



**LORD of LOVE**  
*Lutheran Church*

## **Third Sunday of Easter**



*The Resurrected Christ and His Gifts  
are Present for Us in the Word.*



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**“I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
‘Let us go to the house of the LORD.’”  
Psalm 122:1**



# Lord of Love Lutheran Church

April 18, 2021

## SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

OPENING HYMN (CW 225)

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made



1 This is the day the Lord has made; He  
2 To - day he rose and left the dead, And  
3 Ho - san - na to the a - noint - ed King, To  
4 Bless - ed is Je - sus Christ, who came With  
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The



calls the hours his own. Let heav'n re - jice; let  
Sa - tan's em - pire fell; To - day the saints his  
Da - vid's ho - ly Son! Help us, O Lord; de -  
mes - sag - es of grace, Who came in God the  
Church on earth shall raise; The high - est heav'ns, in



earth be glad And praise sur - round the throne.  
tri - umphs spread And all his won - ders tell.  
scend and bring Sal - va - tion from the throne.  
Fa - ther's name To save our sin - ful race.  
which he reigns, Shall give him no - bler praise.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Tune: NUN DANKET ALL (CM) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

*STAND*

**M:** The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**



## CONFESSION OF SINS

**M:** God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** **Amen.**

# PRAYER AND PRAISE

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

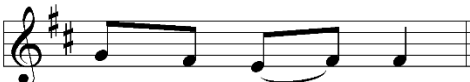
*Kyrie*

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

# O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in



all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,



you crown our life with your love. You take a - way our sin;



you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,



you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;

you washed us from our sins in your own blood.      You are the

King of glo - ry;    you are the Lord!      O Lord, our Lord,

how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

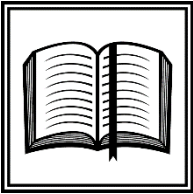
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:**    A       -       men.

*BE SEATED*



## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:8–12

*<sup>8</sup>Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders of Israel, <sup>9</sup>if we are being questioned today for a kind act that was done for the lame man, as to how this man has been healed, <sup>10</sup>let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead! By him this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup>This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you builders, which has become the cornerstone.*

*<sup>12</sup>“There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to people by which we must be saved.”*

### SECOND LESSON

1 John 1:1–10; 2:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have observed and our hands have touched regarding the Word of Life— <sup>2</sup>the life appeared, and we have seen it. We testify and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup>We are proclaiming what we have seen and heard also to you, so that you may have fellowship with us. Our fellowship is with the Father and his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>We write these things to you so that our joy may be complete.*

*<sup>5</sup>This is the message we heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light. In him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him but still walk in darkness, we are lying and do not put the truth into practice. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, just as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar, and his Word is not in us.*



<sup>2:1</sup>*My children, I write these things to you so that you will not sin. If anyone does sin, we have an Advocate before the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. <sup>2</sup>He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the whole world.*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**M:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32 cf. NIV)

STAND

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:36–49

<sup>36</sup>*As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”*

<sup>37</sup>*But they were terrified and frightened and thought they were looking at a ghost.*

<sup>38</sup>*He said to them, “Why are you troubled? Why do doubts arise in your hearts?”*

<sup>39</sup>*Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While they still did not believe it (because of their joy), and while they were still wondering, he said to them, “Do you have anything here to eat?”*

<sup>42</sup>*They gave him a piece of broiled fish and some honeycomb. <sup>43</sup>He took it and ate in front of them. <sup>44</sup>He said to them, “These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms.”*

<sup>45</sup>*Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, “This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

BE SEATED

HYMN (CW 160)

This Joyful Eastertide



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



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



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

*Refrain*



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst his three - day



pris - on, Our faith had been in vain: But



now is Christ a - ris - en, a - ris - en, a -



ris - en; But now is Christ a - ris - en.

Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.

Tune: VRUECHTEN (67 67 with Refrain) Davids Psalmen, Amsterdam, 1684.

