

### **Blessing of the Animals April 21st 9:30am Worship**

Bring your furry or feathered family members to church for a special pet blessing as we celebrate all of God's creatures! All leashed or caged pets welcome!

### **Weekly Schedule**

Every Sunday -online worship & printable bulletins available at [faithlilacway.org](http://faithlilacway.org)

(After the 9:30 service has streamed, there may be a slight delay)

#### **Sunday, April 7th**

- 8:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Treats and Talk with Andrea Kish-Baile, Small Sums
- 10:45 AM Internship Committee Meeting

#### **Tuesday, April 9th**

- 10:00 AM Staff Meeting
- 2:00 PM Bible Study at Robbins Way

#### **Wednesday, April 10th**

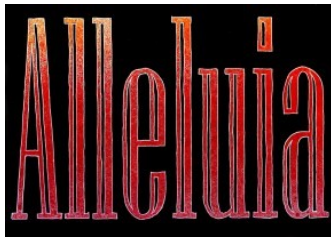
- 10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer
- 10:30 AM Bible Study
- 3:30 PM Faith Education
- 6:00 PM Confirmation Service Project at Second Harvest
- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir

#### **Friday, April 12th**

Office Closed

#### **Sunday, April 14th**

- 8:30 AM Sunday School
- 9:30 AM Worship
- 10:30 AM Treats and Talk



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# Sunday Worship



**April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

# Welcome to Worship

**Children are welcome in worship at FLW!**

**The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.**

All who believe are welcome to commune. You are invited to come forward to receive communion (wine is red and grape juice is white) and bread or a gluten free wafer - or you may pick up a communion kit (chalices filled with grape juice and gluten free wafers) and receive it in your pew.

## Prelude

## Welcome

**Temple Talk:** Andrea Kish-Baile from Small Sums

## Sharing of the Peace

## The Easter Proclamation

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good

**God's steadfast love endures forever!**

This is the Lord's doing!

**It is marvelous in our eyes.**

Let the people shout "Alleluia!"

**Alleluia!**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

## Gathering Hymn

Alleluia! Christ is Arisen ELW 375

## Refrain

Alleluia! Christ is arisen.

Bright is the dawning of the Lord's day.

Run, faithful women, to the grave-side.

Marvel, the stone is rolled away!

Hear from the angel, "He is risen."

Christ goes before you all the way. **Refrain**

Rise, Magdalena, from your weeping;

Christ stands before your very eyes.

Quickly return to the disciples;

bear the good news: "He is alive." **Refrain**

Gather, disciples, in the evening:

suddenly Christ your Lord appears.

"Look, it is I, your wounded Savior.

Peace be with you, and do not fear." **Refrain**

## Worship Leaders

Pastor ..... Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane  
Intern Pastor ..... Vicar Karen Peterson  
Music Director ..... Ann Marie Skoglund-Anderson  
Music..... Ladies Ensemble  
Lector..... Dave Fernelius  
Communion Assistant..... Sue Ferkingstad  
Usher ..... Gina Swanson  
Tim Swanson  
Altar Guild..... Jessica Hughes  
Streaming..... Steve Ferkingstad  
Tommy Thompson

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## Announcements

### Mission of the Month: Small Sums

Small Sums is our April Mission of the Month. Since opening its doors in 2005, Small Sums has outfitted thousands of individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness with the work gear, tools, training, and transportation they need to start a new job. Innovative in their simplicity, Small Sums help folks get licenses, training, transportation, and other necessary items to get to their first and next paycheck. Small Sums mission is to remove these kind of barriers that keep them from starting a job they've already secured.

To support this ministry, please make a donation to our March Mission of the Month. If writing a check, make the check out to FLW and write Small Sums in the memo line. If donating online, choose the Mission of the Month option.

### Bible Study at Robbins Way

On Tuesday's at 2:00pm, all are welcome to join Pastor or Vicar for an hour-long Bible Study with our neighbors at Robbins Way. Enter the building on the Faith Lilac Way side of the building.

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

### **Communion Blessing**

#### **Communion Prayer**

Let us pray. **Lord Jesus, With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in your name. Amen.**

### **Announcements**

#### **Sending Song**

#### ***Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing***

ELW 389 vs 1, 3-5

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.

In ev'ry insult, rift, and war,  
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,  
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,  
and lives, where even hope has died.

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.

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.

#### **Blessing**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✚ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

#### **Dismissal**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in grace, grow in faith, serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Thomas, where were you on that evening?

"I'll not believe unless I see."

Christ comes again, and ev'ry Lord's day:

"Touch me and see; have faith in me." **Refrain**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters.

**By your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

We marvel at the oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, the water that falls from the clouds above, the dew on the grass and the water that is stored deep within the earth. The gift of water washes us clean, quenches our thirst and nurtures crops and creatures.

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life.**

In baptism, this same water, with God's word, joins us to Christ and gives us new life.

**In baptism, we are marked with the cross of Christ and sealed with the Holy Spirit.**

With this assurance, confess to God your sins - those times in which you have not been your best self, which is the person that God made you to be.

*A moment of silence for reflection and confession.*

Trusting in the power of God and the gift of baptism in which God claims you as God's beloved child, all your sins have been forgiven, washed away. May you be a witness of the power of God's resurrecting love and may the Holy Spirit shower you with grace and love. **Amen.**

### **Greeting**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen. Alleluia!**

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.**

### **Hymn of Praise      *Praise and Thanks and Adoration***

**ELW 783**

Praise and thanks and adoration,  
Son of God, to you we give,  
for you chose to serve creation,  
died that sinners all might live.  
Dear Lord Jesus, guide my way;  
faithful let me day by day  
follow where your steps are leading,  
find adventure, joys exceeding!

