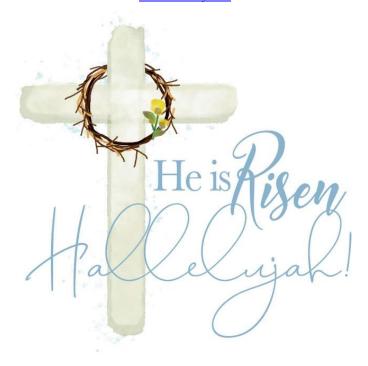
## **FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**

Missouri Synod



### The Hand of the Lord Who is Risen

April 20, 2025

Divine Service, Setting Two – LSB 167

8:00 & 10:30\*am, 5:00 pm

\*livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube

This day of days, this feast of feasts, is the climax of our Lenten meditations on "The Hand of the Lord." It brings all of God's promises in the Old Testament, all of our Lord's words and works of His earthly ministry, all the peace, all the healing, and all the hope of eternal life now given to you and to each person who comes to the risen and reigning Lord of all in repentance and faith, here where He promises to be through Word and Sacrament for us. We thank the Lord for all His grace and mercy shown to us as we wend our way through the various days and times of our earthly lives. Yet all of that is but a prelude to the great and promised feast of the day of "the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come" (Nicene Creed). As God the Father did not abandon His Son to the corruption of the grave but raised Him bodily to endless life, so also is our certain hope. God will not abandon you now or ever.

### +++GATHERING+++

### PRE-SERVICE MUSIC – Prelude in E-flat Major (J. S. Bach)



Easter is not about us. It's not about celebration of the human spirit. Neither is it a celebration of the changing seasons—a kind of "spiritual" arrival of spring. Easter is about what God has done for us in the Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ. **Easter is** the Good News that Christ, who was dead and buried, is now forever alive. He is Risen! Alleluia!

### INVOCATION

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

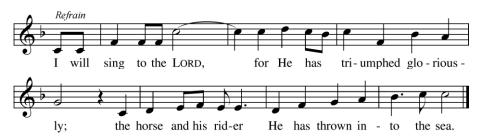
(silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination)

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- 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.
- 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.
- C Amen.

### +++WORD+++

### INTROIT – Exodus 15:2, 6; antiphon: Exodus 15:1

The choir sings the antiphon once and the congregation repeats it. The congregation repeats the antiphon after the verses.



The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. Refrain

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. **Refrain** 

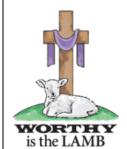




**HYMN OF PRAISE** – **This is the Feast** – *Revelation.* 5:12-13; 19:5-9 *Choir*: This is the feast of victory for our God! Alleluia!







The Savior of sinners is Christ, the Lamb of God. His holy blood shed for us frees us from bondage to sin, death and the power of hell. His death—which looks like defeat—leads to resurrection. In His victory, we celebrate our victory.

### SALUTATION & COLLECT OF THE DAY-2 Timothy 4:22

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### FIRST LESSON - Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,

and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;

for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

<sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people;

no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

<sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

<sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

<sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,

and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

<sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord.

and their descendants with them.

<sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

<sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord. C Thanks be to God.

### **GRADUAL – Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6**

Choir: Christ has risen from the dead. God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor. He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under His feet.

### SECOND LESSON - 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

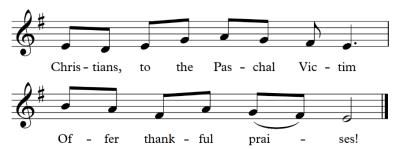
<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### EASTER SEQUENCE - Victimae Paschali Laudes

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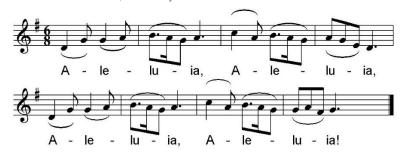
Christians, praise the paschal victim! Offer thankful sacrifice! Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep, Christ the just one paid the price, reconciling sinners to the Father. Death and life fought bitterly for this wondrous victory; the Lord of life who died reigns glorified! **Refrain** 