## **SERMON**

*STAND*

### **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C:** **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

**M:** Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C:** **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

**M:** Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

*The recorded service for members at home concludes here as we conclude the service of the Word.  
We continue with the service of the Sacrament with those gathered in the sanctuary.*



## THE SACRAMENT

**M: The Lord be with you.**



**C: And al - so with you.**

**M: Lift up your hearts.**



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

**M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**



**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**M:** Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church.

Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever:

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -



va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**M:** The peace of the Lord be with you always.



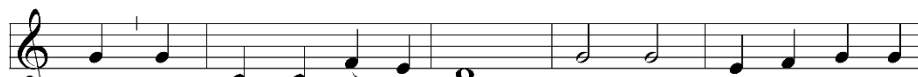
C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



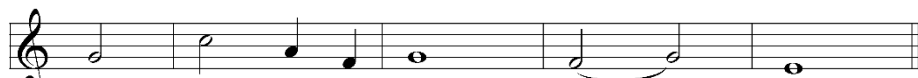
world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; grant us your peace. A - men.

**BE SEATED**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*In accordance with the Scriptural practice of closed Communion, we invite to the Sacrament of Christ's body and blood the communicant members of this congregation. We invite also the communicant members of our sister congregations in our fellowship (the WELS and the ELS) who have made their intention known to one of our pastors. We ask other guests in attendance to refrain from taking the Sacrament with us today, and we invite you to speak with a pastor about how you may join our fellowship and commune with us in the future.*

*To limit the proximity of our members and reduce the possibility of transmitting disease, we are asking our communicants to approach the chancel steps by families. If your family is seated closer to the center aisle, you may come to the table closer to the Baptismal font. If your family is seated closer to a side aisle, you may come to the table farther from the font. Please wait until the family ahead of you has communed and returned to their seats before approaching.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (CW 147)**

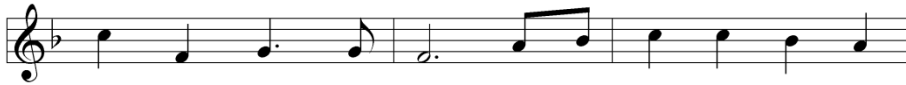
**Like the Golden Sun Ascending**



## Like the Golden Sun Ascending



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing  
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to  
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion; All my  
 4 Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior, And your  
 5 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, For your



through the gloom of night, On the earth its glo - ry  
 you, O Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er  
 sins on you were laid. You have won for me sal -  
 Ho - ly Spir - it send That my life and my be -  
 gos - pel's great re - ward, For your bap - tism which has



spend - ing So that dark - ness takes to flight,  
 o'er us, You have con - quered in the strife.  
 va - tion; On the cross my debt was paid.  
 hav - ior May be pleas - ing to the end,  
 saved me, For your sup - per and your Word,



Thus my Je - sus from the grave And death's dis - mal,  
 Thanks be - cause you did a - rise And have o - pened  
 From the grave I shall a - rise And shall meet you  
 That I may not fall a - gain In - to death's grim  
 For your death, the bit - ter scorn, For your res - ur -



dread - ful cave Rose tri - um - phant Eas - ter  
 par - a - dise! None can ful - ly sing the  
 in the skies. Death it - self is tran - si -  
 pit and pain, Whence by grace you have re -  
 rec - tion morn: Lord, I thank you and ex -



morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
 glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
 to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
 triev'd me And from which you have re - liev'd me.  
 tol you, And in heav'n I shall be - hold you.



## THANKSGIVING

*STAND.*

### THANK THE LORD



**C:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

**M:** Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

**M:** Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*BE SEATED*

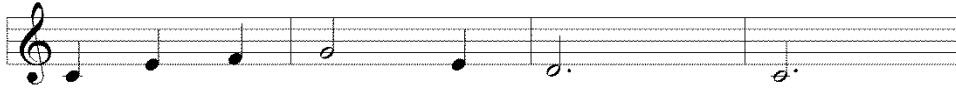
**CLOSING HYMN (CWS 771)**

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

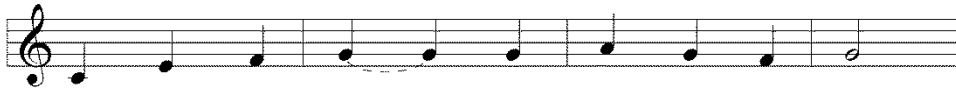
## I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light



