

Feast of Victory Lutheran Church  
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Sunday, April 27, 2025  
Second Sunday of Easter  
Holy Communion

**PREACHING/PRESIDING MINISTER, PASTOR HALEY VAY BEAMAN**  
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**MUSICIAN, MARGARET VANDENBERGE**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PRELUDE**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

In the name of ✠ the One  
who was, who is, and who is to come.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin  
and cannot free ourselves.**  
**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.**  
**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.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us  
even when we were dead in sin,  
and made us alive together with Christ.  
By grace you have been saved.

In the name of + Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
Almighty God strengthen you with power  
through the Holy Spirit,  
that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN: ALLELUIA! JESUS IS RISEN!, ELW 377, VERSES 1,2,5



1 Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus is ris - en!
2 Walk - ing the way,	Christ in the cen - ter
3 Je - sus the vine,	we are the branch - es;
4 Weep - ing, be gone;	sor - row, be si - lent:
5 Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter for - ev - er,



Trum - pets re - sound - ing in	glo - ri - ous light!
tell - ing the sto - ry to	o - pen our eyes;
life in the Spir - it the	fruit of the tree;
death put a - sun - der, and	Eas - ter is bright.
gold - en Je - ru - sa - lem,	Je - sus the Lamb,



Splend - or, the Lamb,	heav - en for - ev - er!
break - ing our bread,	giv - ing us glo - ry:
heav - en to earth,	Christ to the peo - ple,
Cher - u - bim sing:	O grave, be o - pen!
liv - er of life,	saints and arch - an - gels,



Oh, what a mir - a - cle	God has in sight!
Je - sus our bless - ing,	our con - stant sur - prise.
gift of the fu - ture now	flow - ing to me.
Clothe us in won - der, a -	dorn us in light.
sing with cre - a - tion to	God the I AM!

*Refrain*



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **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.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above,  
and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the Church of God,  
and for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**Amen, amen.**

# THIS IS THE FEAST

## Refrain

Assisting minister



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

All



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



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



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

## Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. 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 and hon-or and 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.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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*

### **First Reading: Acts 5:27-32**

<sup>27</sup> When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. <sup>30</sup> The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. <sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. <sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm: Psalm 118:14-29**

*The psalm is read responsively. The congregation reads the verses in bold print.*

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength <sup>1</sup> and my song,  
and has become <sup>1</sup> my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents <sup>1</sup> of the righteous:**  
**"The right hand of the <sup>1</sup> Lord acts valiantly!"**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord <sup>1</sup> is exalted!  
The right hand of the <sup>1</sup> Lord acts valiantly!"

**17 I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord.**

**18** The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

**19 Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

**20** “This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter.”

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

**22** The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

**23 By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

**24** This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

**25 Hosanna! | O Lord, save us!  
We pray to you, Lord, pros- | per our days!**

**26** Blessed is the one who comes in the name | of the Lord;  
we bless you from the house | of the Lord.

**27 The Lord is God and has giv- | en us light.  
Form a procession with branches up to the corners | of the altar.**

**28** You are my God, and | I will thank you;  
you are my God, and | I will exalt you.

**29 Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God’s mercy en- | dures forever.**



## **Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8**

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,

even those who pierced him;

and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Word of God. Word of Life.

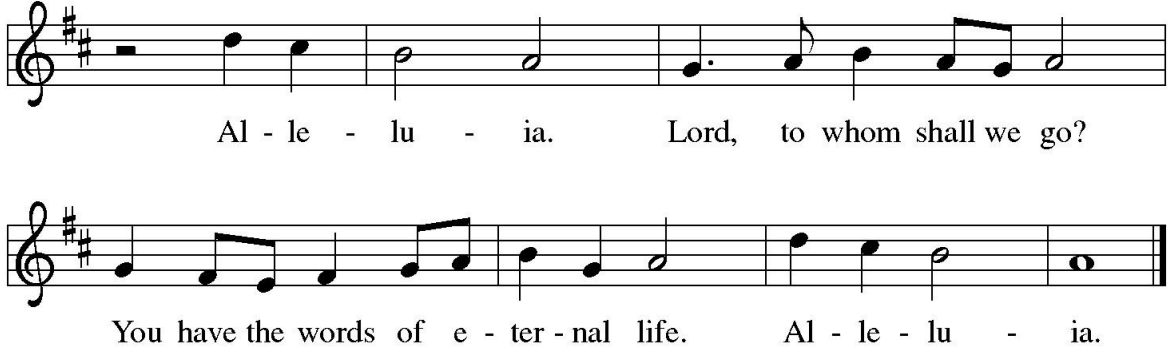
**Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **NOISY OFFERING**

