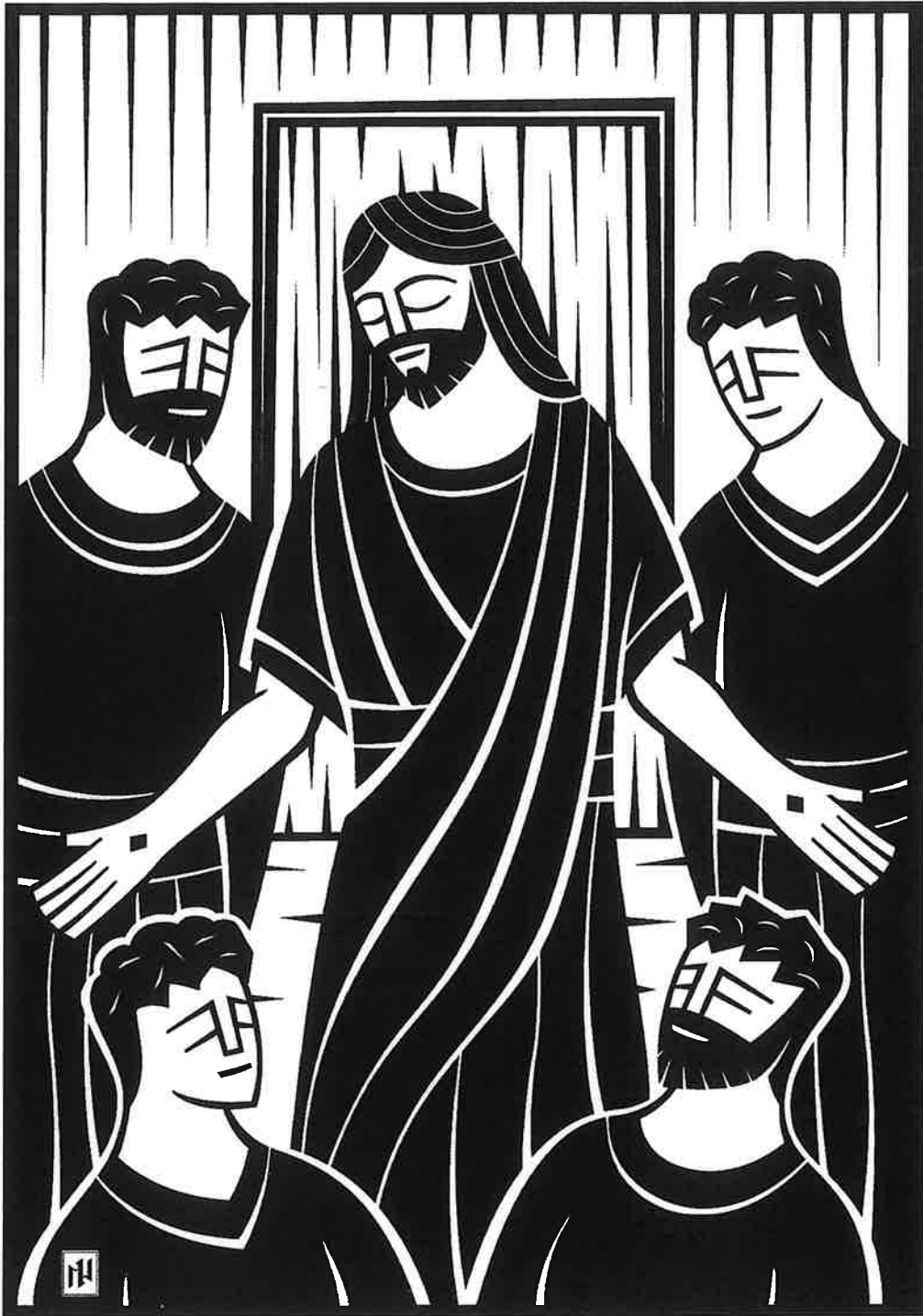


Divine Service at 10:30



Emmanuel Lutheran Church

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Here are a few things we'd like you to know...



SPECIAL NEEDS



We offer a hearing loop, large print bulletins and printed copies of today's sermon. If these would be helpful, please ask one of our ushers who would be delighted to assist you.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP



We are so happy you are here!

We've got tot bags and children's bulletins that are located in the east and west rear entrances of the church. Also, check out our Visual Faith page in the back of the bulletin.

Please feel free to bring your kids up during the distribution of Holy Communion for a personal blessing.

The unstaffed Church Nursery is available for children three years of age and younger and is located in the lower level. If you need help finding it, please ask one of our ushers who will gladly guide you.

