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Third Sunday of Easter



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**In cooperation with Chapel by the Sea Presbyterian Church  
and former Beach United Methodist Church**

*Throughout the service*

*the congregation reads aloud the bold print*

## **Prelude/Gathering Music**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving for Baptism**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

### **Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:  
morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.

We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.

We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.

Fill us with the breath of peace.

Blessed are you.

### **You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.

We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.

### **Amen.**

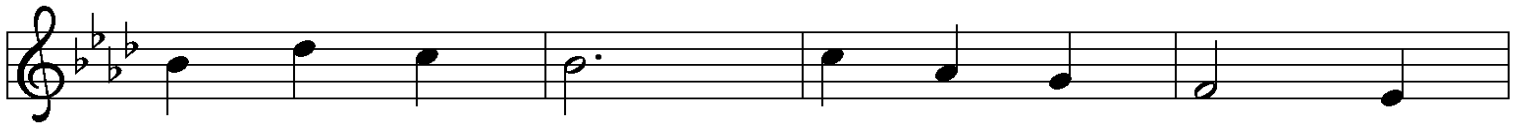
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en!  
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter  
3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es;  
4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent:  
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light!  
tell - ing the sto - ry to o - pen our eyes;  
life in the Spir - it the fruit of the tree;  
death put a - sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright.  
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb,

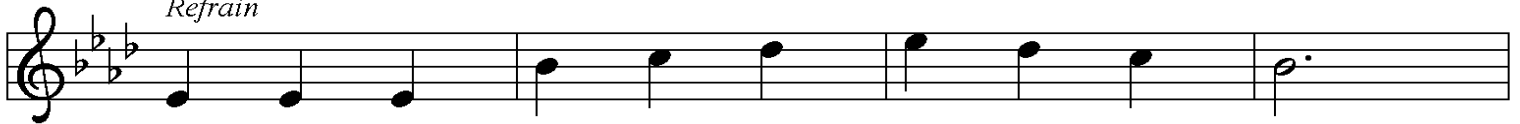


Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for - ev - er!  
break - ing our bread, giv - ing us glo - ry:  
heav - en to earth, Christ to the peo - ple,  
Cher - u - bim sing: O grave, be o - pen!  
riv - er of life, saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.  
Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

## *Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

**Greeting** 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**

### Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Glory Be to the Father

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly

The first system of musical notation is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with accompaniment in the bass staff. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly".

6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er

The second system of musical notation continues the piece. It starts with a measure rest in the treble staff, then begins with a melody. The lyrics are: "6 Ghost; As it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er".

10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. It starts with a measure rest in the treble staff, then begins with a melody. The lyrics are: "10 shall be, world with-out end. A - men, A - men." The piece ends with a double bar line.

## **Call to Worship** is from Psalm 116

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the LORD has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the  
grave came upon me; I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the LORD  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD.**

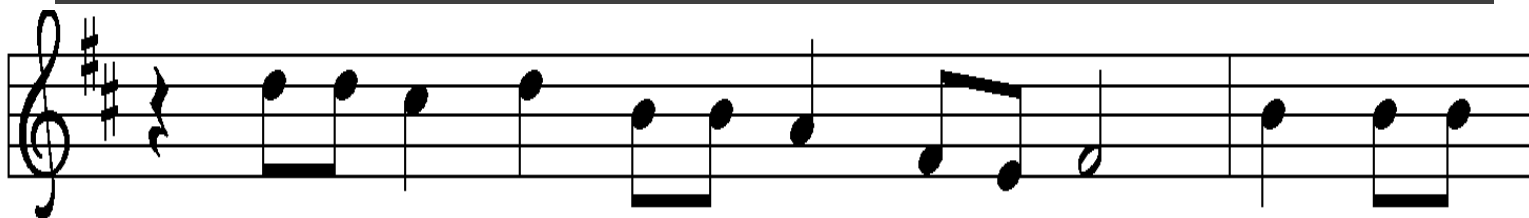
<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all God's people.