O Mary, come and say what you saw at break of day. "The empty tomb of my living Lord! I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored! Bright angels testified, shroud and grave clothes side by side! Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously. He goes before you into Galilee." **Refrain** 

Share the good news, sing joyfully: His death is victory! Lord Jesus, Victor King, show us mercy. Amen. Alleluia! Refrain

On certain feasts of the Christian Year, a **Sequence** is sung in addition to the Alleluia Verse. These non-Biblical texts have very ancient roots and are the forerunner of the Lutheran "Hymn of the Day." The Easter Sequence portrays Christ as our victorious King who has defeated death and calls us to follow him in a new life.

### **ALLELUIA and VERSE** – Romans 6:9; 1 Timothy 1:10

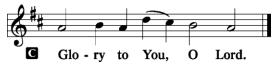


Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. **REFRAIN** 

Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. **REFRAIN** 

### **HOLY GOSPEL - Luke 24:1-12**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

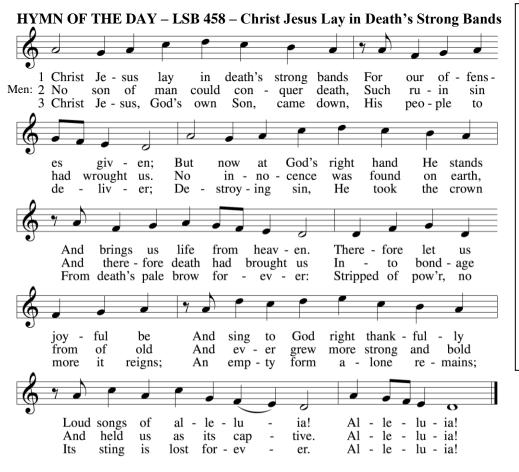


¹On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁵that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." ⁶And they remembered his words, ⁶and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.









The tune and text of the **Hymn of** the Day are Martin Luther's adaptation and expansion of the Easter Sequence. Over the course of seven verses. we are presented with a picture of Jesus Christ as a warrior who has destroyed sin, death, and the devil. The final verse brings this victory into the present by focusing our hearts on the Sacrament of the Altar.

Choir: 4 It was a strange and dreadful strife
When life and death contended;
The victory remained with life,
The reign of death was ended.
Holy Scripture plainly saith
That death is swallowed up by death,
Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

Women: 5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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### NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- A Lord, in Your mercy,
- C hear our prayer.
- **A** ... one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

**OFFERING** – *This Joyful Eastertide* (arr. Vernon Hoyle) Kennedy Ryan and Joshua Grimes, trumpet

This joyful Eastertide
Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
Has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain* 

My flesh in hope shall rest
And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain* 

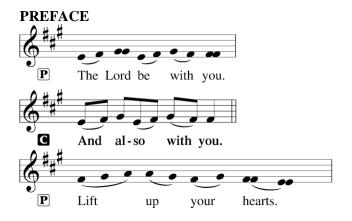
It is a privilege to have each of you with us today to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. Please take a moment to indicate your presence in the clipboard located near the aisle.

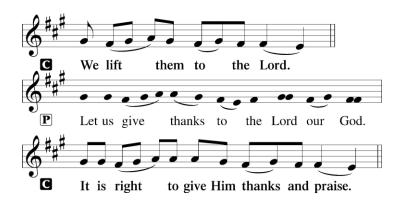


The Offertory is sung as the gifts are presented and helps the congregation prepare to receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Our response to all of God's benefits is to lay hold of the promise of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in Christ's Body and Blood.