PRAYER REQUESTS



If you have a prayer request that you would like announced to the congregation, you will find a prayer request card on the tables located near each entrance into the sanctuary. Drop the completed card into one of the boxes located at each entrance, or simply hand it to an usher.

CONNECTIONS COUNTER



Visit the Connections Counter located in Ebenezer Hall. We've been expecting you and have a gift for our visitors. You can also pick up information on all we have to offer and sign up for events too!

GATHERING TIME



Join us for coffee, donuts and fellowship on Sunday mornings, after the early service and before Sunday school and Bible classes begin.

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Found in the gathering space we call Ebenezer Hall.

BUILDING FAITH IN THE CITY

“Peace Be with You”

AS WE GATHER

The joy of Easter continues! The initial appearance of the Lord on the Day of Resurrection now has expanded into a series of appearances by Jesus to His disciples and others. Once again, He is God in person on earth, assuring His faithful that He is with them always. To the disciples gathered together in fear and apprehension, He brings a word of peace and assurance. His presence among them gives a full sense of “shalom” - of complete well-being. Jesus is present among us in our worship this day as well, assuring us that all is well and that we are truly at peace with God and with one another. As we worship, we receive and celebrate that peace which passes all human understanding.

+ THE ORDER OF DIVINE SERVICE I AT 10:30 A.M. +

THE GATHERING TIME

During the Gathering Time, we encourage our members to greet each other and to warmly welcome visitors into our fellowship. Kindly turn off all cellphones and please sit toward the center of the pew so there is room for all who worship.

THE PRELUDE: “The Day of Resurrection” (LSB, 478)
“Christ Is Arisen”

Eggert
Ashdown

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN: “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Hymn 487

THE PRESENTATION OF PRAYER REQUESTS

(Please stand as you are able)

THE INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection)

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Leader: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Congregation sings indented lines) Ps 105:1-5, 8; antiphon: 1 Pet. 2:2-3

Psalm 105 is an exhortation to Israel to worship and trust in the Lord because of all His saving acts in fulfillment of His covenant with Abraham to give his descendants the land of Canaan.



Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call up- | on his name;*

make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Sing to him, sing prais- | es to him;*

tell of all his | wondrous works!

Glory in his | holy name;*

let the hearts of those who seek the | Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord | and his strength;*

seek his presence con- | tinually!

Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,*

his miracles, and the judgments he | uttered.

He remembers his covenant for- | ever,*

the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation—*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise

let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.

C A - men.

THE COLLECT

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

THE FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³And with great power the apostles were giving 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 were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1—2:2

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we 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 is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he 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 we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My 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. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)
THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld." ²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, 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 in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." ²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, 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; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, 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 believed." ³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE NICENE CREED (Spoken together)

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(Please be seated)

THE SERMON HYMN: "These Things Did Thomas Count as Real"
(Sing to the tune of "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry")

Hymn 472

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please take the black binder at the end of each pew, and fill out the appropriate info. We encourage our members to greet our visitors after the service.

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" (LSB, 467) Peeters

(Please stand as you are able)

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Merciful Father, at Your bidding we come to You in prayer, trusting in Your mercy to supply us with all that is needful and beneficial. Silence the doubts that plague us and deliver us from fear, that believing in You we may know the full comfort of Your gracious presence. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Deliver us from pride and humble us by Your Spirit so that, confessing all our sins, we know the peace of a clear conscience and serve You with all our heart, mind, body, and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Make Your Church bold in the confession of Your name before the world and give Your blessing to all pastors and church workers as they accomplish Your bidding in their service to us in Your name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Guard us from all enemies and bless our nation with good government and good leaders, that we enjoy justice before the law, equality of opportunity in the marketplace, and peace in our communities and between the nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Give comfort, healing, patience, and strength to the sick, to those suffering a troubled mind, and to those carrying the heavy burden of grief, that they may know Your presence in their hour of need. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Accept the praise and thanksgiving of our lips, the tithes and offerings we bring, and our labors for Your glory, that we not suffer from ingratitude or the pride that believes all we have is the fruit of our own work. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Leader: Remembering blessed Thomas and all the disciples, the saints and the martyrs, and those who taught us the faith and now rest from their

labors, bring us with them through the day of trouble into the dawn of peace and the place of everlasting life and light through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

+ THE SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION +

THE PREFACE: (Spoken responsively by the Congregation)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

