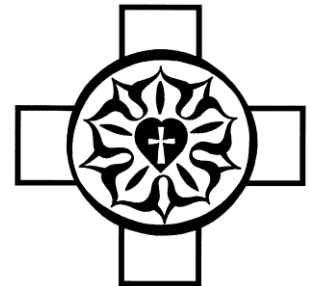




*Shadow of the Cross Lutheran Church*

April 20, 2025



Processional Hymn: LSB # 457 “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Greeting:

**Confession and Absolution**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**C** **who made heaven and earth.**  
**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,  
**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Silence please for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,  
**C** **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them, and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

- P** God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian Church and by the authority of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 95 "He Is Lord"

He is Lord, he is Lord, he is ris-en from the dead and he is Lord;

ev-'ry knee shall bow, ev-'ry tongue con-fess that Je - sus Christ is Lord.

# Service of the Word

## Introit

*Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: Ex.15:1b*

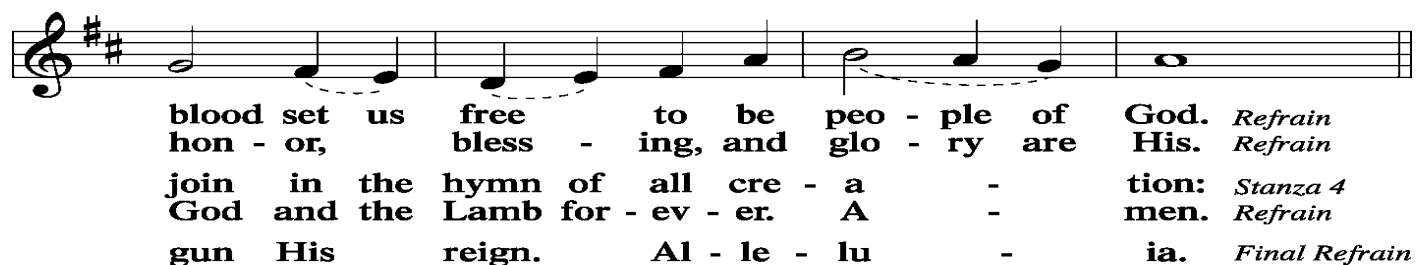
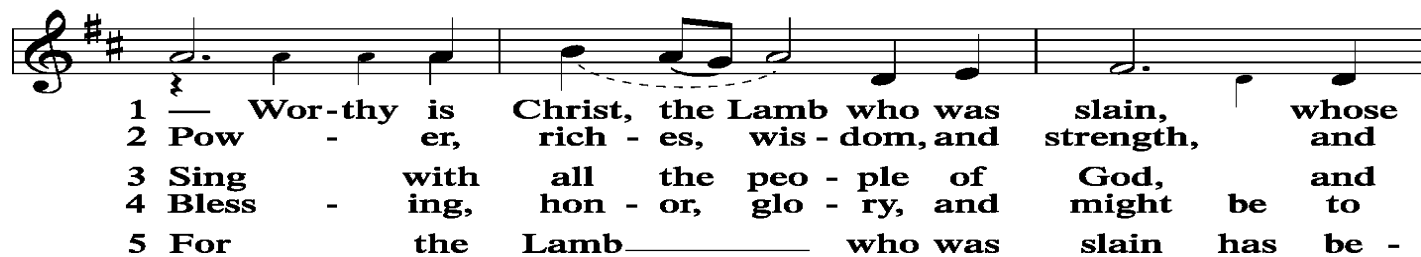
- P** I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously  
**C** the horse and the rider he has thrown into the sea.  
**P** The Lord is my strength and my song,  
**C** he has become my salvation.  
**P** Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power  
**C** Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy  
**P** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed  
**C** you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode  
**P** You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain  
**C** the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode  
**P** the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established  
**C** The Lord will reign forever and ever  
**C** 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.  
**P** I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously  
**C** the horse and the rider he has thrown into the sea.

## Hymn: # 805 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## This is the Feast

*Refrain*  
**C** This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Please be seated**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

<sup>17</sup> "For 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

*adapt. From Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps 8:6*

**C 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.**

Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

<sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope<sup>[a]</sup> in this life only, 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.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

“The Anthem” - SOTC Praise Choir 9:45 am Service

**Please stand**

## Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. 2. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:1-12*

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

**G Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup> And 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? <sup>6</sup> He is not here but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup> And they remembered his words,<sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup> Now 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, <sup>11</sup> but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But 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.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

## *Please be seated*

## Sermon Hymn: LSB # 474 “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

1. Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

**Refrain:** Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

give God the glory! Alleluia!

2. Walking the way, Christ in the center, telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise. **Refrain**

3. Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. **Refrain**

4. Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. **Refrain**

5. City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM! **Refrain**

Sermon: "The Resurrection" Sermon Text: Luke 24:1-12

"I Sing Praises" - SOTC Praise Choir 9:45 am Service

***Please stand***

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

Hymn: TFBF # 247 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

**☩ Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Lord, listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.**