

A white dove is shown in flight, its wings spread wide, against a background of a textured, light-colored wall. The scene is illuminated by a bright, warm light from the upper left, creating a soft glow. In the foreground, a yellow cloth is draped over the edge of a stone structure, likely the entrance to a tomb. The overall atmosphere is one of peace and resurrection.

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

**Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024**

Welcome to Easter Worship!

Holy Communion

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 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.

Children Are Welcome in Worship at FLW!

Activity bags for children are in the entry. The Nursery (down the hall) is available for families with young children to use.

The congregational speaking parts are printed in bold.

Prelude

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Because He Lives

Gaither

Welcome and Sharing of Peace

The Easter Proclamation

Alleluia means "God be praised." We praise God for the gift of Jesus and the promise of new life in him. We begin Easter by proclaiming "Alleluia! Christ is risen!" The church responds as did the early church: "Christ is risen indeed!" We gather as a church across time and space in celebrating our Risen Lord together.

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!

Processional Hymn

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

ELW 365

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!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
now above the sky he's king, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

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!

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! ELW 385

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our king!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
death's mighty stone is rolled away;
let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

Gospel Acclamation

The Gospel Acclamation announces something special: the Holy Gospel!

Be Not Afraid

Ostinato Refrain

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in a 2/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive. The lyrics are: "Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia! Be not a-fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris-en, al-le-lu-ia!"

Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy! Christ is ris - en, al - le -
lu - ia! Be not a - fraid, sing out for joy!
Christ is ris - en, al - le - lu - ia!

Holy Gospel Mark 16:1-8

The Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter
Glory to you O Lord.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one

another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

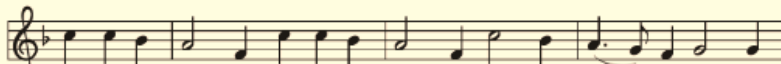
Repeat Gospel Acclamation

Sermon

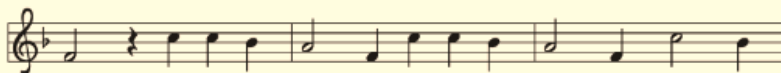
Pastor Pamela Stalheim Lane

Hymn of the Day

Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded



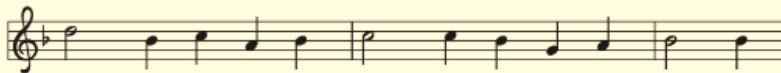
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 2 Day of de - light and beau - ty un - bound - ed, tell the news, the gos - pel



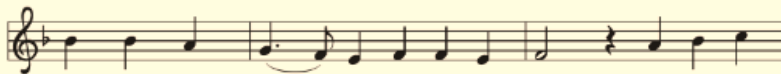
spread! Day of all won - der, day of all splen - dor, praise Christ
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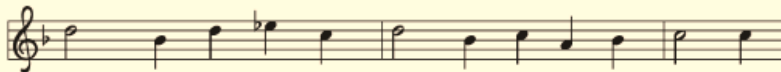
ris - en from the dead! Sing of the sun from dark - ness ap -
 ris - en from the dead! Sing now of mourn - ing turned in - to



pear - ing; sing of the seed from bar - ren earth green - ing;
 danc - ing; sing now the mys - t'ry, hope of our glo - ry;



sing of cre - a - tion, al - le - lu - ia! Sing of the
 sing with thanks - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia! Sing now of



stream from Je - sus' side flow - ing; sing of the saints in
 fast - ing turned in - to feast - ing; sing the Lord's fa - vor



wa - ter made ho - ly; sing of sal - va - tion, al - le - lu - ia!
 last - ing for - ev - er; sing, all things liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Apostles' Creed

The Apostles' Creed describes the faith into which we are baptized. While the creed itself does not come from the apostles, its roots are apostolic (in keeping with the teaching of the New Testament apostles).

**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

The Prayers of the People reflect the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world.

Each petition will end with . . . Risen Lord in your mercy.
The congregation is invited to respond **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

In the Fair Morning

Cherwin and Larter

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. **We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offering Response

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

ELW 367 vs. 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!

The Great Thanksgiving

The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Communion is also called the Eucharist. Eucharist is a Greek word that means "thanksgiving." That is why we call the beginning of the communion proper "The Great Thanksgiving." The Great Thanksgiving is one of the oldest parts of the liturgy, dating to the second century. It is an act of praise and thanksgiving to God for God's works of kindness and love.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