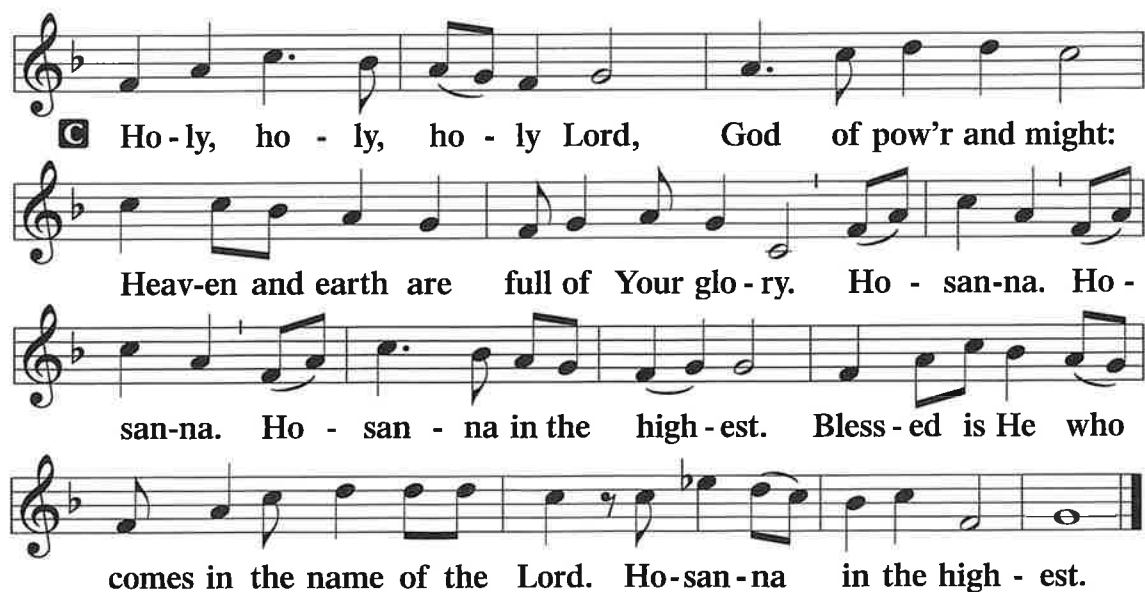
Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Leader: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 161



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

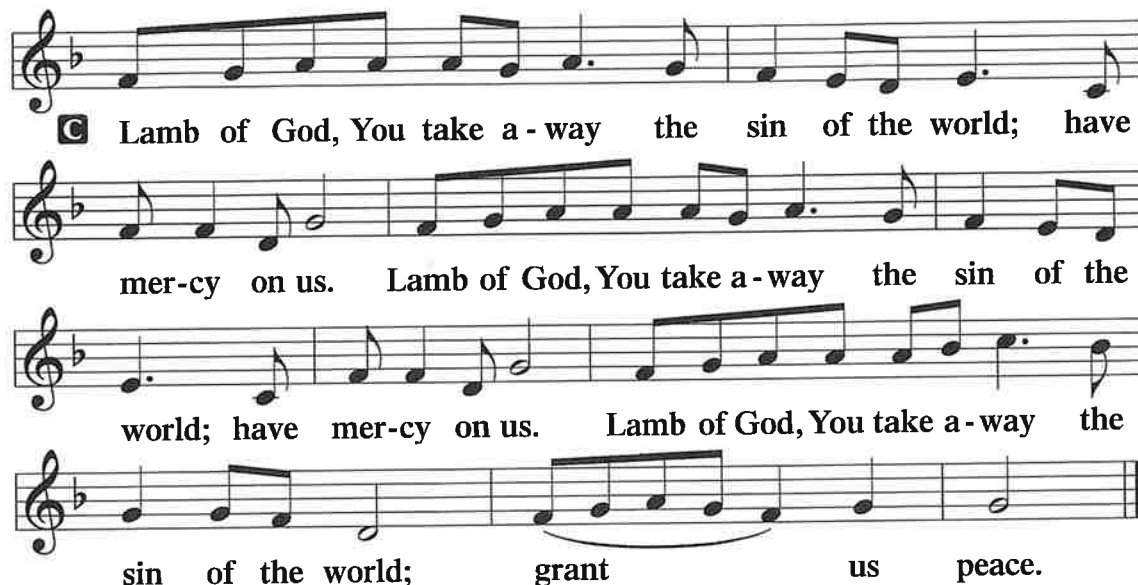
THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI: (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 163



C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

(Please be seated)

THE DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION (Served by stations)

When Jesus said, "This is My Body...This is My Blood," He really meant it. As Lutherans, we believe in the real bodily presence of Christ in the Sacrament, not merely in a figurative or symbolic sense. This means that Jesus' body and blood are actually present in the bread and wine received in Holy Communion. In this meal our faith is strengthened and forgiveness is assured. This gift is an act of God's love, which we don't deserve, cannot explain, and don't even fully understand. We humbly believe it. It is a request of our congregation that anyone who wishes to commune with us would share this faith. If you are not receiving the Lord's Supper today but desire a blessing, approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your heart. The individual cups located in the center of each tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those having that medical need. Individually packaged gluten-free communion wafers are available. Please ask the Communion Assistant if you have this dietary need.

