



*Our Joy is  
Complete!*

## The Order of Worship

### Pre-Service Music & Greeting

**Opening Hymn**      “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”  
*Christian Worship 150*

Christ the Lord is ris’n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
See the place where he was laid; Alleluia!  
Praise him for the ransom paid. Alleluia!

For the sheep the Lamb as bled; Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinners’ stead. Alleluia!  
“Christ is ris’n,” today we cry; Alleluia!  
Now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled. Alleluia!  
While, in strange and awe-full strife, Alleluia!  
Met together death and life. Alleluia!

Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!  
Now the first born from the dead, Alleluia!  
Throned in endless might and pow’r, Alleluia!  
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!

### **The Invocation**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

### **The Confession of Sins**

**P:** 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.**

P: 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 the 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!**

**Lord have Mercy**

P: Jesus lived for us. Jesus died for us. Jesus rose from the dead to proclaim his victory over death. Through his precious work and gracious intercession, we know God the Father will hear and answer us for our good. With this confidence, we pray:

P: 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.**

P: 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.**

P: 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.

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



C: A — — men!

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



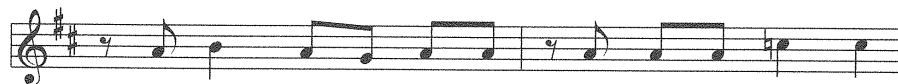
C: O Lord, our Lord, how glor-ious is your name in



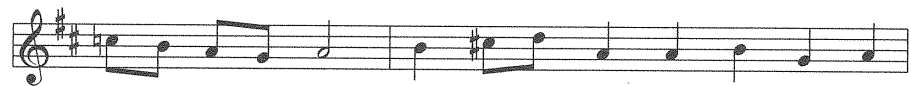
all the earth. Al—might—y God, mer-ci-ful Fa—ther,



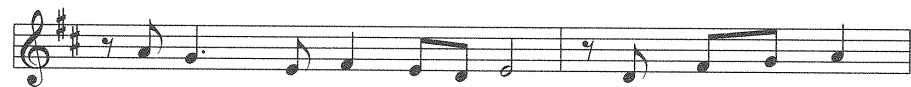
you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;



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



Ho—ly in your sight. You did not spare your on—ly Son,



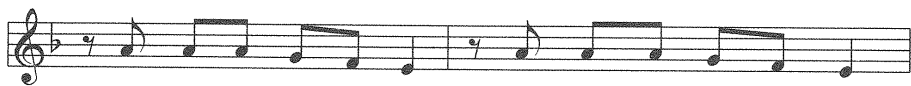
but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glor—ious 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 glor—ious is your name in all the earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P: O gracious and ever-living Savior, you have filled our hearts with joy, and nothing can take it away. It triumphs over fear, sadness, and even the terror of the grave. Continue to fill us with the blessed joy your resurrection gives. Make it our hope and our strength. Also, make it the reason we do everything according to your will and to your glory. O dearest and resurrected Savior, you have given us new life, new hope, and a new inheritance. Keep these blessings in our life as you keep us in your grace, until we are raised to eternal life. Receive our praise and thanks for all you have done, and especially for your rescue—worked by you together with your Father and the Spirit—our true, Triune and triumphant Lord.



C: A — — men!

### The Lessons from God's Word

*"The Resurrection Leads to Hope, Power, and Joy!"*

#### The Power of the Resurrection

*Acts 18:1-11*

<sup>1</sup>After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. <sup>3</sup>Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!"

<sup>7</sup>He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

**Psalm for the Day**

*Psalm 16*

*Refrain*

I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*

Keep me | safe, O God, \*  
for in your I take | refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You | are my LORD; \*  
apart from you I have | no good thing.”

I have set the LORD always be- | fore me; \*  
because he is at my right hand, I will not be | shaken.

***Refrain***

My heart is glad and my tongue re- | joices; \*  
my body also will | rest secure.

Because you will not abandon me | to the grave, \*  
nor will you let your Holy One | see decay.

You have made known to me the | path of life; \*  
you will fill me with joy in your | presence.

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.

### ***Refrain***

### **Epistle**

*1 John 4:1-4*

<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.

### **Verse of the Day and Alleluia**

P: I love the LORD, because he hears my voice. He hears my cry for mercy. Because he turned his ear to me, I will call to him all my days. The ropes of death entangled me. The walls of the grave hemmed me in. I found distress and sorrow.

