

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 11, 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 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright” Michael Burkhardt

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 “That Easter Day with Joy was Bright” (vs 1,4) ELW # 384

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 O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body 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 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.

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

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Pastor Tim Linstrom

HYMN OF THE DAY "At the Lamb's High Feast" (vs 1,4)

ELW #370

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 You shower your church with grace, O God. Unite the whole church on earth, so that with one heart it testifies to the resurrection of Jesus Christ with power and love. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You proclaim the blessing of life forevermore. Like dew upon the mountains, refresh your creation. Restore waters, cleanse the air, and provide revitalizing moisture to parched land. Give your whole creation the promise of new life. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You direct the nations, O God. Guide all in authority, that they shepherd their peoples in the ways of your love. Defeat in us our impulse to war. Bestow the peace of Christ upon those in authority and breathe upon them the Holy Spirit. 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 You place within the heart of the church a spirit of sharing. Give us the power of your generous Spirit, that we provide for the needs of others. Announce your peace to those who are lonely, hurting, suffering, or afraid. We pray especially for **James McDonough, Mary Detjen, 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), **Abby Furco**. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You give us fellowship with one another in this faith community (name). Shine the light of the risen Christ in our life together, so that we live in love for one another and our joy may be complete. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A You share the gift of eternal life. In thanksgiving and remembrance, we recall the lives and gifts of those who now live in endless joy. Unite us with them in resurrection hope. 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.

SECOND OFFERING FOR HUNGER

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 “Thine Is the Glory” (vs 1,3)

ELW #376

This hymn is printed on page 14 of this booklet.

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 “Thine Is the Glory” A. Guilmant

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.

SYNOD ASSEMBLY—Saturday, June 5, 8:30 AM-Noon

We are looking for 3 delegates to attend this year's meeting virtually. If you are interested, please contact the church office.

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

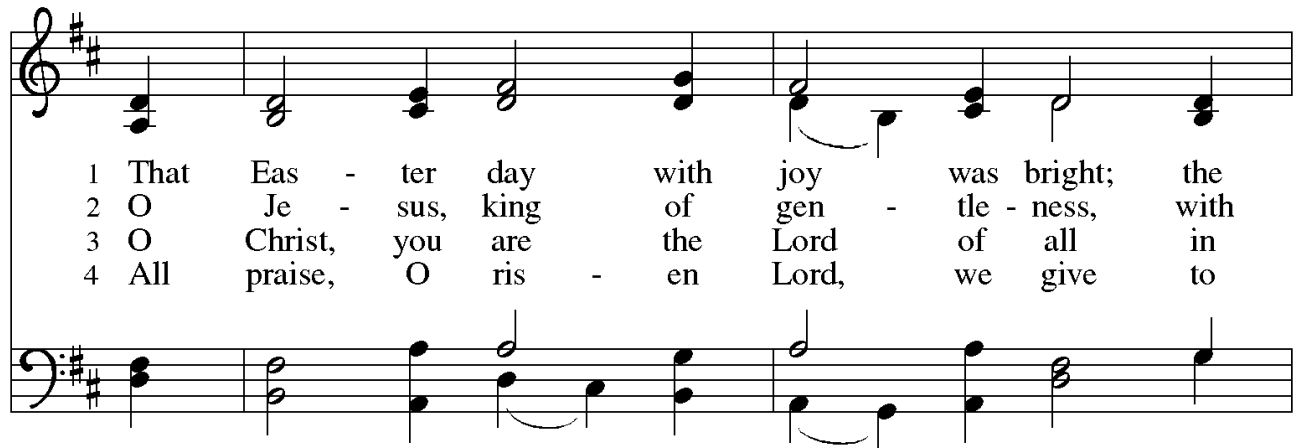
Sunday April 25 is "Good Shepherd Sunday" and this year Lutheran Social Services of Illinois (LSSI) has designated it as a "Giving Sunday" for all their important ministries. One in 30 people in Illinois have been impacted by the services LSSI provides and they are the largest social service agency in 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.

