

# Mary Magdalene Rabboni

HERE I AM

HERE IS THE ARC OF GOD'S STORY  
FROM CREATION TO RE-CREATION.

HERE IS OUR STORY  
WRITTEN BY THE  
AUTHOR & PERFECTER  
OF OUR FAITH.

HERE I AM IN GOD'S STORY.

@BICSPICS2020

## **EASTER SUNDAY** **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** **APRIL 5, 2026**

---

### **BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH & PRESCHOOL**

5110 Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois 60031 – (847) 244-9647

**Pastor Ben Squires**

Cell phone: 224-419-5519 or email: [pastor@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:pastor@bethelgurnee.org)

**Cindy Daluga, Disciple Care Coordinator**  
[Cindy.daluga@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:Cindy.daluga@bethelgurnee.org)

**Ben Sanders, Mission Facilitator**  
[office@bethelgurnee.org](mailto:office@bethelgurnee.org)

**Website:** [www.BethelGurnee.org](http://www.BethelGurnee.org)

---

# **THE GOSPEL OF ST. JOHN SERVICE**

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from John's Gospel.  
John is the focus of Year 4 in the Narrative Lectionary.

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing**

LSB 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph  
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to  
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:  
strew His way; Let all the world 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!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## **Invocation (based on Genesis 1 and John 1:1-5,14)**

P: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was fully God.

**C: The Word was with God in the beginning.**

P: All things were created by him. He said,

**C: "Let there be light."**

P: And there was light.

**C: And the light shines in the darkness,**

P: but the darkness has not mastered it.

Now the Word became flesh and took up residence among us.

**C: We saw his glory—**

P: the glory of the one and only,

**C: full of grace and truth.**

P: In him was life,

**C: and the life was the light of mankind.**

P: This life has been given to you by His Word and in your baptism  
in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Holy Gospel for Easter**

**John 20:1-10 (NET)**

Now very early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been moved away from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she went running to Simon Peter and the other disciple whom Jesus loved and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!” <sup>3</sup> Then Peter and the other disciple set out to go to the tomb. <sup>4</sup> The two were running together, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent down and saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter, who had been following him, arrived and went right into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen cloth lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been around Jesus’ head, not lying with the strips of linen cloth but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, came in, and he saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (For they did not yet understand the scripture that Jesus must rise from the dead.)

<sup>10</sup> So the disciples went back to their homes.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed!**

P: Christ is risen.

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Verse of Praise**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

LSB 469, st. 1



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.

**Confession of Sin (John 3:17-20)**

P: We confess our sinful condition.

**C: The one who does not believe has been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God.**

P: And by our lives, we also show the ways we reject faith in Jesus, turning away from Him by our sinful deeds.

**C: The light has come into the world and we have loved the darkness rather than the light,**

P: because our deeds are evil.

And we hate the light, because it will expose our sin.

We come to God the Father today in the light of His Christ.

Our sin and our need for forgiveness & redemption are on full display.

**C: Amen.**

*(silence for reflection on our need for forgiveness)*

**Absolution (John 3:16,14,21)**

P: This is the way God loved the world:

**C: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.**

P: For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn you, but He sent his Son so that you should be saved through him.

The one who believes in him is not condemned.

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Therefore, in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: And now you go empowered by the Holy Spirit to come to the light.

The one who practices the truth comes to the light,

so that it may be plainly evident that your deeds have been done in the power of God.

**C: Amen.**



**Verse of Praise**

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

LSB 469, st. 4



4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

**Anthem**

**He is the Risen Lord**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Even death his will obeyed, For with his love he closed the grave.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen Lord. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen Lord. Forever he as Lord shall reign, forever he shall reign.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

The Prince of Death has lost his prey. The King has rolled the stone away.

He is Lord. He is King. Every tongue confess and sing.

He is the risen King. Sing alleluia to his name.

He is the risen King. Forever he as King shall reign, forever he shall reign.

Forever he shall reign!

