

# Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

## **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Out of respect and in the spirit of truth, we acknowledge that we gather in community on land which is Treaty 7 territory and the traditional territory of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We honour the Blackfoot people past, present and future, and the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III. May our actions and choices demonstrate open hearts, kindness, and compassion towards all who call this place home.

## **COMMUNITY LIFE**

**Church picnic** - June 1 from 11 am to 2 pm at Kin Picnic Shelter

## **INTRODUCTION**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating Holy Communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

## GATHERING SONG MEDLEY

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" ELW 367 v 1 & 2

**C                      F<sub>2</sub>                      G**  
Now all the vault of heaven resounds

**C                      F<sub>2</sub>                      G**  
In praise of love that still abounds:

**C/E              F G              Am F G**  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"

**C                      Am                      G**  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

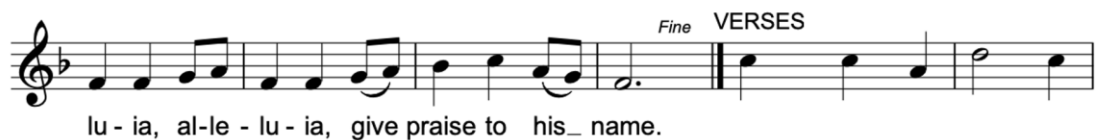
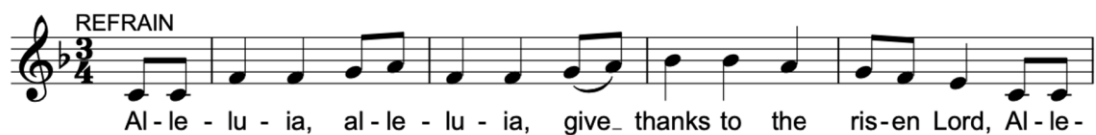
**C                      Am                      G**  
Repeat their song of glory here:

**F                      G C                      Dm                      G Am**  
"Christ has triumphed! "Christ has triumphed!"

**Am G C    Am G C    F    Gsus<sub>4</sub> G C**  
Alle- lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia, Alle - lu - ia!

Eternal is the gift he brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still he comes to give us life  
And by his presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks to the Risen Lord" refrain, v 4, refrain



4.Come let us praise the



liv - ing God. Joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

"Alleluia, Jesus is Risen" v 1 ELW 377

G C G D Em Bm C G

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum-pets re - sound - ing in

Cmaj7 D G Am G/B Dsus D G D Asus A D

glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!

Em G Cmaj7 D G Refrain D

Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight! Je - sus is ris - en and

G/D D Em G Am D G

we shall a - rise: give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## OPENING OF WORSHIP

(inspired by the events in John)

- One Easter is not an event that has occurred;  
it's an adventure that has begun.
- One Easter is a story not complete, but unfolding,  
characters still breathing  
places still teeming  
with the promise of new life
- Two not just for you and me  
but for all people, in all places,
- One a cosmic crux,  
Two a turning point of time.
- One Today we continue the journey;  
we re-enter the story.
- Two We walk the path of those  
who gathered with friends  
in times of uncertainty and question;
- One who shared the company of a stranger,  
appearing to them in the morning  
and calling to them from the shore;
- Two who heard in his voice  
words of hope and promise  
and in their eating together  
recognized him as their friend and Lord.
- One Today we re-enter the story  
with expectation that Christ  
will also reveal himself to us
- Two Risen Christ, walk with us.

**"Alleluia! Jesus is risen" v 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.  
Jesus is risen and we shall arise.  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!**

## **GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

It is our delight to pray. Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God, who raises the dead to life. **Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **FIRST READING Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)**