1 I want to walk as a child of the light;  
 2 I want to see the bright - ness of God;  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ;



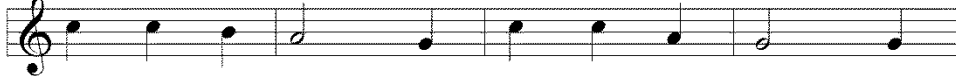
I want to fol - low Je - sus.  
 I want to look at Je - sus.  
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world;  
 Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness, shine on my path  
 When we have run with pa - tience the race,



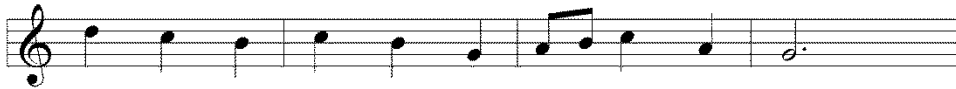
The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 And show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 We shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

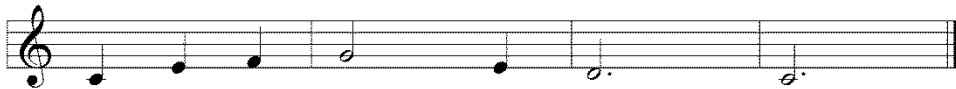
In him there is no dark - ness at all; The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.



## **Personal Prayers for Worship**

### **Before Communion:**

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### **After Communion:**

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

O living Bread from heaven, how richly you have fed your guest! The gifts you now have given have filled my heart with joy and rest. Lord, grant me that thus strengthened with heavenly food, while here my course on earth is lengthened, I serve with holy fear. And when you call my spirit to leave this world below, I enter through your merit where joys unmingled flow.

# Quarterly Congregational Meeting

April 25 at 11:45 am in sanctuary  
*All members encouraged to attend.*



## Sunday April 18: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am** (*Please sign up prior.*)

**Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**At-Home Sunday School #1: The Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

- Pastor: Michael Willitz
- Organist: Sharon Freund
- Councilmen: *TBA* (9:00) and Greg Zeman (10:30)
- Ushers: Roger LaGrange (9:00 am) & Joshua Hodkiewicz (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: Joe Hornbeck

## Sunday April 25: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**The Family Altar Devotion, 8:00 am**

**Private Communion 8:00 – 8:30 am** (*Please sign up prior.*)

**Worship Services at 9:00 & 10:30 with Holy Communion**

**At-Home Sunday School #2: The Parable of the Rich Man and Poor Lazarus**

- Pastor: Joel Jenswold
- Organist: Jennifer Boll
- Councilmen: Jim Miller (9:00) and Mitch Myhre (10:30)
- Ushers: Aaron Oughton (9:00 am) & Chad Heath (10:30 am)
- Altar Guild: Sue Jenswold
- A/V & Recording: RaeLyn Parker
- **11:45 am:** Congregational Open Forum and Voter's Meeting, *sanctuary*

**Happy Birthday:** We wish God's blessings to Dawn Porter (4/20), Jenna Gay (4/23), Bonnie Gotzion (4/23) and Ellen Moll (4/24) as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

**Happy Anniversary:** We wish God's blessings to Leona & Roger LaGrange (4/21) and Matthew & Shannon Garrett (4/24) as they celebrate their anniversaries this week.

**In Our Prayers:** Fred Bakken, Joyce Hamburg (sister-in-law of Karen Tobison), Wyatt Kingsland, Roger LaGrange, Peter Leege, Marilyn Lund, Rose Lund, Jack Richardson, Marge Ripp and Peg Schroeder who are experiencing difficulties.

A special prayer for all of our men & women who are serving in the Armed Forces. Among them are Shannon & Matthew Garrett, Sara Goss and John J. Schueman (son of Bonnie & John Schueman).



