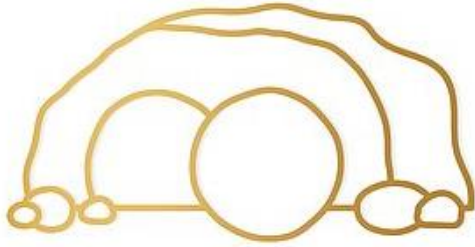


# Welcome to worship.

March 30, 2023 | 5:00pm  
Vigil of Easter



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## Pastoral Staff

Rev. Mark Kvale, Rev. Becky Goche

**Ministers: All Baptized Members**

## Today's Worship Leaders

Production Leader: Jarod Griswold

Musical Leaders: Trevor DuPey

Worship Assistants: Ireland Johnson, Brecken Jackson, Cheryl Groom, Bob & Kathy Weeks, Pr. Dione Stepanek, Prs. Chris & Dennis Hallemeier, Karla Strangstalien, Maddie Sweeney

## PLEASE GATHER AT THE FIRE.

### GATHERING

#### Gathering Liturgy & Lighting of the Paschal Candle

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.**

Siblings in Christ ... through the Sun of Righteousness, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christ, yesterday and today ... belongs glory and dominion now and forever. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister lights the paschal candle from the new fire.*

The light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The procession begins.*



*Passing the Paschal candle as they enter the sanctuary, the people are to light their candles and remain standing.*

### Easter Proclamation

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

This is the night, **this is the night.**



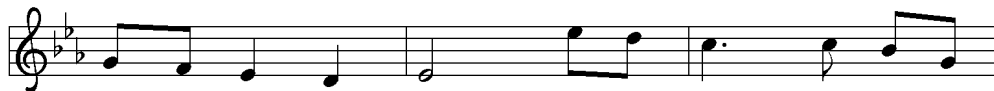
# Hymn ELW #561 Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own  
 2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of  
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev -'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on  
 dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can  
 night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -  
 hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with  
 each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you. God of day - break,  
 won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all  
 a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.  
 chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.  
 of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Text: Greek hymn, 3rd cent., para. Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
 Music: JOYOUS LIGHT, Marty Haugen  
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## Prayer of the Day

**Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

Reading: Creation | Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Prayer

Reading: Deliverance | Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Prayer

Reading: Salvation | Isaiah 55:1-11

Prayer

Reading: Dry Bones | Ezekiel 37

Prayer

Reading: Jonah | Jonah 1-2

Prayer

## 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.

## Gospel | John 20:1-18

The holy gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel lesson is read.*

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## Reflection | Pastor Becky Goche

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism ... now and forever. **Amen.**

### Hymn of the Day #736 God the Sculptor of the Mountains



1	God	the sculp-tor	of the	moun-tains,	God	the mill-er	of the
2	God	the nui-sance	to the	Pha-raoh,	God	the cleav-er	of the
3	God	the dress-er	of the	vine-yard,	God	the plant-er	of the
4	God	the un-expect-ed	in-fant,	God	the calm, de-ter-min-		



sand,	God	the jewel-er	of the	heav-ens,
sea,	God	the pil-lar	in the	dark-ness,
wheat,	God	the reap-er	of the	har-vest,
youth,	God	the ta-ble-turn-ing		proph-et,



God	the pot-ter	of the	land:	you	are	womb	of all	cre-
God	the bea-con	of the	free:	you	are	fount	of all	de-
God	the source	of all	we eat:	you	are	host	at ev-'ry	
God	the re-sur-rect-ed	truth:		you	are	pres-ent	ev-'ry	



a-	tion,	we	are	form-less;	shape	us	now.
liv-	'rance,	we	are	sight-less;	lead	us	now.
ta-	ble,	we	are	hun-gry;	feed	us	now.
mo-	ment,	we	are	search-ing;	meet	us	now.

## Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Receive these prayers, loving God, for the sake of the One who loved us to the end, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

## Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

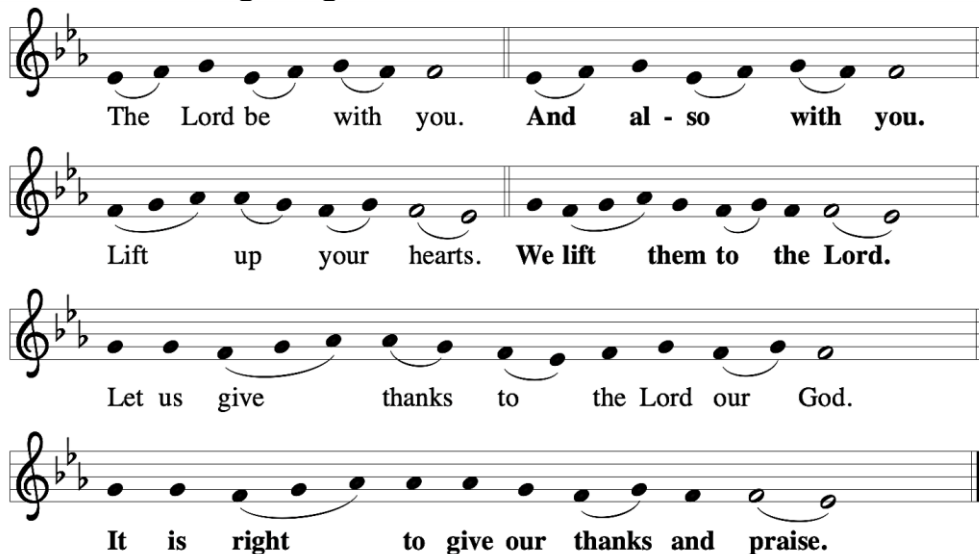
## MEAL

### Offering

### Offering Prayer

**Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving



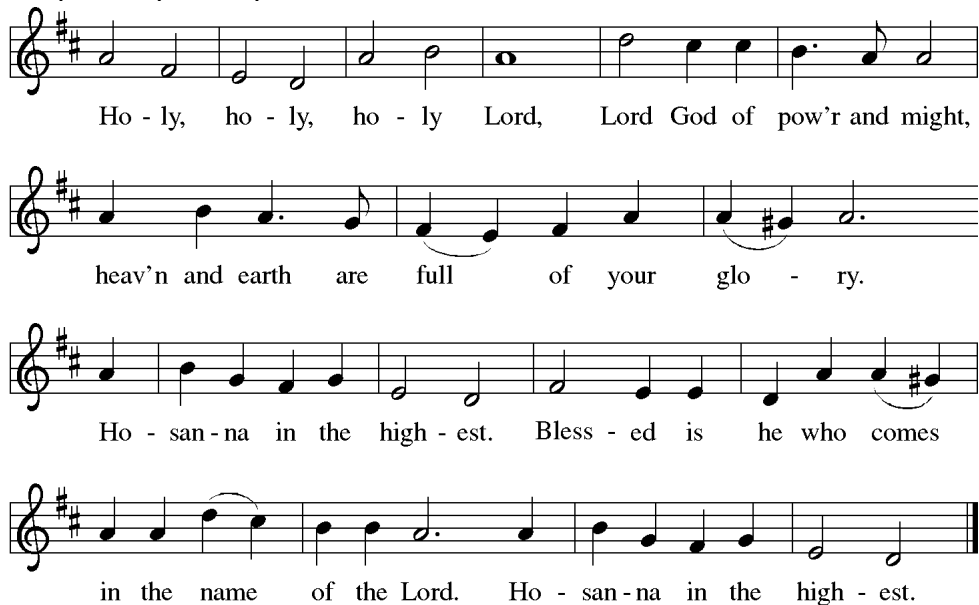
The Lord be with you. **And al - so with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.

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.

## Words of Institution

*For those at home: During the Words of Institution, we invite your designated person to raise the bread and the cup respectively as the pastor does. In this way, we are church together.*

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Grace our table with your presence. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones ... blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Adagio

Our Fa - ther, who art - in heav - en, hal - low - ed be Thy name, - Thy  
king - dom come, thy will - be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this  
day our daily - bread, and for give - all of our sins - As we for - give  
those, as Christ for - gave those who sin a - gainst us, - And lead us not  
in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil, for Thine is the  
king - dom, the pow - er and the glo - ry, for - e - ver, A - men.

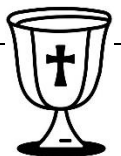
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## Invitation & Distribution of Communion

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

*For those at home: The body of Christ given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you.*

**Congratulations to students receiving their First Communion tonight! Lydia Hansen, Pippa Jackson, Finlee Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Henry Lorenz, Keagan Ortiz**



## Lamb of God



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, grant us peace.

## Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## Prayer After Communion

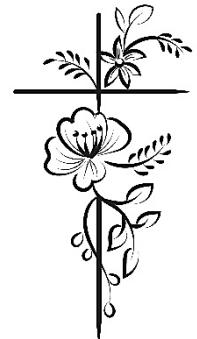
Shepherding God ... our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

## SENDING

### Benediction/Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power ... now and always. **Amen.**



## EASTER SERVICES: 8:30 & 10:45am

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## HUNGRY

**Jar offerings in March** are designated by our 3rd/4th Gr. Sunday School class for The Penguin Project of the La Crosse Community Theatre, which provides children with special needs an opportunity to develop creative skills, build relationships, and star in a fully realized junior Broadway musical production with support from peer mentors.

## Sending Song #361 The Day of Resurrection!



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right  
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,  
 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, all praise to Christ the Son,



the pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the pass - o - ver of God.  
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,  
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
 all praise to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,  
 and lis - t'ning to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad - ness blend;  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber fall down be - fore the throne,



our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the glad re - frain.  
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end!  
 and hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry as - cribe to God a - lone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
 Music: ELLACOMBE, German melody, 18th cent.; adapt. X. L. Hartig, *Melodien zum Mainzer Gesangbuche*, 1833

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

### Postlude

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We celebrate diversity of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, economic status, marital status, physical or mental ability.

We are united in the Holy Spirit as we embrace our differences. We welcome all as we strive to be a community equipped for God's mission in the world.

We invite you to join us as we seek to promote racial equity, social and economic justice, and care for our environment.

*Wherever you are on your faith journey, there is a place for you here.*



Every year, our sanctuary is decorated with beautiful mums, lilies, and hydrangeas to celebrate Easter. Extra money from flower donations is given to WAFER Food Pantry and St. Clare's Health Mission. *Contributions to the Easter Flower Fund have been given by the following:*

In memory of Kevin Zoerb, Gloria Zoerb, Irene Moulis, and Hans & Belle Zoerb by John & Linda Zoerb

In memory of loved ones by Bill & Karen Newburg

In memory of Jerry Ruff by Vivian Storm

In honor of all who have been family to me by Margo Erickson

In memory of Floyd & Marcella Daehn and Richard & Minona Zellmer by Mark Zellmer & Deb Daehn Zellmer

In memory of Edwin & Thelma Overholt and Harold & Viola Marlow by Connie & Steven Overholt

In memory of Joanne Wuensch and Cathi (Wuensch) Novotney and in honor of our pastors, past and present, by Lou Wuensch, Erik Wuensch, and Jennifer Whitman

In honor of Lois Betz by Michael Betz

In memory of Jerry Kuntz by Ruth Kuntz

In memory of all loved family by Ruth Olson

In memory of our parents and loved ones by Louise & Pat Lawrynck

In memory of Ronald Rogers by Virginia Rogers

In memory of Helmer & Gertrude Stroeh and Ron Schumacher by Kent & Mary Sween

In memory of Cornelius & Beverly Miller by Candice Brieske

In memory of Curtis Strittmater, Betty Bailey, and loved ones, and in honor of Carole Strittmater and Bob Bailey by Pam, Todd, Ben & Becky Strittmater

In memory of our parents by Marla & Boyd Engbloom

In memory of loved ones and in honor of Carol Taebel by Ernest & Heidi Morris

In memory of Howard Guptill, Gene & June Segler, and Bradley Guptill by Karen Guptill

Happy Easter from Dave & Denise Strudthoff

In honor of the Taebel and Morris families by Carol Taebel

In memory of Herman & Gudrun Melby and Lloyd & Helen Halverson by Don & Janet Melby

In memory of John Bemis by Pete Bemis

In memory of loved ones by Howard & Nancy Mills

In memory of the Schneyer and Butler families by Theresa Schneyer

In honor of our grandchildren Sophia, Stephen, Matilda, Addey and George by Marge & Mike Buncak

In memory of George & Mary Schnitzius by Mike Schnitzius

In memory of Peter Allen, Scotty & Ruby Allen, Albert & Marjorie Lippert and in honor of LTC Nathan Allen by Joan Allen

In memory of Rod & Barb Engebretson by Lisa, Laurie, Scott and families

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