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING Revelation 5:11-14**

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

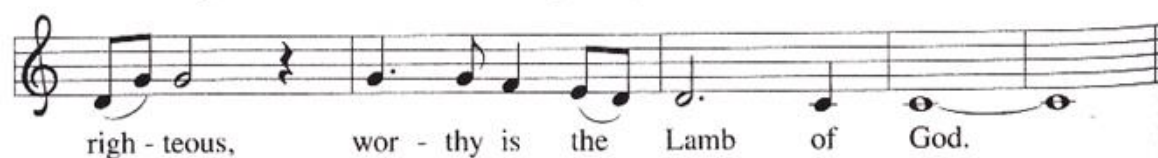
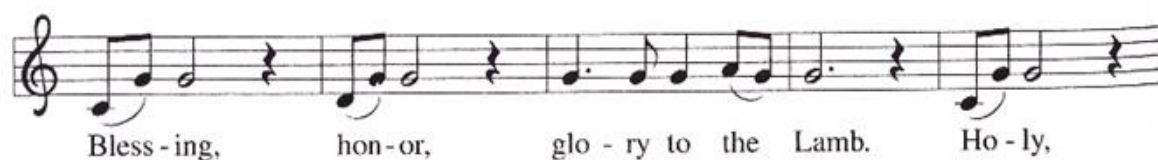
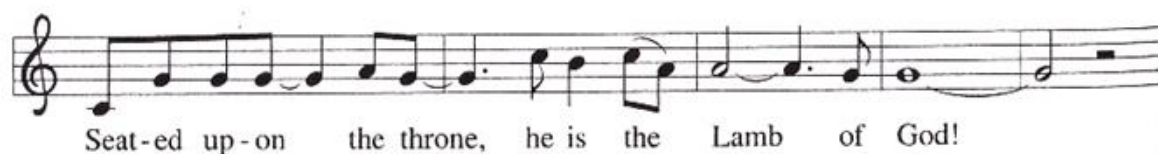
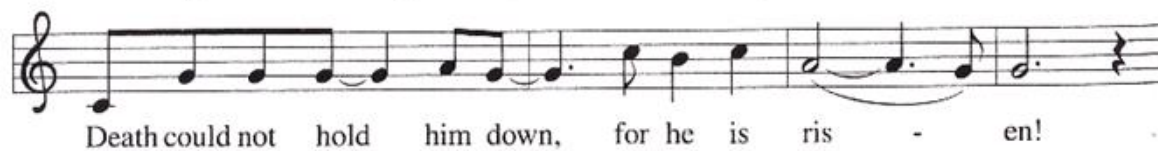
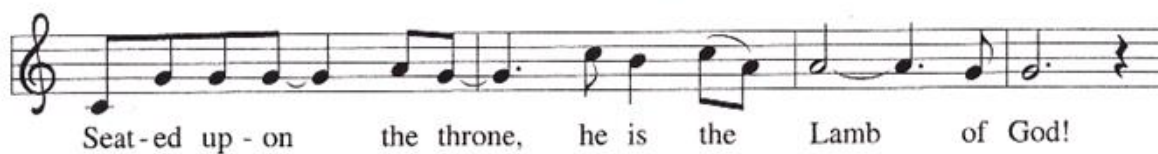
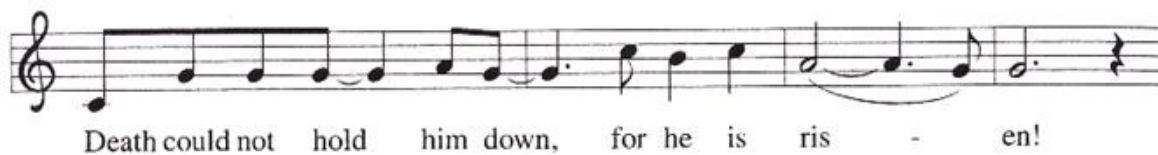
"To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might  
forever and ever!"

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,

**Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION "Blessing, Honor, Glory to the Lamb" ELW





Please remain standing for the gospel reading. Today's gospel and sermon has been prepared and shared by Rev. Jailyn Corbin of the SK Synod.

## **GOSPEL John 21:1-19**

The holy gospel according to John the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

After [he appeared to his followers in Jerusalem,] Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY "Will You Come and Follow Me?" ELW 798



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call  
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners  
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 free and nev - er be the same?  
 side and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I  
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 mean in you and you in me?"  
 sound in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

## NICENE CREED

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.

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with one another.

