

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021



ELW SETTING 6

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Welcome to **WORSHIP**

We are glad you are with us today.

We are a family of faith living and growing together in Christ.

This bulletin is filled with information about the life of the church, you are invited to take it home for reference and further reflection during the week. Various updates and additional church information, along with the Pastor Tim's sermons, are posted each week on our website — www.holyspirit-elca.org. Welcome cards/envelopes are located in the pew rack. Please take a moment to fill out the information and return it to the offering plate.

Our sound system includes a T-system hearing loop, which allows worshipers with T-system compatible hearing aids to tune in directly to the worship leaders' microphones for clearer sound. There are two hearing unit headsets available in the narthex for use. Additionally, large print bulletins are available at the sanctuary door.

As we worship and celebrate communion this morning we remind you that this is the Lord's table. Jesus is the host. We are his guests. God welcomes everyone to come and eat and be nourished, fed and forgiven. Come and eat and live! Please come forward by the diagonal aisle and return to your seat by way of the center aisle. The bread is received in your hand, and you may drink the wine from the cup or dip the bread into the wine. Please indicate if you prefer to receive a gluten-free wafer. Those not receiving communion are welcome to receive a blessing.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Holy Spirit, please see Pastor Tim. Membership comes through baptism or affirmation of faith.

Please let us know if we can be of service to you in any way!

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THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

All page and hymn numbers refer to the “red” ELW hymnal.

PRELUDE “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the + holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Source of all life,

C we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.

P God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, + God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

GATHERING HYMN “Christ the Lord is Risen Today” (vs 1,4)

ELW # 369

This hymn is printed on page 12 of this booklet.

GREETING

P God of hosts most gracious,

God the Son who saves us,

God the Spirit placed upon us,

be with you all.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P 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.

C Amen.

Be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him.¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you,¹⁵ and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer.¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him.⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he 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 of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY “Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing” (vs 1,5) ELW #389
This hymn is printed on page 13 of this booklet.

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 THE CHURCH

A 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 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.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of all, the nations hunger and thirst for your righteousness. Many call on you for guidance and strength. Answer their hopes with the peace of Christ and give your lovingkindness to national, state, and local leaders of people. We pray for those serving far from home and their families, especially **Kimberly Koblas** (daughter of Wendy & Jim Koblas), **Alex Fink** (grandson of Carolyn Raymond). Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Healing God, you hear the cries of those in need and answer them in their distress. Grant to those who are sick and suffering your compassion and nurse them back to health and wholeness (especially). Be close to the hearts of the lonely. We pray especially for **James McDonough, Trudy Bettiker, Pam Labellarte, Lois Wass, Laurie Ohm, Marian McBride, Shirley Crandall, Bill Lynn, Elaine Petersen, Allison Wittich, Shirley Lease, Inge Ohnona, Jerry Swanson, Anna & Michael Labellarte** (Joe's parents), **Ken Simonson, Michael Ungari, Robert Oliver, Juli Pykelny** (relatives & friends of the Labellartes), **Janice Hager** (friend of Ann Witbeck), **Coco & Lukas** (grandchildren of Joanne Schwarcz), **Grace Sanborn** (friend of Joan Keyes), **Steve Ernst** (brother of Chris Miller), **Judy Duprey** (sister-in-law of the Dupreys), **Chase Peterson family, Nancy & Robert** (friends of Amy Dohler), **Linda Eustace** (friend of Mary Detjen), **Abby Furco**. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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 become more and more like you in our mutual love and bold witness. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A 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. Assure us of the peace you have promised, that we may join them in everlasting life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P 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.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always

C **and also with you.**

All the people greet one another through the sharing of the peace.

THE OFFERING is received.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ;
who on this day overcame death and the grave
and by his glorious resurrection
opened to us the way of everlasting life.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
You dined with Abraham and Sarah,
promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
You sent your Son to eat with sinners
and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave,
we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
Through him all glory and honor is yours,
almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P All who believe in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, are welcome at the table of the Lord. Let us pray together as our Lord taught us.

C 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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

P The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

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

C **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN “This Joyful Eastertide” (vs 1,3)
This hymn is printed on page 14 of this booklet.

ELW #391

DISMISSAL

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE “This Joyful Eastertide” Behnke

SUNDAY WEEKLY IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We have returned to in-person worship; limited to 50 participants. Please sign up on the link provided through email as a reservation is required. We will perform temperature screenings and participants will be required to wear facemasks and maintain physical distancing. We look forward to celebrating the Lord's day with you and our gathered community!

If you are unable to attend in-person, we encourage you and your family to join us live at 9:30 AM on Sundays via Facebook or on our YouTube Channel (Church in the Woods-Holy Spirit Lutheran) and watch it live there. Our weekly recorded service is available on our YouTube channel, which you can access through YouTube or through the YouTube link on our website. An email is sent each week with the worship bulletin for Sunday's worship service, and for now a separate e-mail will continue to follow to provide you with the link to the video recording of this week's service. We are in the process of moving all our recordings to YouTube, so we invite you to subscribe to our channel and learn how to access our services this way. Please use these and other resources to stay in the rhythm of weekly worship during these unprecedented times, and invite others to worship with us by sharing the links.