THE DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

"Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness"

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

Hymn 563

Hymn 490

Hymn 464

(Please stand, as you are able)
THE DISMISSAL

THE POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (Sung by the congregation)

LSB, 165



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls 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.

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

LSB, 166

Leader: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

People:



C A - men.

THE BENEDICTION

Leader: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People:



C A - men.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Hymn 465

THE POSTLUDE: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"

Callahan

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-21; Ps. 4; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-49

THE FLOWERS adorning His altar were given to the glory of God in loving memory of their sister, Candice Kay Hurless from Pam, Deb, and Lee; and in loving memory of Bob and Phyllis Havener, and Ann Dahlkamp from George and Becki Elonzae.

SERVING

Liturgist	Seminarian Ryan Nichols
Acolyte	Zach Olsen
Organ/Piano	Myra Schmidt
Altar Guild	Linda Shively, Tina Bruce, Victoria Hayward, Penny Miller, Kristine Miller, Harry & Donna Shook
Usher Crew 4	Thim Reed, Mike Shively, Ron Ahrens, Dave Behling, Christian Behling, Alden Greider, Troy Hockemeyer, Dick Shively, Rob Stroupe, David Wyss
Communion	Phil Jackson, George Lin, Dennis McFadden, Phil Miller
Closer	Jim Wudy
Audio	Chris Darby

The Prayers of the Church

Prayer Requests

- Our congregation continues to care for one another through a faithful prayer ministry. Please pray for the following people this week:
 - We give thanks for the birth of a baby girl, Nova Faye Dillion, born to Austin Dillion and Autumn Reed. We ask God to strengthen and protect Nova as she grows, and to be with her family as they welcome Nova into their home.
 - Pray for strength, healing, peace and comfort for Larry Linnemeier, Janet Doege, Sharon Kammeyer, Janet Yost, Keely Lowe, Steve Herman, River Garcia (grandson of Raquel Klug), Pat Yeiter, Jim Croxton, Jodie Karrick, Cheryl Parker, Gary Curtis, Parker Vachon, Carlton Grotrian (father of Karla Neeld), Colsen Gage (nephew of Annalissa Smith), Ricky Carmickle (brother-in-law of Deb Percy), Alycia Merkler, Rachel and Josh (family of Sarah Schwantz), Deb Bryan (sister-in-law of Steve and Pam Bryan), Julie Harper, Dewey Senger, Carly Robbins (friend of the Brown family), Dick Reinking, Ed Braun, Dottie Coppolino (sister of Sherry Baker), Maury Springer, Curt Rees (brother-in-law of Sandra Nahrwold), David Merkler.

- Pray for the following people recovering from surgery: Leah Nichols, Cindy Sakowicz, Susie Klausmeier, Mike Huesner, Sharon Springer, Elaine Ahrens, Larry Rast.
- Pray for healing, comfort and peace for the following people with cancer: Mary Grossjean, Gretchen Schilb, Jolene Rider, Gavin Wedeven, Peg Davis, Ashley Edge (niece of Barb and Gary Lesh), Barb Hambrock, Jeannine Felabom and Ruth Walters (friends of Janet Bircheff), Julie McMichael (niece of Deb Percy), Rod Teeple (cousin of Ruth Anne Teeple), Bob and Jenny Hobby (brother-in-law and sister of Chris Murphy), Jamie McConnell, Shelly Koenig (friend of Matt & Amy Konow), Karen Bickhardt (daughter of Janet Doege), Ronald Knepper (son of Janet Doege), Rob Howe, Judi Brunow, Angela Osborn, Beth Woodward, Josh Walters (friend of Patty Rouse), and Judy Baumgartner (mother of Kristin Smith).
- Join our staff in praying for the following members this week:
 - Tammy Fox
 - Eric and Hannah Freeman, Abe, Fitz and Iggy
 - Ricci Freeman
 - Andy and Jennifer Freimuth, Isabella and Isaiah
 - Kathy Freimuth
 - Manfred and Linda Fremder
 - Chris and Heather Frietas, Grace, Peyton, Rylan
 - Dennis and Cindy Frietas
 - Adam Fritsch, Adian, Caleb, Cooper and Tyler
 - Mike and Coleen Fritsch
- Please pray for the missions supported by Emmanuel's congregation:
 - Rev. James and Deaconess Christel Neuendorf - Ponce, Puerto Rico
 - Lutheran Agency for Missions to Burmese (LAMB)
 - Rev. Michael Paul - Taiwan
 - The Lutheran Heritage Foundation
 - Luther Academy
 - Lutheran Senior Care Ministry (LSCM)
 - Lutherans For Life (LFL)
 - Lutheran Bible Translators