*The first reading is from Acts, the 2nd chapter*

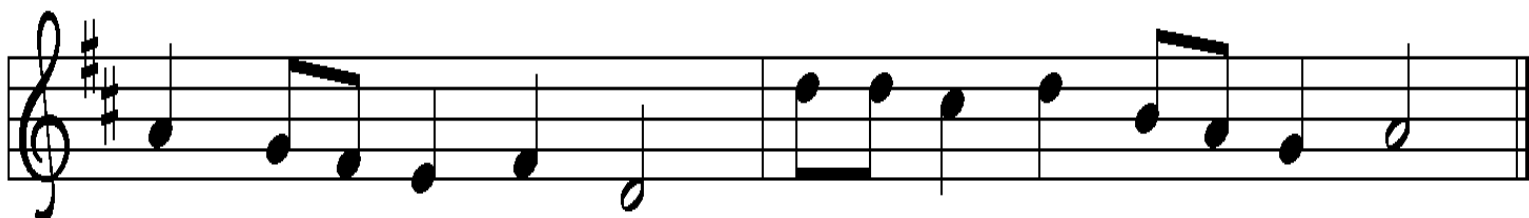
The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **PLEASE STAND FOR THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

# Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter

## Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two [disciples] were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told

what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

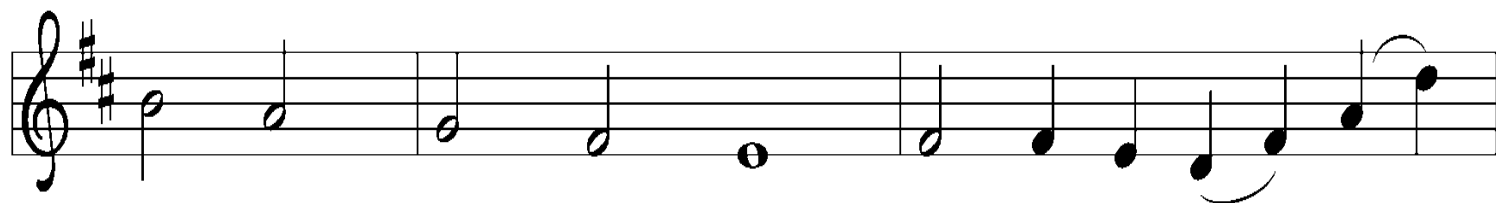
The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon – Rev. Steve Wigdahl**

**I Know That My Redeemer Lives!**



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Let us affirm our faith through the words of the 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 Christian church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

(Congregation will respond to each petition with  
**Receive our prayer**)

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **Offering & Special Music**

### **Offering Prayer**

Merciful God,

accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory.

You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more.

Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus,

that goodness and mercy may follow us

and bless the world you love.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Lord's Prayer**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray

**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.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace

## **Invitation to Communion**

Come to the table of new life.

Receive the risen Lord.

All are welcome

## **PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE**

**Blessing** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his Grace.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus, **Amen**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way,

May God go with you!

May He go before you..to show you the way;

May He go behind you...to encourage you;

Beside you...to befriend you;

Above you...to watch over you;

And within you...to give you His Peace!

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe.  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen

Go in peace. Praise the Lord! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor      Rev. Steve Wigdahl

Worship Assistant      Paul Gresham

Organist/Choir Director      Carl Lauderman

Ushers      Mark & Becky Lommen

Digital Ministry Coordinator      Deacon Lisa Miller

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## Join us on Thursdays!

Stop by the church on Thursday mornings between 9 and 11 for an informal time of fellowship. You might:

- Enjoy a cup of coffee and visit with new friends.
- Lend a hand in taking care of our church by doing an inside or outside chore. (Choose one from the list by the mailboxes.)
- Check in with the Sew and Sews to see if they need some help with one of their projects.
- Come to choir practice at 10:30 to learn the anthem for the next Sunday.



Lunch Bunch and ROMEO's will meet **April 29**, 11:30 am at Dixie Fish. RESERVE with Jana @317-753-1510!

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**Teddy Bear Ministry** - This ministry involves you bringing a new or gently used teddy bear to sit in the pews with us and be present for worship. See Jane Stutzman if you have any questions.

**Sew and Sews** – Join this group on Thursday mornings. Bring your lunch if you wish to stay and enjoy the fellowship. See Rexann Hosafros for more details.

**Join the choir – you might stay out of treble that way!!**