Hold me ever in your keeping,  
comfort me in pain and strife;  
through my laughter and my weeping,  
lift me to a nobler life.  
Draw my fervent love to you;  
constant hope and faith renew  
in your birth, your life and passion,  
in your death and resurrection.

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, **with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**First Lesson Acts 4:32-35 (NRSV)**

*While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.*

The first lesson is from Acts, the 4th chapter.

Now 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. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There 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. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Lesson 1 John 1:1--2:2 (NRSV)**

*The opening of this letter serves as a reality check. The reality of God is light, but our confessed reality has been sin. God cleanses us from our sinful reality through Christ's death so that we live in fellowship with Christ and walk in God's light.*

The second lesson is from 1 John, the 1st and 2nd chapters.

We 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—this 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—we 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. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**Communion Distribution**

The image shows musical notation for a Communion Distribution. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace." The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a church service.

**Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!**

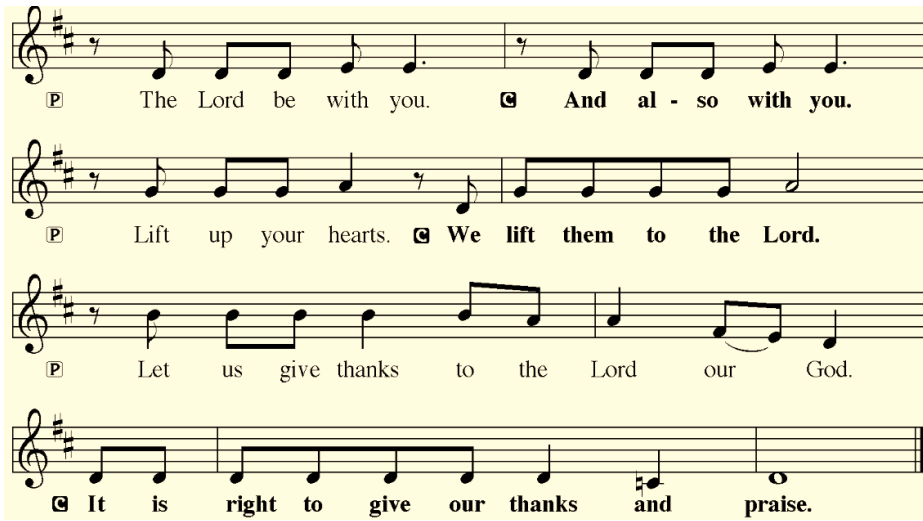
ELW 369

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving



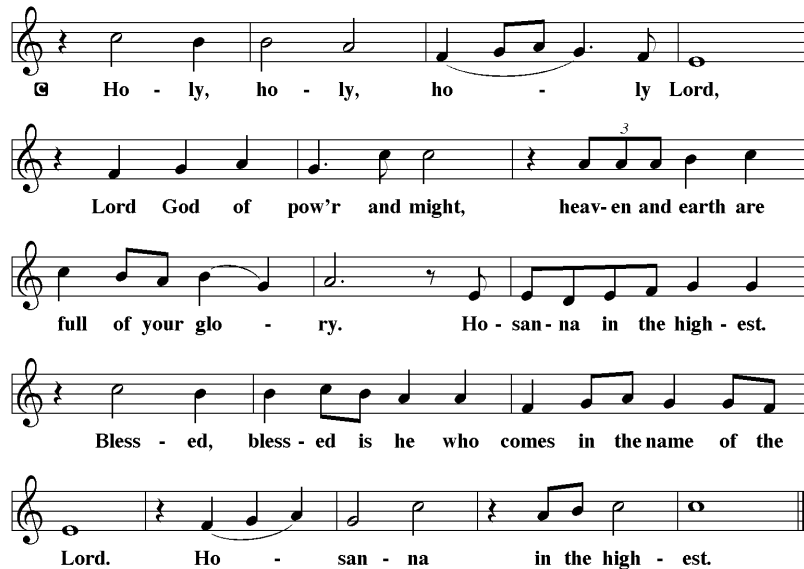
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

It is indeed right . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,  
Lord God of pow'r and might, heav-en and earth are  
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

This 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. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but 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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord;  
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

### Gospel John 20:19-31 (NRSV)

*The story of Easter continues as the risen Jesus appears to his disciples. His words to Thomas offer a blessing to all who entrust themselves in faith to the risen Lord.*

The Gospel of the Lord according to John, the 20th chapter.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

When 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." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So 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."

A 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." Then 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.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But 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.

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Sermon

Vicar Karen Peterson

### Hymn of the Day

***We Walk by Faith***

ELW 635

We walk by faith and not by sight;  
with gracious words draw near,  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
"My peace be with you here."

We may not touch your hands and side,  
nor follow where you trod;  
but in your promise we rejoice,  
and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief;  
and may our faith abound  
to call on you when you are near  
and seek where you are found:

For you, O resurrected Lord,  
are found in means divine:  
beneath the water and the word,  
beneath the bread and wine.

And when our life of faith is done,  
in realms of clearer light  
we may behold you as you are,  
with full and endless sight.

### 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 People

Each petition will end with: God of Grace  
The congregation is invited to respond: **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

### Offering

***Christ is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed***

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### Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Risen One, **you call us to believe and bear fruit. 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.**

### Offering Response

***Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds***

ELW 367: 2

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!

