

# Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd



## Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

Setting 2, Evangelical Lutheran Worship

**Worship Service: 10:30 a.m.**

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# GATHERING

Please sign the fellowship pad in your row and pass it to your neighbor. When the pad reaches the end of the row, pass it back, noting the names of those in your row. To assist those among us with hearing challenges, this worship space is equipped with the Hearing Loop. If you use a compatible hearing aid, the Hearing Loop may be accessed by your device.

## **Land Acknowledgment Statement**

*As God calls us to be stewards of creation, we acknowledge that the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Brevard, North Carolina, gathers on the ancestral homelands of the Cherokee people. We honor this beautiful, diverse, and abundant land and the people who care for it - past, present, and future. We acknowledge and regret the violence and trauma caused by colonialism and continued unjust policies. We open our hearts and minds to the work of ongoing learning from and actively seeking justice for and with our Indigenous siblings.*

## **PRELUDE**

Paraphrase on a chorus from *Judas Maccabeus* ..... Alexandre Guilmant

*The congregation's responses are in bold type.*

## **GREETING**

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

*Children are invited to find the Alleluia banner.*

*You are invited to stand.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, 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.**

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ELW 369 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!" ..... LLANFAIR

## GREETING

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"This is the Feast"*



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



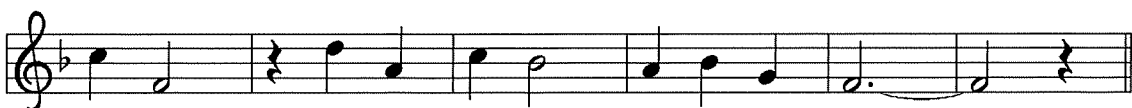
free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and



strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the  
hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and  
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.  
*Final refrain*  
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

The first reading is written in the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of Acts.

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

<sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The word of the Lord.   **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*chanted responsively*)

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good;  
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel | now declare,**  
**“God’s mercy en- | dures forever.”**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents | of the righteous:**  
**“The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | LORD acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not | die, but live,**  
**and declare the works | of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the | gates of righteousness;**  
**I will enter them and give thanks | to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate | of the LORD;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me**  
**and you have become | my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has | this been done;**  
**it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the | LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

The second reading is written in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of 1 Corinthians.

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, *(continued)*

<sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

The word of the Lord.    **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all)*



Al - le - lu - ia.    al - le - lu - ia.

al - le - lu - ia,    al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?    You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*You are invited to stand to welcome the Gospel.*

The holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.

<sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.” <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON** ..... Pastor Ken Albright

**CHORAL ANTHEM**

This Joyful Eastertide ..... John Ferguson

*This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this mornow.  
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, arisen.*

*My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number.  
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, arisen.*

*Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river.  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver.  
Had Christ, once slain, not burst his prison,  
our faith had been in vain.  
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen.  
But now has Christ arisen!*

*You are invited to stand.*

**NICENE CREED**

Using the words of the Nicene Creed, let us confess our faith:

**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,**

*(continued)*

of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven;

by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate  
from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

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.

With the Father and the Son, He is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic 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.

*Please be seated.*

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Holy God, we pray for the body of Christ, the church. Where the church is persecuted, protect it. Where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Where the church is fractured, heal it. Guide us all to embody Christ's love in the world.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Life-giving God, we pray for the earth, your good creation in which you take delight. Join our prayers with branches lifted in praise and roaring waters of new life, that together we may proclaim Easter hope.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all peoples and nations, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan...Free oppressed communities from occupation, exploitation, and abuse. Teach leaders your way of justice. Empower peacemakers and all who work to end violence and animosity.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**



Liberating God, we pray for people everywhere who long for good news. Roll away the stones that keep people from living with dignity and wholeness. Breathe new life and hope into people struggling to make it through each day. Bless those whose lives and livelihoods have been impacted by the collapse of the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore and bless all who are offering support.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for this community at the Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd and for your Spirit in our midst. Feed us at your Easter table and fill us with your wisdom, that we may serve and care for others.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

*You are invited to stand.*

## **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

*Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

## **MEAL**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(chanted responsively)*

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.

