Barbara Demko-Werner
Bill Fink
Sharon Hollowell

The Inmans
The Jacobsons
Jeanne Livingood
Jim Mattson
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