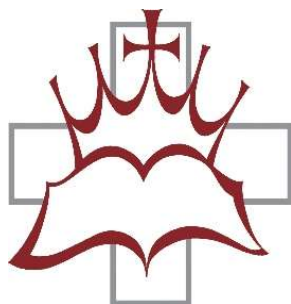
**Preparation for God's Word (John 21:24,20:31)**

L: John is the disciple who testifies about these things and has written these things,

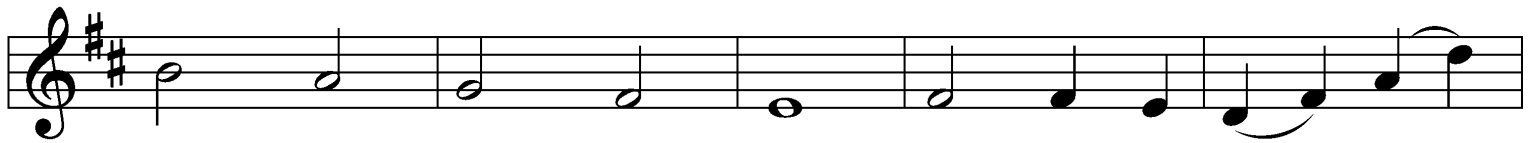
C: **and we know that his testimony is true.**

L: These things are recorded so that you may believe

C: **that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Amen.**







this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my  
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.

**Sermon**

**Anthem**

**He Lives**

**Adult Choir**

- Use the anthem's music and words to help you to meditate on God's Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.

*I serve a risen Savior, he's in the world today;  
 I know that he is living, whatever foes may say.  
 I see his hand of mercy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
 And just the time I need him, he's always near.  
 He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
 He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
 He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.  
 Rejoice, rejoice O Christian, lift up your voice and sing  
 Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!  
 The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find;  
 None other is so loving, so good and kind.  
 He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
 He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
 He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
 You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.*

## **Confession of Faith (based on the “I Am” Statements of Jesus)**

P: Jesus said, “I am the bread of life.”

John 6:35

**C: Here I am, one who comes to Him,  
and I will never go hungry and will never be thirsty.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

John 8:12

**C: Here I am, one who follows Him.  
I will never walk in darkness,  
but I will have the light of life.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the door for the sheep.”

John 10:1-18

**C: Here I am, a sheep of Jesus,  
I listen to His voice,  
and He calls me by name.  
I will enter into eternal life through Him.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the good shepherd.”

**C: Here I am, a sheep of Jesus.  
He laid down His life for me.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the truth and the life.”

John 11:25-27

**C: Here I am, one who believes in Him.  
I will be raised to new life,  
because Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

John 14:6

**C: Here I am, one who comes to the Father through Jesus,  
I will follow His way,  
and He promises to keep me on His path.**

P: Jesus said, “I am the vine.”

John 15:5

**C: Here I am, a branch in the vine.  
I will remain in Him,  
and I will bear much fruit,  
good works to serve the neighbor and glorify God. Amen.**

## **Offering & Prayer Requests**

*In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.*



## Offertory

## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469, st. 6

*(we join in singing as the offerings are brought forward to the altar)*



6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!



Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, Thou!

## Prayers

### Preparation for the Lord's Supper

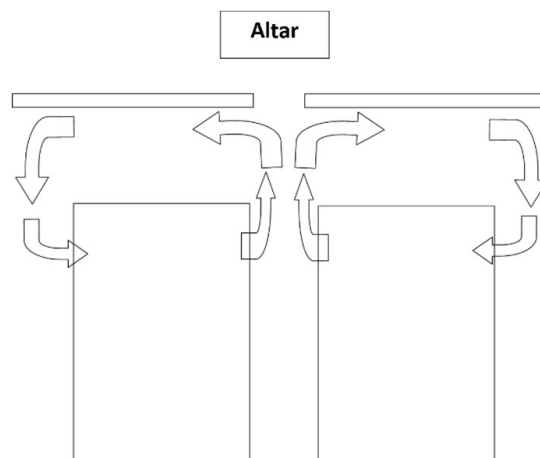
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



### Communion Distribution

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



**Preface of the Lord's Supper (based on John 1:23,29,34; 1:41,44)**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: John the Baptist was the prophesied voice in the wilderness shouting,

C: **"Make straight the way for the Lord."**

P: When John saw Jesus coming to Him, he said,

C: **"Look, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"**

P: And John testified,

C: **"This Jesus is the Chosen One of God."**

P: And indeed, He is the Messiah, the one Moses about wrote in the law,  
and the one the prophets spoke of.