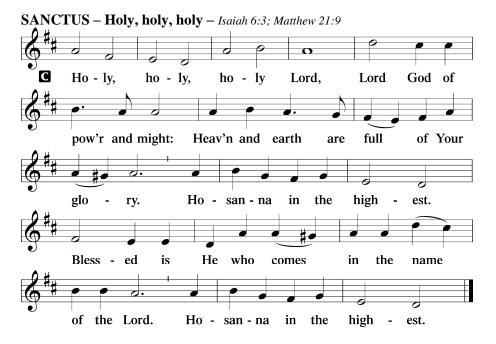
### ++ + SACRAMENT +++

beginning at LSB 177





**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:



### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth...To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

### For Guests and Visitors Desiring the Sacrament

As a congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, we confess, in accord with the Scriptures, that in this sacred meal Jesus Himself is truly present to forgive our sin and strengthen our faith.

Participation in this meal indicates that you believe, have been baptized, and have been taught according to our Lord's command and are in doctrinal agreement with this confession.

- If you are visiting from outside the Lutheran Church or are new to the faith, we welcome you to come to the altar with arms crossed to receive a blessing.
- If you desire to receive instruction for the Lord's Supper, please speak with one of our pastors.

#### WORDS OF OUR LORD

### PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

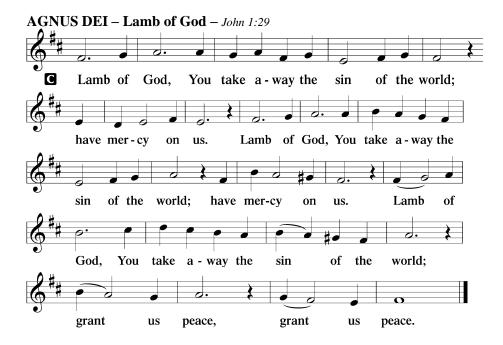
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- **C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P ... So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

### LORD'S PRAYER

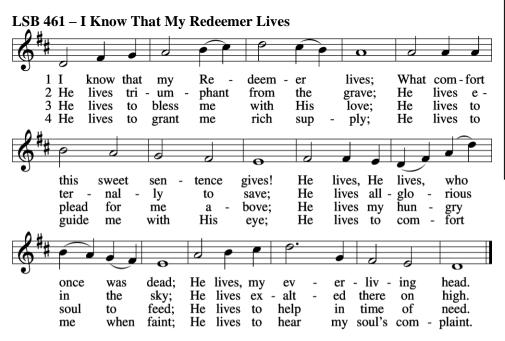
Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

### **PAX DOMINI – The Peace of the Lord –** *John 20:19*

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



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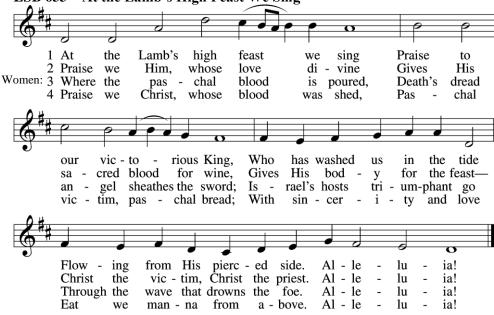
If you need **gluten-free wafers**, please let one of the pastors know.

**Non-alcoholic** grape juice, containing *a* trace amount of wine, is available in the center of the tray.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- He lives and grants me daily breath;
   He lives, and I shall conquer death;
   He lives my mansion to prepare;
   He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!







Men: 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

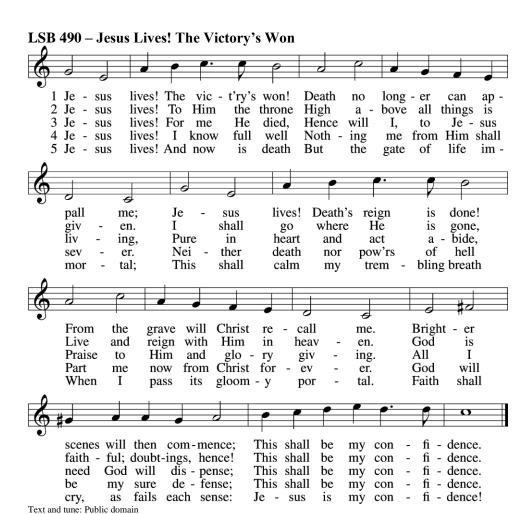
6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia! 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise.