If you have a prayer request that you would like to make known to our Emmanuel family, please email me at taeggold@hotmail.com. If you would like to join the Emmanuel Prayer Chain, please email Marsha Sappenfield at marshasappenfield@comcast.net or call 260-616-0679.

The Teaching of the Church

The following Sunday morning Bible classes begin April 14 and run through May 19:

"Lord, Teach Us to Pray" - We all cry out to Jesus with the words of the disciples, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1). Do you struggle with prayer; with finding the "right" words, feeling heard, wondering if it matters, if God actually answers prayers, etc.? Join us as we explore the gift of prayer through Scripture, answer difficult questions, wrestle with God, and pray together as brothers and sisters in Christ.

"Clay and Iron: A Gathering for Men" - "Men of God, you are not alone! Formed by God (clay) and encouraging each other (iron) all men and their wives/girlfriends are welcome to be an active part of this real-life, topical discussion focused on encouraging the men of our congregation and community."

Adult Sunday Bible Classes 9:15 - 10:30 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION	DATES	INSTRUCTOR
Lutheran Christianity	Brandt Hall	1/7-4/14	Eggold, Sheaffer, Hille
Sunday School for Grown Ups	School Rm C4	1/7-5/19	Pastor Mark Sheaffer
Lord, Teach Us to Pray	School Rm C3	4/14-5/19	Wes Williams
"Clay & Iron: A Gathering for Men"	School Rm A1	4/14-5/19	Discussion Based

Sunday School Classes 9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

CLASS	LOCATION
Little Flock (Birth - Age 2)	School Room A5 (Extended Care, Day)
3-5 Year Olds	School Room A3 (Miss Kanning's)
K-1 st Grade	School Room B3 (Mr. Eggold's)
2 nd -3 rd Grade	School Room B4 (Mrs. McCoy's)
4 th -5 th Grade	School Room B5 (Mrs. Palmreuter's)
6 th -7 th Grade Confirmation	School Cafeteria
8 th Grade Confirmation	Ebenezer, Lower Level
High School	The Loft

Weekday Bible Classes...

CLASS	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Mom's Bible Study	The Loft	Every Other Monday	8:30 am
Women's Bible Study	The Loft	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	7:30 pm

Men's Lectionary Study	Ebenezer Hall	Wednesdays	6:30 am
Women's Bible Study	Brandt Hall	Wednesdays	8:45 am
Pastor's Bible Study	Sanctuary	Wednesdays	10:00 am
Men's Lectionary Study	Brandt Hall	Fridays	6:30 am

The News of the Church

Emmanuel to Host the LCMS Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service - On Tuesday, April 9, hundreds of pastors and church leaders from around the U.S., Caribbean, and Canada will come to Fort Wayne, for *The Black Clergy Caucus of the Lutheran Church*. In support of this historic event, Emmanuel will host a special worship service on Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 p.m. (pre-service music begins at 6:15 p.m.), featuring Gospel music and dance by the New Covenant and Pilgrim Praise Teams, and organ music by our own organist, Myra Schmidt. This worship service is open to the public and, as members of Emmanuel, this is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our brothers and sisters from the Black Clergy Caucus. Please consider attending this special worship event.

Lutherans For Life - The next meeting for the Ft. Wayne chapter of Lutherans For Life will be Friday April 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Emmanuel in Ebenezer. Join us to participate, as Susan Frincke presents a Bible study entitled "Death Stinks - a study of the Aroma of Christ."

Ladies of Emmanuel: Please come to our upcoming LWM meeting!

Date: Thursday, April 4 *Time:* 1:00-3:00 pm *Location:* Lower Ebenezer

What is LWML? Lutheran Women in Mission (LWM) is an organization of women committed to supporting the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS) mission through prayer, Bible study, and service. LWML women help make a difference in people's lives worldwide.