**Preface Prayer**

P: We pray: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Amen.**

**Sanctus (Lamb of God, Pure and Holy – based on John 1:35)**

LSB 434, st. 1



1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

**The Lord's Prayer**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

**Words of Institution**

**Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

**Distribution Song**

**Allelu**



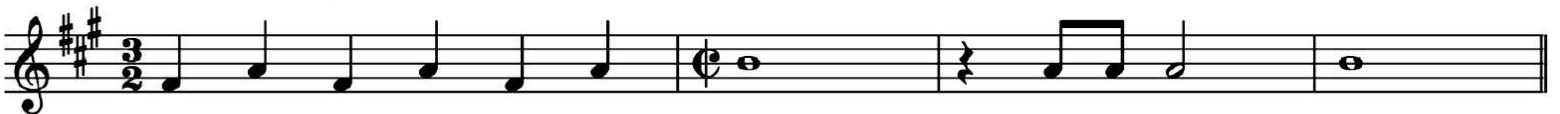
Al - le - lu! \_\_\_ Al - le - lu! \_\_\_ Ev - 'ry - bod - y sing, "Al - le - lu!" \_\_\_ For the



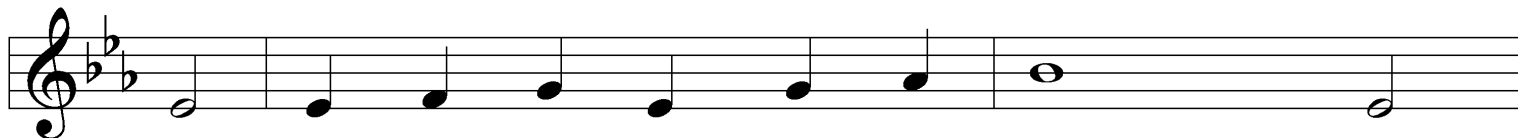
Lord has ris - en, it is true. \_\_\_ Ev - 'ry - bod - y sing, "Al - le - lu!"



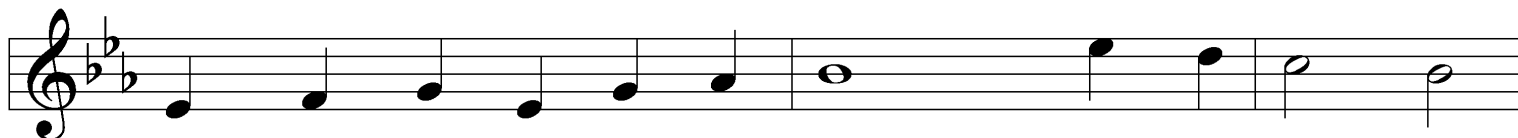
|                                    |               |                     |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 1. God said He would send His Son; | Al - le - lu, | al - le - lu! _____ |
| 4. On the hard wood of the cross,  | Al - le - lu, | al - le - lu! He    |
| 5. On the third day He did rise;   | Al - le - lu, | al - le - lu! _____ |
| 6. Now we too can live a - new;    | Al - le - lu, | al - le - lu! _____ |