Alleluia!

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- 5 The world against me rages,
   Its fury I disdain;
  Though bitter war it wages,
   Its work is all in vain.
  My heart from care is free,
   No trouble troubles me.
   Misfortune now is play,
   And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever
  To Christ, my Savior true;
  My Lord will leave me never,
  Whate'er He passes through.
  He rends death's iron chain;
  He breaks through sin and pain;

He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."
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#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - LSB 680 - Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise Please stand for Verse 5. Vs. 1: Women Vs. 3: Choir Vs. 2: Men Vs. 4-5: All Thine Al Thine the the praise le a men Thine the life e ter nal ly Thine the Thine 3 Thine the tru ly the yes Thine the 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the 5 Thine the glo in the No more ry night Thine the lu - ias an - gels raise ev - er - last - ing head prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee Thine the then won - der full sur - prise ban - quet the praise dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree Thine the Thine glo - ry Thine the break - ing of the bread the earth on bend - ed Gone nail - ing gone the the knee the Then the Thine the glo - ry vet to be ring - ing and the Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly ho - ly Then the ho - ly Thine the har - vest Thine the sto - ry then the cup rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the Then the wel - come the Then the sto - ry to least ho - lv Cel e bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the vine-yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up. dy - ing sigh - ing gone the what was loss lift - ed high. liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er more ev - er - more. won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy feast at Thy feast. splen-dor Thine the bright-ness on - ly Thee on - ly Thee.

### POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

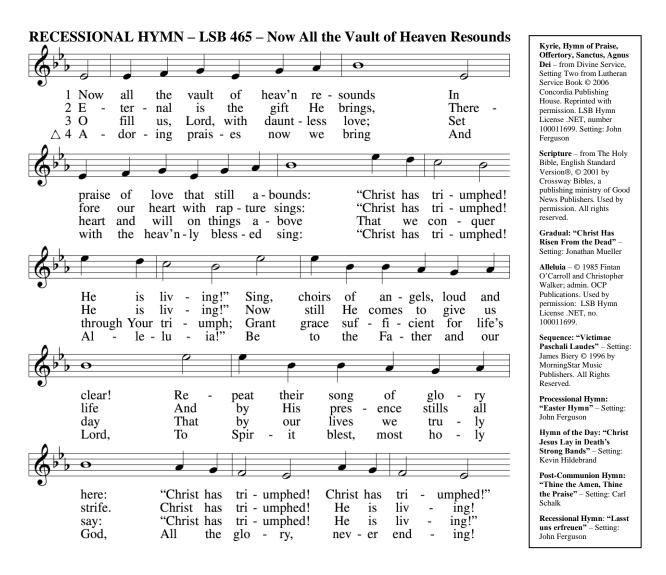
P ... one God, now and forever. C Amen.

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### **BENEDICTION** – Numbers 6:24-26

- **P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
  - The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

- C Amen.
- P Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





### POST-SERVICE MUSIC – Fugue in E-flat Major, "St. Anne" (J. S. Bach)

### **SERVING IN WORSHIP**

Preacher – Rev. Eric Edwards

Celebrant – Rev. Christopher Beck

Lector – Rev. Liwei Sui

Cantor – Dr. Priscilla Gabriel

*Instrumentalists* – Joshua Grimes, Noah Grimes, Evan Huang, Brian McDonie, Kennedy Ryan, James Starkey

Festival Choir – Layna Brandimore, Don Donham, Ruth Engs, Meghan Faulkner, Adele Gabriel, Lauren Gaskins, Robert Gilbert, Valerie Grau, Shirin Hassan, Kelly Johnson, Trevor Jones, Iván Maceda, Lois Paul, Kathy Powell, Rachel Spodek, Gary Wohlafka, and Louise Wohlafka



The Easter flowers were given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

We invite you to take a plant home sometime this week, *this evening through next Sunday*, either for yourself or to share with someone else.



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