*The Noisy Offering supports the Community Needs Fund and we collect Pennies from Heaven for ELCA World Hunger; these are collected in bread pans often by our children serving in worship.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:



### Gospel: John 20:19-31

The gospel for the Second Sunday of Easter is from the gospel according to St. John.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup> 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." <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> 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."

<sup>26</sup> 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." <sup>27</sup> 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." <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup> 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.”

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> 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.

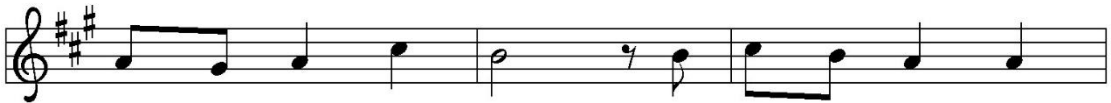
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON – Pastor Haley Vay Beaman**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: WE WALK BY FAITH, ELW 635



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

After each petition, the congregation responds by saying "**Receive our prayer.**"

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

## THE OFFERING

*Weekly giving may be placed in the round collection plate that is distributed by our ushers. Thank you for your faithful giving that supports the ministry we share.*

## OFFERING MUSIC

**OFFERTORY:**  
**LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL, ELW 184**

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 dreams of

all; u-nite them with the prayers we of-fer. Grace our ta-ble

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

## OFFERING PRAYER

Risen One,  
you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.  
Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.  
**Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

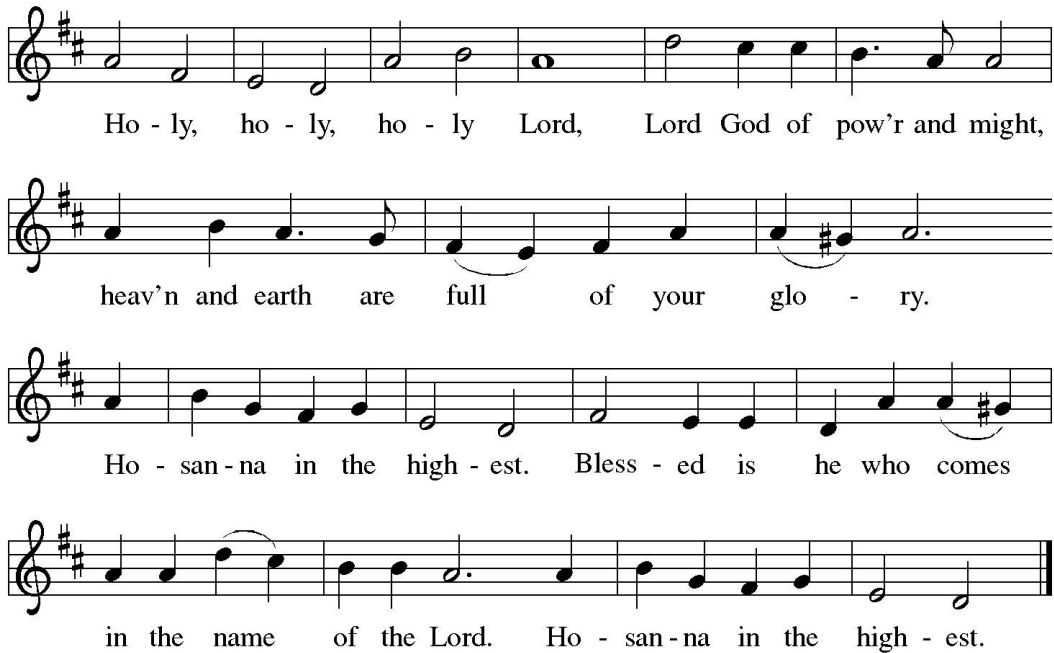
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

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

## SANCTUS: 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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.

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.