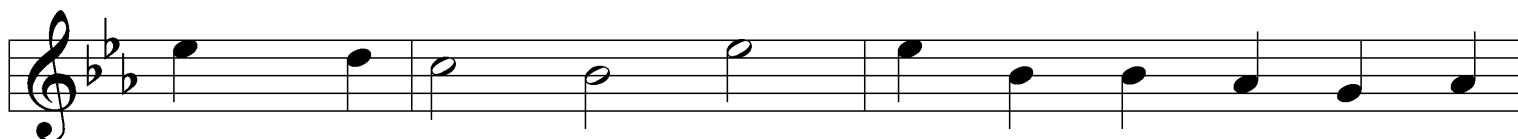
|                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| And sal - va - tion would be won; | Al - le - lu - ia!  |
| suf - fered and he died for us,   | Al - le - lu, - ia! |
| Now He lives no more to die;      | Al - le - lu - ia!  |
| Live in Him need all we do;       | Al - le - lu - ia!  |



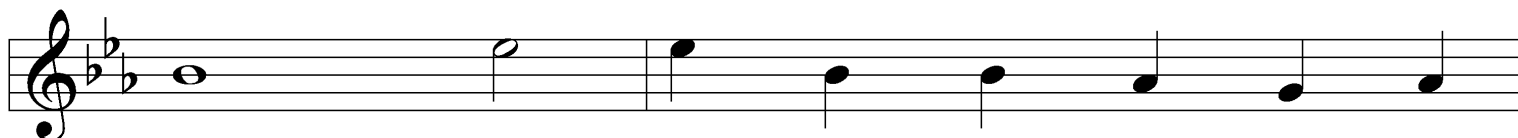
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
 Δ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



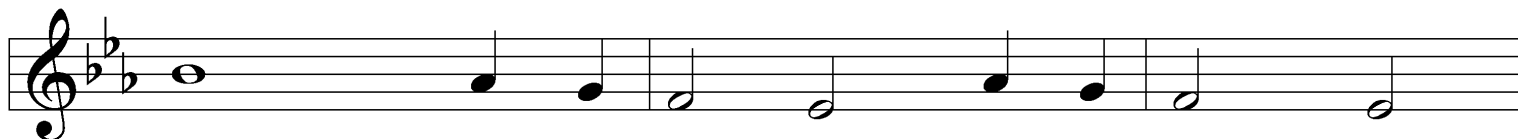
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



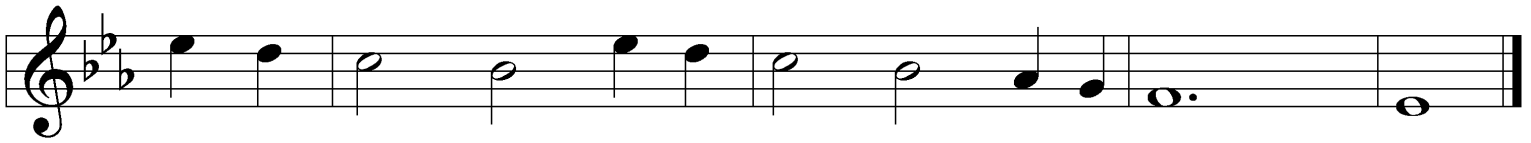
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly  
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
 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!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

### ***Common Dismissal***

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord....      **C: Amen.**

### ***Post-Communion Prayer***

P: O Jesus, have mercy. Thank You that You deliver us from all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting death. And You have done this by the mystery of Your holy incarnation; by Your holy nativity; by Your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by Your agony and bloody sweat; by Your cross and passion; by Your precious death and burial; by Your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the coming of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; and by sharing of Your body and blood with us in this holy meal. For You are Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

**C: grant us Your peace. Amen.**

### ***Benedicamus ("Let us bless the Lord") (based on John 13:34-35)***

P: Jesus has given you a new commandment:

**C: love one another.**

P: Just as He loves you, you also

**C: love one another.**

P: Everyone will know by this that you are disciples of Jesus—because you

**C: love one another. Amen.**

### ***Benediction (Blessing) (based on John 20:21-22,29,31)***

P: Peace be with you.

Just as the Father sent His Son, Jesus,  
so He is sending you,  
filled with the Holy Spirit,  
to be His witnesses in the world.