FOOD OF THE MONTH for COOL Food Pantry is juice or powdered milk

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS!

Check out our updated website at holyspirit-elca.org. It's awesome!

Join our Facebook page: facebook.com/churchinthewoods

Subscribe to our new YouTube channel: Church in the Woods—Holy Spirit Lutheran. Simply click on the subscribe button. We will be live-streaming our 9:30 AM Sunday services.

Instagram: Instagram.com/churchinthewoods_lchs

PRAYER GROUP— Thursdays at 9:30 AM

Our prayer group is continuing to meet at 9:30 a.m. every Thursday morning, using Zoom. If you'd like to pray with us, please contact Jeanne Nelson at jnelson814@comcast.net and she will send you the link to be invited in.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open on Tues., Thurs., & Fri from 8AM—2PM. Please wear a mask when you enter the building and use the main entrance into the Narthex on the East Side of the building. Calls and emails to the church will continue to be responded to throughout the week. For emergencies or pastoral issues contact Pastor Tim directly at (812) 319-5225 or tcinstrom@gmail.com.

THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are studying prominent theologian and Lutheran pastor Nadia Bolz-Weber's book entitled *Accidental Saints: Finding God in all the Wrong People*.

In a time when many have become disillusioned with Christianity, *Accidental Saints* demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with Scripture together, and tell one another the truth about their real lives. This unforgettable account of their faltering steps toward wholeness will ring true for believer and skeptic alike. If you'd like to participate please contact Jan Schwanke at bennett95@comcast.net and she will send you the link to be invited to the Zoom meeting. Join us at 10:30 as we delve into how our faith informs our dealing with the challenges of today.

HOLY FAMILY ANNUAL BENEFIT—Saturday, April 24, 2021

You are invited to Holy Family Ministries' annual Spring Benefit in celebration and support of the children of Holy Family. Join us online from the comfort of your own home and share with us in a very special evening Saturday, April 24, 2021. "Virtual Doors" open at 6:45 P.M., Program begins at 7:00 P.M. Register online with your email address at hfm.org/SpringForward/ for access to all pre-event information. No cost for registration so don't wait! Each year, Holy Family Ministries raises funds to enable west side children to attend our programs through our Spring Benefit. Through the generosity of friends like you, we raise funds to support the more than 600 children who excel academically, grow spiritually, become effective leaders and expand their life experiences through Holy Family programs. For additional information, please contact Cynthia Schmidt, Director of Outreach, at cschmidt@hfm.org.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY—April 25

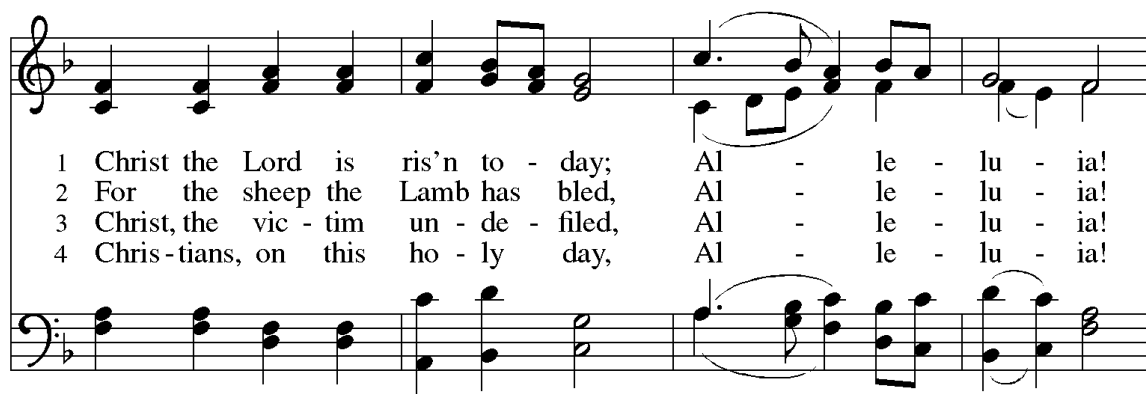
Sunday April 25 is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and this year Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has designated it as a "Giving Sunday" for all their important ministries. One in 30 people in Illinois have been impacted by the services LSSI provides and they are the largest social service agency in the state, currently serving nearly 100,000 people. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cared for his sheep by feeding them, healing them, and reconciling them to themselves, their families, and their communities. Through LSSI, the love of Jesus continues to transform the lives of people in need. We will be taking up a special offering on this Sunday for LSSI, so please consider giving generously to the vital ministries that Lutherans provide for our community.