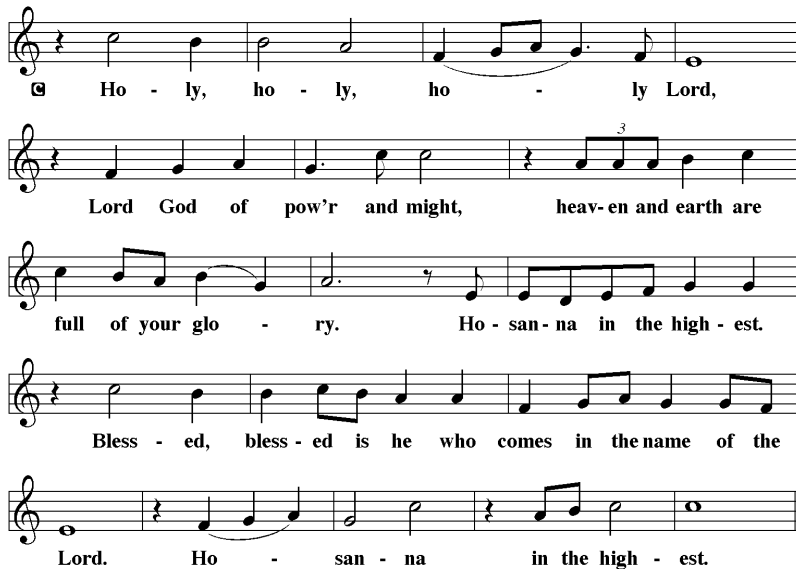
Lift up your hearts.

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 Words of Institution are the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper when he "instituted" (began) the sacrament. The Apostle Paul recorded these words in 1 Corinthians 11:23-25.

The Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer can be found in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. There are several English translations of this 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. 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 *Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks*

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

Verses

Jesus is Lord of all the earth; he is the king of creation. **Refrain**
Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**
We have been crucified with Christ; now we shall live forever. **Refrain**
God has proclaimed the just reward: life for all people, alleluia. **Refrain**
Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior. **Refrain**

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

ELW 364

Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain

Let us sing praise to him with endless joy.
Death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst
until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo,
and in its conquest his might did show. **Refrain**

The angel said to them, "Do not fear.
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare.
Only the graveclothes are lying there." **Refrain**

Refrain

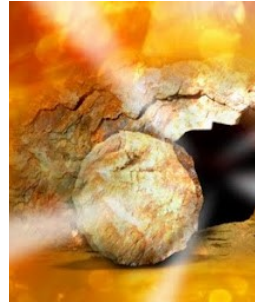
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That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

ELW 384

That Easter day with joy was bright;
the sun shone out with fairer light
when, to their longing eyes restored,
th'apostles saw their risen Lord!

O Jesus, king of gentleness,
with constant love our hearts possess;
to you our lips will ever raise
the tribute of our grateful praise.



O Christ, you are the Lord of all
in this our Easter festival,
for you will be our strength and shield
from ev'ry weapon death can wield.

All praise, O risen Lord, we give
to you, once dead, but now alive!
To God the Father equal praise,
and God the Spirit, now we raise!

Communion Blessing

Prayer After Communion

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

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment
rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes
where thy body lay.

Thine is the Glory

ELW 376 v. 1-2

Refrain

Thine is the glory,
risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!

Lo, Jesus meets thee,
risen from the tomb!
Lovingly he greets thee,
scatters fear and gloom;
let his church with gladness
hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth;
death hath lost its sting! ***Refrain***

Blessing

Receive God's blessing. The presence of the triune God is with you always.

May the God of all, who raised † Jesus from the dead, by the power of the Holy Spirit, bless you to live joyfully in the new creation. **Amen.**

Dismissal

We have come to worship to serve the Lord. Now, at the close of worship, our service does not end. The Dismissal reminds us that our service now takes another form as we go out into the world to make God's peace visible in the lives of those with whom we love and work and play.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

Thanks be to God.

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Trumpet.....	Stuart Lane
Lector.....	Paula Lindgren
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	Lydia Foster
	Laura Jacobson
Usher	Debbie Overman
	Mark Overman
Altar Guild.....	Debbie Overman
Streaming.....	Dave Fernelius
	Rory Joygaard

Mission of the Month of March: NEAR

NEAR needs your help to provide food support to our community. Recently NEAR's food rescue partners that they depend on have scaled back on their food donations. The result is increased spending on food items in order to meet their clients basic needs. Both food and monetary donations are appreciated. Mission of the Month checks can be made payable to FLW with NEAR in the memo line.

This Week's Schedule | All Are Welcome!

**EVERY SUNDAY - ONLINE WORSHIP & PRINTABLE BULLETINS
AVAILABLE AT FAITHLILACWAY.ORG**

*(AFTER THE 9:30 SERVICE HAS STREAMED, THERE MAY
BE A SLIGHT DELAY)*

Sunday, March 31st EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:30 AM Sunday Worship and Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, April 1st

Office Closed

Tuesday, April 2nd

10:00 AM Staff Meeting

Wednesday, April 3rd

10:00 AM Contemplative Prayer

10:30 AM Bible Study

3:30 PM Faith Education

6:00 PM Confirmation

7:00 PM Chancel Choir

Sunday, April 7th

9:30 AM: Sunday Worship in Sanctuary and streaming live at faithlilacway.org.

10:30 AM Treats and Talk

10:45 AM Small Sums- Andrea Kish-Baile

10:45 AM: Internship Committee Meeting

Online giving:



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