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

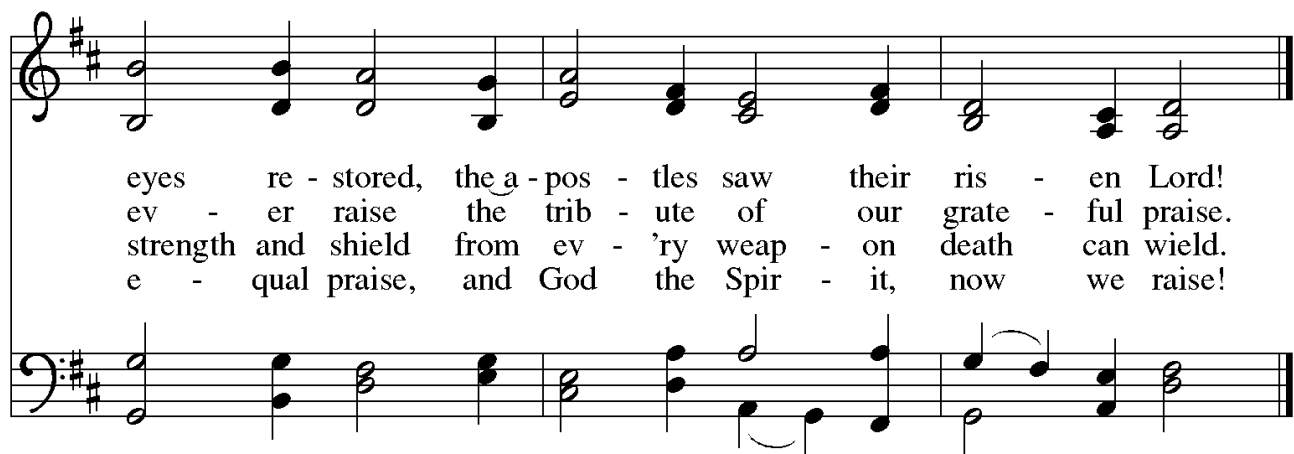
Verses 1,4



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the
 2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with
 3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in
 4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to



sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
 con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will
 this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our
 you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!
 ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.
 strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.
 e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

Text: Latin hymn, 5th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
 Music: PUER NOBIS, European tune, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1571–1621

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Verses 1,4



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to
 2 Praise we Christ, whose love di - vine gives his
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, pas - chal



our vic - to - rious king, who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, gives his bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; with sin - cer - i - ty and love



flow - ing from his wound - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

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!


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!

Text: Latin hymn, 17th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814–1868, alt.

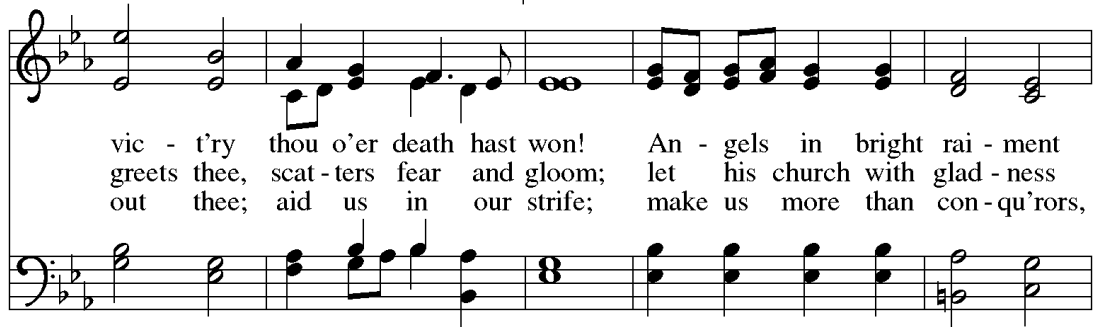
Music: SONNE DER GERECHTIGKEIT, Bohemian Brethren, *Kirchengeseng*, 1566

Thine Is the Glory

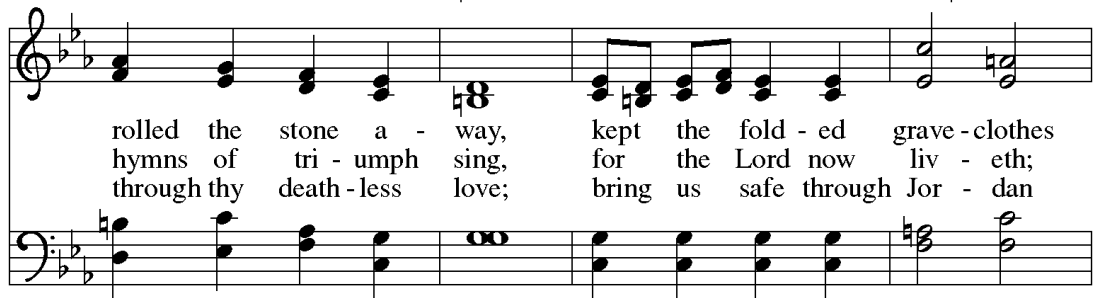
Verses 1,3



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
 3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
 greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
 out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
 hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
 through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay.
 death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
 to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939
 Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759

HOLY SPIRIT HAPPENINGS

Sunday, April 11	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion
Monday, April 12	7:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 13	4:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	LYFE Confirmation
Thursday, April 15	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Prayer Group Bible Study
Sunday, April 18	9:30 a.m.	Service of Holy Communion

Pastor:	Rev. Timothy C. Linstrom
Office Manager:	Laurie Papini
Organist:	Kathy Roderer
Music Ministers:	Mike Duffy, Bill Vaananen, Patrick Cantagallo, Nancy Fencil and Darlene Neumann
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