Then I called on the name of the LORD: “Ah, LORD, please save my life!” The LORD is gracious and righteous, and our God is compassionate. The LORD protects those with a childlike faith. In my weakness he saves me too.



**C:** Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia! Al—le—lu—ia!





These words are writ — ten that we may be—lieve that



Je—sus is the Christ, the Son — of God.



Al—le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia! Al— le— lu— ia!

### **Gospel**

*John 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together behind locked doors because of their fear of the Jews. Jesus came, stood among them, and said to them, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. So the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you! Just as the Father has sent me, I am also sending you.” <sup>22</sup>After saying this, he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>Whenever you forgive people’s sins, they are forgiven. Whenever you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup>But Thomas, one of the Twelve, the one called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples kept telling him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>After eight days, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them. “Peace be with you,” he said. <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and look at my hands. Take your hand and put it into my side. Do not continue to doubt, but believe.”

<sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!”

<sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Jesus, in the presence of his disciples, did many other miraculous signs that are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

### Children’s Lesson

*“I have to know for sure!”*

P: This is the Word of our God.



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### Hymn of the Day

*“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”  
Christian Worship 147 st. 1-4*

Like the golden sun ascending,  
Breaking through the gloom of night,  
On the earth its glory spending  
So that darkness takes to flight,  
Thus my Jesus from the grave  
And death’s dismal, dreadful cave,  
Rose triumphant Easter morning  
At the early purple dawning.

Thanks to you, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to you, O Lord of life!  
Death has now no power o’er us,  
You have conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because you did arise  
And have opened paradise!

None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

You have died for my transgressions;  
All my sins on you were laid.  
You have won for me salvation;  
On the cross my debt was paid.  
From the grave I shall arise  
And shall meet you in the skies.  
Death itself is transitory;  
I shall lift my head in glory.

Grant me grace, O blessed Savior,  
And your Holy Spirit send  
That my life and my behavior  
May be pleasing to the end,  
That I may not fall again  
Into death's grim pit and pain,  
Whence by grace you have retrieved me  
And from which you have relieved me.

**Sermon**

*1 John 1:1-4*

**“Complete Joy!”**

It is the message we have heard  
It is the message we have witnessed  
It is the message we proclaim

**The Confession of Faith**

*(We join in the words of the Nicene Creed)*

**C: 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!**

Pray, Praise and Give Thanks

**Prayers for the Day**

*Special Prayers and Requests*

*Prayer for the Communicants*

**The Lord's Prayer**

*(spoken with the pastor)*

**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!**

**Hymn of Preparation**    Lord Jesus Christ, You have Prepared”  
*Christian Worship 312 st. 1, 4 & 7*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared  
This feast for our salvation;  
It is your body and your blood,  
And at your invitation  
As weary souls, with sin oppressed,  
We come to you for needed rest,  
For comfort, and for pardon.

We eat this bread and drink this cup,  
Your precious Word believing  
That your true body and your blood  
Our lips are here receiving.  
This Word remains forever true,  
And there is naught you cannot do.  
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Grant that we worthily receive  
Your supper, Lord, our Savior,  
And, truly grieving for our sins,  
May provide by our behavior  
That we are thankful for your grace  
And day by day may run our race  
In holiness increasing.

## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.



C: And al—so with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

P: Give praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing through the victory secured by our Savior through his death and resurrection. Now, have come salvation, power, the kingdom of our God, and the authority to rule over all things. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks, honor, and glory for ever and ever.

**Holy, Holy, Holy**

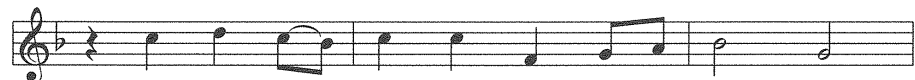
*Sanctus*



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.

### The Words of Institution

P: 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.”

### The Blessing of Peace

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



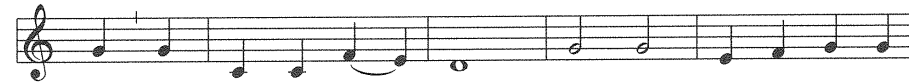
C: A — men.