What to expect at the meeting:

- A warm welcome and fellowship with other women of faith
- Amy Rast will share her experiences in Tanzania, Africa with us
- Bible study led by Jan Werth: "I Am Trusting the Lord Jesus"

LWML Spring Three-Zone Gathering - Lutheran, women in mission of Fort Wayne are hosting a three-zone gathering for women of all ages on Saturday, April 13 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Anthony Boulevard. Based on Mark 16:15. The theme will be "Into All the World." The gathering begins at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and fellowship, and will include an uplifting devotion and keynote address from Sergui Trifa, a Romanian student attending Concordia Theological Seminary, who will talk about how people are reached through the Romanian ministry. To register, please contact Jan Werth at 260-452-4769 by Sunday, April 7. Registration is \$7, and the ingathering will be monetary donations to support the Romanian ministry. Your presence and contribution will make a

tangible difference in spreading faith and love in every corner of the world!

Lunch Bunch - Inviting those around 60 and over to join us for our next Lunch Bunch activity scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 when our guest speaker will be Registered Dietitian, Julia Reick. Julia (who is Georgia Reick's daughter-in-law) will share her ideas about healthy cooking for one or two, including information about good nutrition in all of our meals. Join us for fellowship beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the lower level of Ebenezer Hall, followed by a delicious lunch served at noon at a cost of \$9, payable that day. Our guest speaker will present following our lunch. You are encouraged to stop by the Connections Counter in Ebenezer Hall on the weekends, visit the Welcome Center during the week, or call the church office at 423-1369 to sign up for this event.

Visual Faith Ministry Invites You to join us on Saturday, April 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as we explore the Visual Faith practice of "Around the Word." This practice calls us to surrender our own voice for a time and to listen to God through His Word. We're seeking God's face, as He tells us to do. As we listen, we make note of the lessons learned. In this practice, we are not adding to God's Word or expecting Him to say something He's not already said in His Word, but instead giving God our full attention (as much as we are able to do that) and setting aside the distractions that badger us all day long. "Around the Word" using a Bible passage is an exercise in listening, with our mouths closed and our hearts open. A time of silence, a time to share if you choose, and a time to learn with one another. Please sign up at the Connections Counter! Refreshments will be provided. We hope you will join us!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Volunteer Opportunities - Vacation Bible School (VBS) returns to Emmanuel from June 10-14, running from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We're currently in the planning stages and would greatly appreciate your assistance. If you'd like to lend a hand with VBS, please take a moment to complete the form provided via a link in the weekly email. Keep an eye out for upcoming announcements! VBS registration details and supply wish lists will be available soon. Stay tuned!

Camp Lutherhaven 2024 - Adventure awaits you this summer at Camp Lutherhaven! Race your friends in a kayak, make a craft out of things found in nature, or gaze up at the starry sky. There are so many activities at Camp Lutherhaven, the only question is "What will I try today?" There are programs for all ages: youth programs for K-12, family programs, and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Camp has something for everyone! Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

Cross Connections "Spring Thing" Dinner and Auction - Think Spring as you join Cross Connections for an evening of fun, food, live auction and conversation. This year's premier speaker is Raphael Bosley, Licensed Therapist

and professional counselor for Cross Connections with over 10 years of experience working with people from all walks of life, primarily addressing depression, anxiety, trauma, and relational, familial, and interpersonal issues. The event will take place Tuesday, April 23 at the Parkview Mirro Center, with doors opening at 5:30 p.m. To purchase tickets, call 260-373-0213 or click the link provided in this week’s email from the pastors.

Mental Health Moment - In looking at The Lutheran Foundation’s Mental Health survey results, the data showed that many feel some depression and anxiety. This is very common coming out of winter and there are many ways to support yourself. Go to the weekly email from the pastors to find links to the following free support groups you may want to attend sponsored by Mental Health America of Northeast Indiana:

- o Anxiety and Depression Support Group
- o Peer-Led Art Support Group

The Stewardship of the Church

EMMANUEL’S MINISTRIES

Supports the ongoing mission and ministry efforts of Emmanuel congregation.

Year to Date: \$546,750	Anticipated Need Thru April, 2024: \$678,312
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DISTRICT AND SYNOD

Used for local, national and world mission efforts.

Last Week: \$259	Year to Date: \$3,113
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CUP OF KINDNESS

Distributed by Lutheran Social Services to local families who have crisis needs.

Last Week: \$140	Year to Date: \$1,688
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IN ALL GENERATIONS

Supports the renovations of the Emmanuel campus school building.