## DISTRIBUTION

*All are welcome to the table where we receive Christ's Real Presence. Please follow the directions of ushers and pastor for coming to the altar. If coming forward is a challenge, please let an usher know so that we can meet you where you are with Communion. If you wish to receive a blessing in place of bread, please cross your arms over your chest so the pastor will know. Gluten-free wafers are available, and you may indicate your preference to the pastor when you come forward. Red wine and white grape juice are in the individual cups. As you return to your seat, you will find a small basket on the table in which to place your empty cup.*

## 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.

# COMMUNION HYMNS: I RECEIVED THE LIVING GOD, ELW 477

*Refrain*



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,

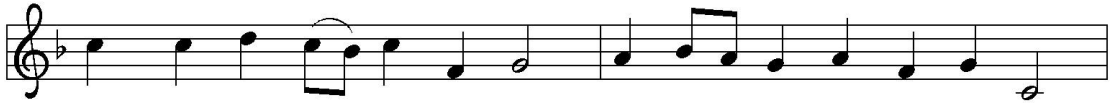
*Refrain*



you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.  
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.  
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.  
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

**POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:  
THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE, ELW 204**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Living One,  
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.  
Send us now to tell of your wonders,  
sing of your glory,  
and proclaim your risen life  
to a wounded and weary world.  
**Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

# SENDING HYMN: NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN, ELW 367, VERSES 1,2,5



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,  
3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;  
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has  
there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has  
set heart and will on things a - bove that we  
and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of  
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he  
con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -  
tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all  
fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly  
Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



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

## **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **POSTLUDE**

**WELCOME TO FEAST OF VICTORY:** If you are a guest, we invite you to please sign your name and some form of contact info in our Guest Book, located on the wall desk near the office door entrance, and join us for our fellowship time after our worship service so that we can get to know one another. We are glad that you are worshiping with us today either in person or on Zoom. If you would like to speak with our Pastor, schedule a home visit, unite with our congregation, or receive Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Haley Vay in our church office (231-938-1070).

**PRAYER REQUESTS AND WELCOME CARDS:** As Jesus welcomes us and prays for us, so we also welcome and pray for one another. There are Prayer Request and Welcome Cards located on the table to the left as you enter the front doors of the building. If you have a prayer request, please fill out a card and give it to the Assisting Minister or Pastor if you would like your prayer read aloud in worship, or to Pastor if your request is confidential. If you are visiting...*welcome!* Please consider filling out a Welcome Card and place it in the offering plate or give it to our Pastor, so that we may stay connected.

**STAY CONNECTED** on Facebook @FeastOfVictoryELCA and check out what's happening, ways to get involved, and watch recordings of worship on our website: [www.feastofvictory.org](http://www.feastofvictory.org). You may also pick up a copy of our Church Newsletter, "Feast Your Eyes" at the welcome table.

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION** is celebrated each Sunday. We believe that Jesus is really present in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. It is Jesus who serves us, bringing us forgiveness of sins, faith and new life, and hope for eternal life. All are welcome to receive the gift of faith and forgiveness that Jesus offers. Please let the Pastor know if you would prefer gluten-free bread, and if you prefer white grape juice instead of wine.

**FELLOWSHIP AFTER OUR WORSHIP SERVICE:** Special time has been set aside after the service for coffee, juice, treats, and conversation. We welcome and encourage you to stay and connect in faith community.

**NURSERY AVAILABLE:** We have a nursery available for parents and small children. It is located in the last room on the right of the main hallway.

**Presiding/Preaching Minister:** Pastor Haley Vay Beaman  
**Assisting Minister:** Rena Rudkin  
**Acolyte:** Cameron Darling  
**Musician:** Margaret VanDenBerge  
**Reader:** Ron Mishler  
**Greeters & Ushers:** Denny & Lori Bartz  
**Communion:** Shelley Mishler  
**AV Operator:** Carter Darling & Grant Wilson  
**Coffee Host:** Lori Bartz & Ruth Sutton  
**Counter:** Jean Friday

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