



**Pilgrim**  
LUTHERAN  
**Church**

## **Divine Service**



**April 7, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**

# Opening Hymn

## That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright



1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with con - stant  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in this our  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to you, once



out with fair - er light, when, to their long - ing eyes re -  
love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will ev - er  
Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our strength and  
dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther e - qual



stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord! Al - le - lu - ia!  
raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield. Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise, and God the Ho - ly Ghost, we raise! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin hymn, 4th or 5th cent.; tr. John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.

Music: ERSCHIENEN IST DER HERRLICH TAG, Nikolaus Herman, c. 1480–1561

# Thanksgiving for Baptism

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be God, the Father, Son, + and Holy Spirit,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promises of baptism,  
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.  
We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning  
your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.  
Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.  
The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.  
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea  
into freedom's land.  
In a desert pool the Ethiopian official  
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.  
By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.  
We rejoice with glad hearts,  
giving all honor and praise to you,  
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Look, here is water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

## The Sign of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

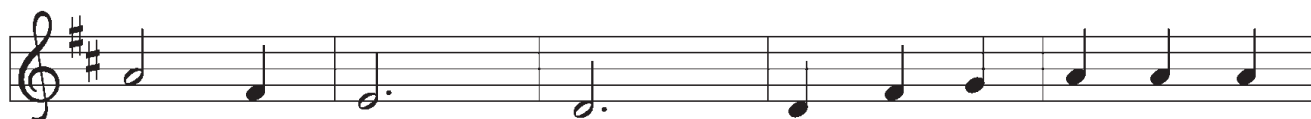
**And also with you.**

# Hymn of Praise

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



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



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, 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.

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## Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## First Reading

### Acts 4

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. 33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

# Psalm

## Psalm 133

### Tone



### Refrain

Oh, how good and pleas - ant it is when

kin - dred live to - geth - er in u - ni - ty.

**Refrain: Oh, how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

1 How good and how pleas-• ant it is,  
when kindred live togeth-• er in unity!

**2 It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up-• on the beard,  
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar • of his robe.**

**Refrain: Oh, how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

3 It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the • hills of Zion.  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life for-• evermore.

**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: Oh, how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

# Second Reading

## 1 John 1

1 We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—2 this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—3 we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; 7 but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2:1 My 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; 2 and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Children's Message**

**Monique Nunes**

# Gospel Acclamation

**Oh, how good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

**Sermon**

**Rev. Dominic Rivkin**



# Confession of Faith

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge  
the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, +  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Following each prayer petition:*

God of Grace. **Hear our prayer.**

## Offering

# The Sacrament of the Altar

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

It is indeed our duty and our joy...evermore praising You and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed + is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## Words of Institution

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### O Lamb of God...

# Ways to Commune

**Intinction** – Dipped bread placed into hands or directly in the mouth

**Sealed Cups** – Gluten-Free in Blue and Alcohol-Free in Pink are available (take to seat, and we will commune together)

**Prayer** – Approach the communion table with arms crossing your chest

## Communion Song



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to Thy ta - ble, For weak and  
2 Thy heart is filled with fer - vent yearn - ing That sin - ners  
3 Un - wor - thy though I am, O Sav - ior, Be - cause I  
4 Wea - ry am I and heav - y lad - en; With sin my  
5 What high - er gift can we in - her - it? It is faith's



wea - ry is my soul; Thou, Bread of Life, a -  
may sal - va - tion see Who, Lord, to Thee in  
have a sin - ful heart, Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt  
soul is sore op - pressed; Re - ceive me gra - cious -  
bond and sol - id base; It is the strength of



lone art a - ble To sat - is - fy and make me whole:  
faith are turn - ing; So I, a sin - ner, come to Thee.  
ban - ish nev - er, For Thou my faith - ful shep - herd art:  
ly and glad - den My heart, for I am now Thy guest.  
heart and spir - it, The cov - e - nant of hope and grace.

### *Refrain*



Lord, may Thy bod - y and Thy blood Be for my soul the high - est good!

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# Blessing

## Closing Hymn

### The Risen Christ



1 The ris - en Christ, who walks on wound-ed feet  
2 The ris - en Christ, who stands with wound-ed side,  
3 The ris - en Christ, who breaks with wound-ed hand  
4 May we, Christ's bod - y, walk and serve and stand



from gar - den tomb through dark-ened cit - y street,  
breathes out his Spir - it on them to a - bide  
the bread for those who fail to un - der - stand,  
with those op - pressed in this and ev - 'ry land,



un - locks the door of grief, de - spair, and fear,  
whose faith still wa - vers, who dare not be - lieve;  
re - veals him - self, de - spite their lin - g'ring tears,  
till all are blessed and can a bless - ing be,



and speaks a word of peace to all who hear.  
new grace, new strength, new pur - pose they re - ceive.  
en - flames their hearts, then quick - ly dis - ap - pears.  
re - stored in Christ to true hu - man - i - ty.

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## Announcements

*Please use the basket in the Narthex to dispose of your used Holy Communion Cups as you leave the Sanctuary*

# Serving at Worship Today

## **Presiding**

Rev. John Arthur Nunes, PhD

## **Preaching**

Rev. Dominic Rivkin

## **Director of Music**

Mary Harper

## **Reader**

Matthew Wittrock

## **Greeters**

Carolyn Barbian, Barbara Phinizy

## **Ushers**

## **Acolytes**

# Upcoming Events



Learn more about all upcoming events at [pilgrimsm.org/calendar](https://pilgrimsm.org/calendar)

## Pilgrim Giving



Your faithful financial stewardship is as important as ever. We will be creating cards with QR code to access online giving.

## Serve at Pilgrim



Interested in serving at Pilgrim? Scan the QR code or go to <https://pilgrims.org/serve-at-divine-service/> to complete an information form. We will contact you when trainings are scheduled for various service opportunities.

## Happening this Week

### **Sunday, April 7**

Bible Study, 8:30 am  
Divine Service, 10:00 am

### **Monday, April 8**

Alpha Prayers, 9:00 am  
*Online*  
*Contact Barbara P. to join.*

### **Tuesday, April 9**

### **Wednesday, April 10**

### **Thursday, April 11**

Divine Service, 6:00pm

### **Friday, April 12**

Solemn Prayers and Readings, Noon

### **Saturday, April 13**



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**to flourish in the love of Jesus Christ  
through Word and Sacraments.**

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