### **PREFACE** *(by Pastor)*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,

*(continued)*

the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
 who in dying has destroyed death,  
 and in rising has brought us to eternal life.  
 And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,  
 with earth and sea and all their creatures,  
 and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,  
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *(all)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav - en 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
 Your mercy is everlasting  
 and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
 Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
 Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
 Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
 to the land of milk and honey.  
 Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
 Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
 Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

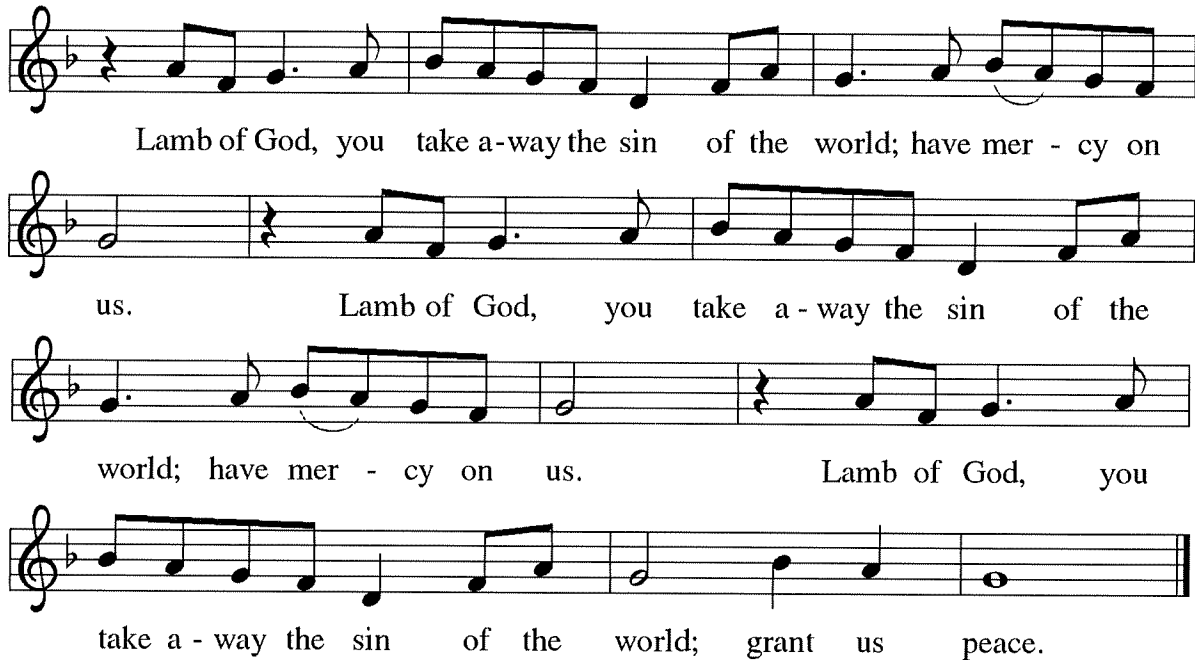
### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(spoken by all)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

## LAMB OF GOD *(all)*



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.*

## DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

*All are welcome to come forward as the usher directs you. We commune by intinction. Receive the bread, and dip it in the chalice. The smaller chalice holds grape juice. Please let a server know if you need a gluten-free host.*

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
**Amen.**

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Chorale Variations on "Salzburg" [ELW 876]..... Johann Pachelbel

*You are invited to stand.*

## BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

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

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Shepherding God,  
you have prepared a table before us  
and nourished us with your love.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
to proclaim your goodness  
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,  
our redeemer and friend.  
**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**SENDING SONG**

ELW 385 "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" ..... GELOBT SEI GOTT

**BENEDICTION**

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

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter  
hope ✝ bless you now and always.  
**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**POSTLUDE**