“IAG” Total Received: \$4,705,505	Projected Cost: \$7,200,000
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The Calendar of the Church

Monday, April 8

- 1:00 p.m. Caregivers' Support Group
- 6:00 p.m. Handbell Practice
- 7:00 p.m. Mission Task Force Meeting

Tuesday, April 9

- 5:00 p.m. Stephen Leader Meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting
- 6:15 p.m. Black Clergy Caucus Worship Service with Communion
- 7:00 p.m. West Central Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 10

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 7:30 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- 8:45 a.m. Women's Bible Study
- 9:00 a.m. Home School Religion
- 10:00 a.m. Pastor's Bible Study
- 11:30 a.m. Communion Service
- 6:00 p.m. First Impressions Meeting

Thursday, April 11

- ESM 2-hour delayed start
- 8:30 a.m. Thursday Guys
- 9:00 a.m. Piece Makers
- 6:30 p.m. Financial Peace University

Friday, April 12

- 6:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study
- 9:30 a.m. Lutherans For Life

Saturday, April 13

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Worship Service

Sunday, April 14

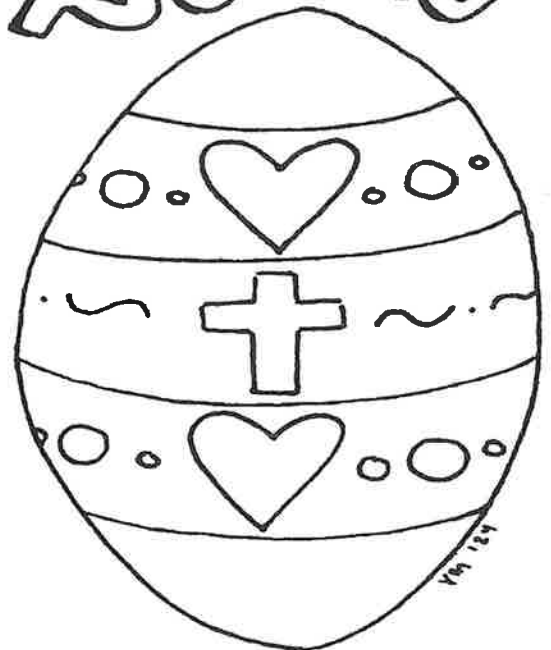
- 8:00 a.m. Divine Worship Service with Communion
- 9:00 a.m. Gathering Time in Ebenezer Hall
- 9:15 a.m. Lutheran Christianity
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Worship Service

Find Words from the Scripture Readings

S H I N I N G Z O W
 P R O C L A I M D B
 L L Z K Z R A S S F
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 S P E T E S T I F Y

DISTRIBUTED	DARKNESS	SHINING
FELLOWSHIP	PROCLAIM	TESTIFY
CREATURES	MANIFEST	NATIONS
BELIEVERS	MESSAGE	LIGHT
SPLENDOR	TOUCHED	JOY

THOSE
 who
 Believed
 WERE OF
 ONE
 heart
 AND
 soul



ACTS 4:32

The Sacraments

Today we celebrated the Lord's Supper ...

Yes No

Today we had a baptism ...

Yes No

This Visual Faith resource is designed to help visual and tactile learners take worship into the week. You can find more Visual Faith resources at <https://www.visualfaithmin.org>.

EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Building faith in the city

We are a caring family of baptized Christians bound together in the forgiveness which God has provided all people through His Son.

This family exists to announce this gift of forgiveness to individuals of all nations and cultures through the preaching of God's Word and the administration of the Sacraments. Emmanuel instructs young and old according to the confessional standard of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and reaches out through forgiving relationships, working to connect all members of the family through caring friendships.

Emmanuel serves as shepherds of the sheep; seekers of the lost; friends of sinners; and caregivers to the poor, lonely and broken-hearted. It is a family that cares for all people and reaches out to witness to the love and forgiveness found in Jesus Christ.

Emmanuel Worship Services are designed to share God's love and forgiveness through the ministry of Word and Sacrament. We offer a variety of worship styles and we encourage you to worship in the liturgical style that best meets your needs.

Saturday Evening Divine Service—This service offers a contemporary setting and is held on Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning Divine Services—These services are held on Sundays at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. and feature worship in a traditional liturgical setting.