CHURCH WORK DAY—May 1, 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

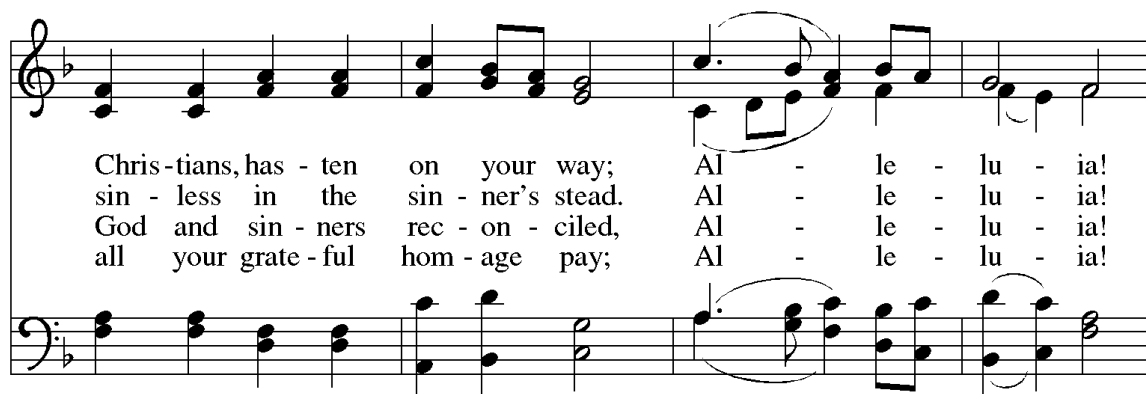
Looking for a family service project? Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 1st as we do some spring cleaning at Holy Spirit. There are many things to be done to keep our facility and grounds looking great. So join us for as long as you can, many hands make light work.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!

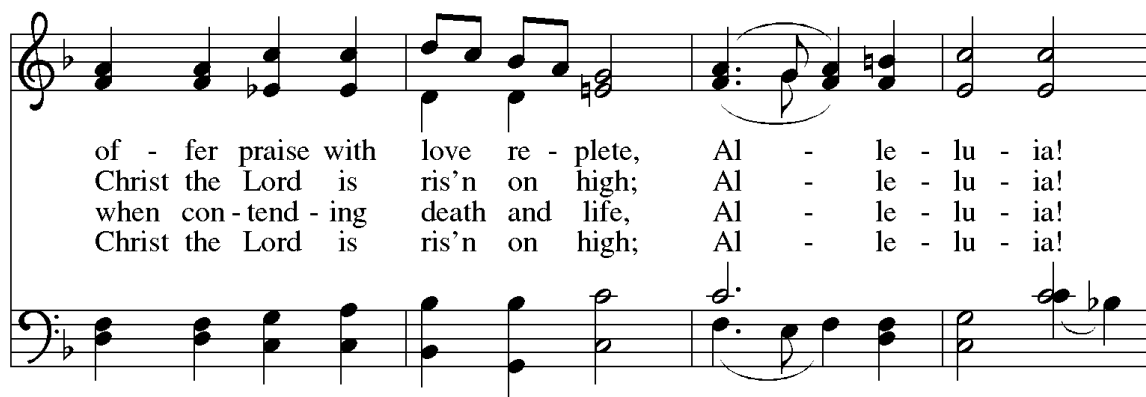
Verses 1,4



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris - tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807–1882, alt.
 Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781–1821

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - 'ry age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - 'ry place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: TRURO, T. Williams, *Psalmody Evangelica*, 1789

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This Joyful Eastertide

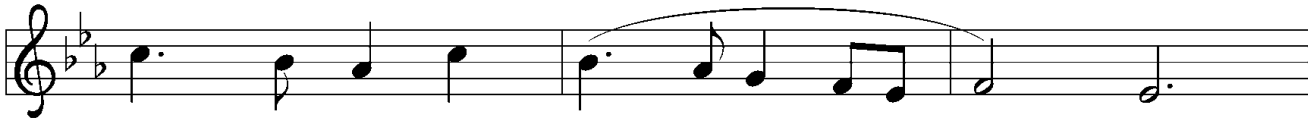
Verses 1,3



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide, a - way with sin and
 2 My flesh in hope shall rest and for a sea - son
 3 Death's flood has lost its chill since Je - sus crossed the




sor - - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied, has
 slum - - ber till trump from east to west shall
 riv - - er. Lov - er of souls, from ill my




sprung to life this mor - - row.
 wake the dead in num - - ber.
 pass - ing soul de - liv - - er.

Refrain



Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day pris - on, our



faith had been in vain. But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -



ris - en, a - ris - en, a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934

Music: VRUECHTEN, Dutch folk tune, 17th cent.

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 18	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
Tuesday, April 20	10:00 a.m.	Quilting Group
	4:00 p.m.	LYFE
	4:30 p.m.	Confirmation
Thursday, April 22	9:30 a.m.	Prayer Group
	10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
Sunday, April 25	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion

Pastor:	Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom
Office Manager:	Laurie Papini
Organist:	Kathy Roderer
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