



# UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH

GLORIA DEI ~ KING OF KINGS ~ ST. PETER'S

April 27, 2025  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church Campus

## PRELUDE

“Pastorale”

*César Franck*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

God has turned our mourning into dancing.

**God has clothed us with joy.**

Praise God and do not be silent!

**We will give thanks to God forever!**

*Please rise as you are able.*

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of new life,

**We live as though you are still in the grave. We do not rejoice in the good news of liberation for all people without exception. We continue to sin against you and our neighbors by our actions and our failure to act. Shake us out of our complacency, cleanse our hearts of selfishness, and make us joyful participants in the work of bringing about your reign in the world today.**

We are an Easter people! Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God has redeemed all of creation. Know that you are made whole, forgiven of all your sins, and empowered to live out the gospel in joy. Amen.

**GATHERING HYMN**    *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*    (ELW Hymn 461)

**KYRIE**    (ELW page 138)

**SONG OF PRAISE**    (ELW page 140)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Gracious God,

**We are often lost and confused as we contemplate the pains of the world around us. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in our midst, and fill us with joy in the knowledge that you share our place no matter what we are experiencing. Amen.**

*You may be seated*

## READING: Psalm 30

<sup>1</sup>I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

<sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup>O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

<sup>4</sup>Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup>For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

<sup>6</sup>As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup>By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

<sup>8</sup>To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?

<sup>10</sup>Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup>You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

<sup>12</sup>so that my soul may praise you and not be silent. O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise as you are able*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-35**

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>13</sup>Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup>but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup>And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>He asked them, “What things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup>Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup>Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. <sup>28</sup>As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup>But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup>That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup>They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*You may be seated.*

**SERMON**

*Please rise as you are able*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Gather Us In*

(ELW Hymn 532)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. . . Holy and wonderful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always!  
**And also with you!**

*You may be seated for collection of offering.*

**OFFERING MUSIC** Family Choir “For Where Love Is There Is God” C. Lee

*Please rise as you are able*

**OFFERING HYMN** (*offerings brought forward*) (ELW Hymn 182)



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of the journey, we offer with grateful hearts only what you have first provided to us out of your generous abundance—our financial resources, our time and energy, and our own hearts. Accept and use them in love and service to all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

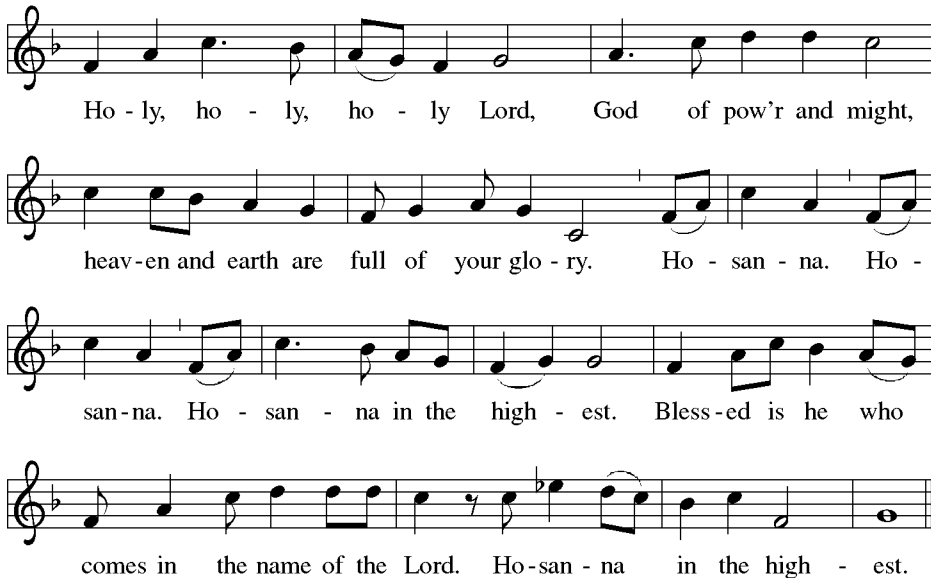
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, .....

....we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. 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.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one, let us pray:

**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**

## **EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION**

Jesus, who reveals himself in the breaking of the bread, invites you now to this meal in which he is fully present. Come and dine with him and your siblings in his holy name, and be fed and nourished for life's journey.

*You may be seated*

*All are welcome at Christ's table. Please follow usher's directions. Wafers are to be dipped into the chalice of wine, communion kits are available in the basket.*

## **COMMUNION SONG**

*All Are Welcome*

3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

*Refrain*

## COMMUNION HYMN

*I Am the Bread of Life*

(ELW Hymn 485)

*Please rise as you are able*

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

**Amen**

## POST COMMUNION LITANY

Life is a journey.

**We don't always know quite where we're going,**

But our God walks beside us.

**When our eyes are open, we see God at work all around us.**

Help us to stop and really look, O God.

**Fill us with the gratitude of knowing you are with us in all things.**

*You may be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise as you are able*

## BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen**

## SENDING HYMN

*Shine, Jesus, Shine*

(ELW Hymn 671)

## DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

“Sortie in G”

*César Franck*



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We gather for Sunday worship as one congregation  
and serve our communities through our three unique campuses.**

Please visit our new combined website @ <https://www.mnys.org/unitedlutheranli/> for  
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**Joint Worship each Sunday at the St. Peter's Campus**  
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**Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.  
We are blessed by your presence.**