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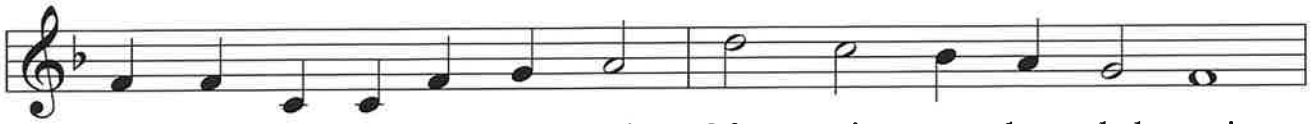
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Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

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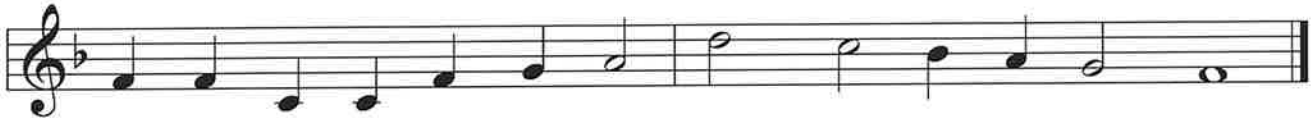
1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad-ness!
2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst His pris - on
3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright With the day of splen - dor,
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,
And from three days' sleep in death As a sun has ris - en;
With the roy - al feast of feasts Comes its joy to ren - der;
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
All the win - ter of our sins, Long and dark, is fly - ing
Comes to glad - den faith-ful hearts Which with true af - fec - tion
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal



Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.
From His light, to whom is giv'n Laud and praise un - dy - ing.
Wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
To our King immortal,
Who, triumphant, burst the bars
Of the tomb's dark portal.
Come, you faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness!
God has brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness!

These Things Did Thomas Count as Real 472



1 These things did Thom - as count as real: The
2 The vi - sion of his skep - tic mind Was
3 His rea - soned cer - tain - ties de - nied That
4 May we, O God, by grace be - lieve And



warmth of blood, the chill of steel, The grain of wood, the
keen e-nough to make him blind To an - y un - ex -
one could live when one had died, Un - til his fin - gers
thus the ris - en Christ re - ceive, Whose raw im - print - ed



heft of stone, The last frail twitch of flesh and bone.
pect - ed act Too large for his small world of fact.
read like braille The mark - ings of the spear and nail.
palms reached out And beck - oned Thom - as from his doubt.

Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness 563



1 Je - sus, Thy blood and righ - teous - ness My beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and re -
3 Lord, I be - lieve Thy pre - cious blood, Which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more Than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; Midst flam - ing worlds, in
deemed, no debt to pay; Ful - ly ab - solved through
mer - cy seat of God Pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, Thou hast for all a



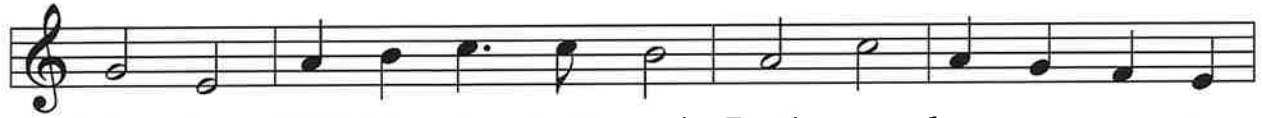
these ar - rayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, Was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, For all a full a - tone - ment made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

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1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er can ap -
 2 Je - sus lives! To Him the throne High a - bove all things is
 3 Je - sus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Je - sus
 4 Je - sus lives! I know full well Noth - ing me from Him shall
 5 Je - sus lives! And now is death But the gate of life im -



pall me; Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
 giv - en. I shall go where He is gone,
 liv - ing, Pure in heart and act a - bide,
 sev - er. Nei - ther death nor pow'rs of hell
 mor - tal; This shall calm my trem - bling breath



From the grave will Christ re - call me. Bright - er
 Live and reign with Him in heav - en. God is
 Praise to Him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
 Part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will
 When I pass its gloom - y por - tal. Faith shall



scenes will then com - mence; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 need God will dis - pense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 be my sure de - fense; This shall be my con - fi - dence.
 cry, as fails each sense: Je - sus is my con - fi - dence!

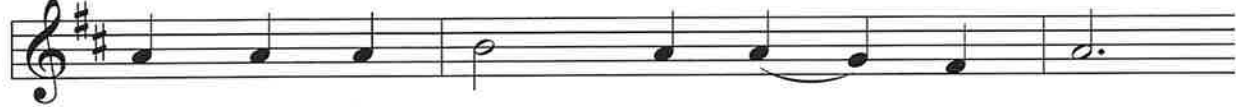
The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

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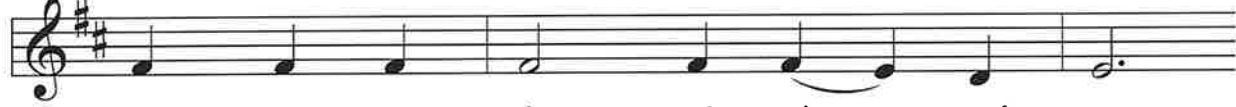
Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!




1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds 465



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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