Blessed are you who have not seen Him, and yet have believed,  
and by believing have life in His Name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Announcements

**Please take your lily plant(s) after today's service.**

### Acknowledgements

This liturgy arranged and written by the Rev. Dr. Benjamin C. Squires. © 2025.  
Today's reading and Liturgy Scripture passages taken from / adapted from New English Translation.  
NET Bible® copyright ©1996-2017 by Biblical Studies Press, L.L.C. <http://netbible.com> All rights reserved.  
Some scripture quotations are from *The Holy Bible, English Standard Version*,  
copyright © 2001 by Crossway Bibles, a division of Good News Publishers. Used by permission. All rights reserved.  
Other portions used by permission: LSB Hymn License .NET, no. 000013448.  
Created by Lutheran Service Builder © 2006 Concordia Publishing House.  
CCLI License # 11157642 + Streaming License # 20645594  
Cover layout: BiCS Pics. [www.bicspics.com](http://www.bicspics.com)

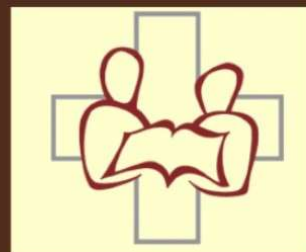
# Holy Week

## for Our Salvation Banner

*to left of the altar in the Sanctuary*

### **Palm Sunday**

Jesus entered Jerusalem, celebrated as King – Messiah



### **God's Word**

We share the Bible as God's life-giving Word which reveals Jesus as Savior

### **Good Friday**

By the end of the week, Jesus is arrested and crucified

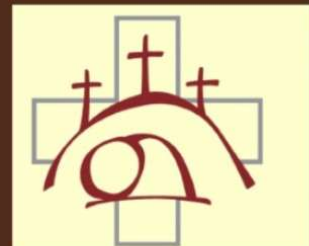


### **Baptism**

We are buried with Christ and raised to new life

### **Easter**

Three days later, Jesus rises from dead, conquering the tomb

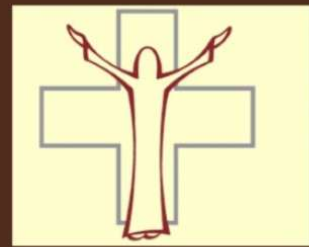


### **Lord's Supper**

Jesus gives us His body and blood in this life-giving meal

### **Ascension**

40 days later, Jesus ascends into heaven, from where He sends His Holy Spirit to work faith in our hearts



### **Luther's Rose**

Martin Luther used this symbol to teach faith in God's grace for salvation

*Symbols are taken from the Lutheran Service Book*

## ***WORSHIP AT BETHEL***

Worship at Bethel is a combination of a traditional Lutheran liturgical order with organ-led hymns, but also incorporates one or more praise songs each service, interactive preaching, and an atmosphere that invites people of all ages and all backgrounds to participate and worship the Lord.

“Liturgy” is defined as “public service,” meaning God serving His people through the proclamation of the Gospel and administration of the sacraments. However, we often use “liturgy” to also mean the “order of service.”

Bethel rotates through a series of liturgies (orders of service). Some are taken directly from *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)*, the hymnal of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Others are adapted from *LSB*. Other liturgies have been developed for use at Bethel, many of which focus on using words taken from a specific book of the Bible or highlighting the focus of a church year season.

Generally, we use a liturgy for 2 weeks in a row, so that the second week has some familiarity. We also try to limit the number of different liturgies in rotation. This means that we are able to become familiar with a variety of liturgies, but that there’s still a returning to words we’ve already heard and said. This helps worship to become more and more our heart language as we hear from God and repeat back to Him the words He gives to us.

### **A list of liturgies commonly in use at Bethel:**

- 1 Corinthians Service
- 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation
- All God’s People Sing
- Luther’s *Small Catechism* Service
- A Liturgy of Doubt & Hope
- Divine Service & Story (Narrated Explanation)
- Generosity Service
- LSB Divine Service I
- Gospel of Luke
- Gospel of Matthew
- Morning Prayer
- Psalm Service
- Spiritual Gifts
- The Word of God Service (1 & 2 Timothy)