**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.**

***The Congregation may be seated for the Distribution***

The Lord's Supper is a Sacrament through which Christ our Savior strengthens our faith and forgives our sins. In it we receive His actual body and blood, as we receive the bread and the wine. If you have not communed with us before, or if you are not familiar with our procedure, please do not come to the Lord's Table today. We encourage you to speak with our pastor following the service. He will be happy to share with you the necessary preparations to receive our Savior's body and blood in a future service.

Our request comes out of love for you and concern for your spiritual well-being, so that you can receive the blessing our Lord wants you to receive.



## Thanksgiving

### Song of Thanksgiving

*(Congregation rises and sings)*



**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-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!**

### Closing Prayer:

P: O gracious Savior, how good are you are and how blessed you have made us. Whenever we come to you burdened with our guilt and humbled by our rebellion, you forgive our sins. Through your gracious Word, together with your body and blood, you declare all our sins are completely washed away. Make this good news our source of peace and joy. When we daily struggle with sin, lead us to acknowledge that sinfulness, and humbly confess it. Then, by your undeserved love assure us all is completely washed away. Make every blessing you have secured by your death and resurrection our most priceless possession and the confidence of your unyielding love. As we live in anticipation of our resurrection, be our comfort, our strength, and our ever faithful and glorious King. Bless us, now and always, as we live in your love—our true, Triune, and gracious God.



C: A ——— men.

### The Benediction:

P: 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.

### Closing Hymn

“Like the Golden Sun Ascending”  
*Christian Worship 147 st. 5*

For the joy your advent gave,  
For your Gospel’s great reward,  
For your baptism which has saved me,  
For your supper and your Word,  
For your death, the bitter scorn,  
For your resurrection morn:  
Lord, I thank you and extol you,  
And in heav’n I shall behold you.

### Silent Prayer

#### Announcements . . .

**Today**—*Welcome in Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!* May the undeserved love and forgiveness offered by our Savior through his death and resurrection fill you with joy as you live to his glory and proclaim his great love. If you are visiting this morning, please sign our guest book, and visit us again—soon!

- Following the worship service there will be time for fellowship and some snacks.
- Christian Education will follow the service. This morning we will watch the video, “The Way to Emmaus.” There will be some time for questions after the movie.

**Tuesday**—Pastor’s Circuit Study and Meeting in Thousand Oaks at 9:30 am.

- Church Council meeting at 7:00 pm. If needed, the Committees will meet at 8:00 pm.

**Wednesday**—Bible Study will start on May 1st at 7:00 pm. The lessons we will consider are those contained in the “Table of Duties” from Luther’s Small Catechism.

**Friday**—Office Hours from 10:30—2:30 pm.

**Saturday**—Spring Fling from 4:00 pm—6:00 pm. Please see the flier for more details. Also, please speak with Emmalee Schroeder regarding how you can help.

- Church Cleaning—Aitkins
- Lawn mowing beginning April 14th—Grunewald

**Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>—Sunday Worship and Live Streaming at 9:30 am.** The disciples had lingering doubts and fears even though they saw Jesus was alive. We are no different. We too have our doubts and our fears, and are troubled by many things. Jesus answers all of them with the Scriptures which testify about him.

- The Quarterly Congregational meeting will be held after the service. Plan to stay to learn more about the ministry we accomplished, and what is planned for the next Quarter.

## Thank You

To Al Todd, our Hymnsoft operator; to Jim Everson and Josh Schueler for controlling the audio and video portion of the service; to those who provided flowers for the Memory Garden on the altar—given to the glory of God and in praise of our risen Savior; and to Julie Schroeder and Emmalee Schroeder for serving snacks after the service.

## Quarterly Meeting

On April 14th we will gather for the regular scheduled meeting of the congregation. We will review blessings and accomplishments from the last quarter, and consider plans and opportunities for the next quarter—May, June and July.

## April Spring Fling

On Saturday, April 13th we will have our Second Annual Spring Fling. It will start at 4:00 pm and continue until 6:00 pm under the oaks. There will be games, food, time to enjoy friendship, and an opportunity to meet new people. If you haven't already done so, make plans to be there. Also, invite others to come and enjoy the afternoon.

There will be some set up prior to 4:00 pm. It will start around 2:30 pm. Please speak with Emmalee Schroeder for more information, and what you can bring.

There are fliers on the table to share with people. There is also a sign up sheet with items we need.





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