Overture in C Major ..... W.A. Mozart  
*(Sara Laboe, guest pianist)*

*[Sara Laboe is a student at Brevard College working on a degree in English. She is starting her own editing consulting business.]*

*You are invited to stand and turn towards the entrance to the sanctuary.*

**DISMISSAL**

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

*Offerings may be left in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Those of you who  
sponsored Easter lilies and would like to take them home, please feel free to do so.*

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### SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Pastor ..... Pastor Ken Albright  
 Minister of Music ..... David Gresham  
 Organist..... Vance Reese  
 Guest Musician ..... Sara Laboe  
 Assisting Minister ..... Abby Glass  
 Reader and Bible Bearer..... Barb Jackson  
 Crucifer..... Jack Gresham  
 Banner Bearer ..... John Colflesh  
 Usher..... Jane McKeown  
 Doorkeeper ..... Dean Jagels  
 Tellers ..... Tom Reinke and Linea Warmke  
 Altar Care ..... Sue Barrett; Kate and Tom Reinke; Sheila Swancara

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***The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God by  
 John and Brenda Wayne in honor of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.***

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### BREATH PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK

*(Say the first part of the prayer as you deeply inhale, and the second part as you exhale.)*

I give thanks to you / for you have answered me. (Ps. 118:21)

This is the day / that the Lord has made. (Ps. 118:24)

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<p><b>April 7th Readings:</b>          Acts 4:32-35          Psalm 133          1 John 1:1—2:2          John 20:19-31</p>
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***The Easter lilies for our service are given to the glory of God by:***

**Don and MaryAnna Agnew, in memory of their parents  
and wishing all a Happy Easter!;**

**Mike and Karen Anderson, in thanks for God's blessings;**

**Jim and Lorel Durlak, in thanks for our LCGS family;**

**Tom and Whitney Ferrara, in memory of Doug Banker;**

**Hal and Patricia Galloway, in memory of loved ones;**

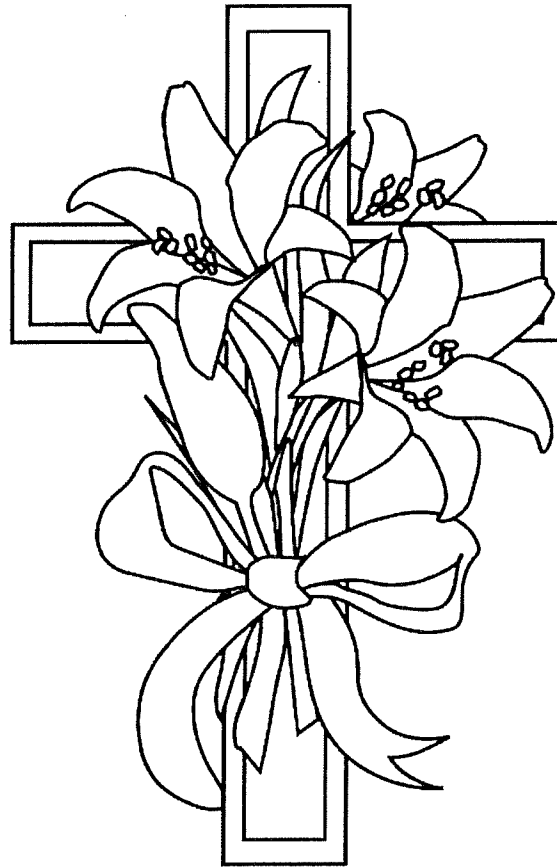
**Snookie Henson, in memory of loved ones;**

**Barbara Hotaling, in gratitude for blessings;**

**Dave and Marci Kuhlman, in honor of loved ones;**

**Jane and Robert McKeown, in memory of their parents**

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## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!



## Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; death's might-y stone is  
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which  
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with



of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:  
rolled a - way; let all the earth re - joice and say:  
can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:  
one ac - cord, the life laid down, the life re - stored:



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

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Music: GELOBT SEI GOTT, Melchior Vulpius, 1570-1615

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