# OFFERTORY HYMN "You Are Holy" ELW 525

<sup>1</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer  
You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.  
than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,  
Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.  
to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

<sup>2</sup>



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,  
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!  
you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,  
Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.  
Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to follow you. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. **Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.*

Your love sustains the church and its ministries. By that love, equip pastors, youth directors, Sunday school teachers, and all who guide formation in the church to nurture vibrant, living faith among your people. God of life, **pour out your love.**

Your abundance is made known throughout creation. Preserve oceans and rivers, lakes and estuaries so that all creatures living in them might flourish. Make us wise stewards of our local watersheds. God of life, **pour out your love.**

Your wisdom guides all who strive for justice and peace. We pray for those elected to Parliament that they may put aside their differences and work together for the betterment of all. God of life, **pour out your love.**

Your compassion surrounds all who are in need. We pray for all people experiencing poverty and food insecurity, and for all struggling with debt and economic uncertainty. Reassure all who experience hopelessness or need your tender care especially Myrtle, Don and Carol, Arne, Kate, Thelma, Margaret, Karen, Dave, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Patrick, Lori, Joel and Ellen, Linda, Shirley, Reinhold and Isabel, Derek, Hugh and Ally, Jim, Carter, Doreen, Margaret and Clayton, Alan, Nancy, Sheila, Cindy, Jody, Cliff, Barry and Christine, and those we name silently now . . . [silence]. God of life, **pour out your love.**

You invite all people to your table of grace. Make this a community of Christ-like hospitality where all feel loved and celebrated. Show us how to better welcome visitors and bless the ministries of hospitality in this place. Let your hand of blessing rest on Pastor Joel and his family, and Margaret Rodermond and Karl and Carol Roesler, as well as those who care for our property. God of life, **pour out your love.**

We praise you for the witness of your saints of all times and places. May their lives of faith guide us in our own journeys with you, today and every day. God of life, **pour out your love.**

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.**

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

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.

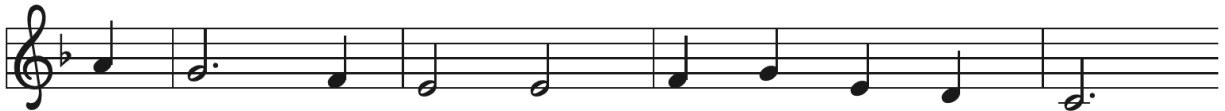
#### **BLESSING**

May God who has brought us from death into life fill you with great joy.  
May you be rooted and grounded in + Christ's love,  
strengthened by the Spirit,  
and filled with all the fullness of God. **Amen.**

## SENDING SONG "Go to the World" ACS 991



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## SENDING

Go in peace. In Christ we are made new.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## COPYRIGHT PERMISSION

### MUSIC & LITURGY

1. **“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”** Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, alt. Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Köln, 1623. Text ©1958 Service Book and Hymnal, admin. Augsburg Fortress. . Reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-712444.
2. **“Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”** Text & Music: Donald Fishbel, b. 1950; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928 © Word of God Music, admin. The Copyright Co. Reproduced with permission under CCLI License #547407.
3. **“Alleluia! Jesus is Risen”** Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926; Music: David N. Johnson, 1922-1987. Text©1995 Augsburg Fortress, Music © 1969 Contemporary Worship 1, admin. Augsburg Fortress. Reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-712444.
4. **“Blessing, Honor, and Glory”** Text: Geoff Bullock & David Reidy; Music: Geoff Bullock & David Reidy. Text & Music © 1998 Word Music, LLC and Maranatha Music, admin, Music Services, Inc. Reproduced with permission under CCLI Licence #547407.
5. **“Will You Come and Follow Me”** The Summons Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, Music:
6. Kelvingrove. Text © 1987 Iona Community, admin. GIA Publications, Inc. Reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-712444.
7. **“You Are Holy”** Text: Per Harling, b. 1945, Music: Du AR HELIG, Per Harling. Text & Music© Ton Vis Produktion AB, admin. Reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-712444.
8. **“Go to the World”** Text: Sylvia Dunstan (1955-1993); Music: Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924) Text 81991, GIA Publications, Inc. Reproduced under OneLicense.net #A-712444.