

Christ  
the Lord  
is risen today!

Alleluia!

**WELCOME TO PRESTON MEADOW LUTHERAN CHURCH ▪ 8am Worship  
April 16, 2017**

*Welcome to worship and Preston Meadow Lutheran Church! Easter is the celebration of the amazing truth that God has overcome death in the resurrection of Jesus. This day shows us that God's love wins over our rebellion and restores us to a right relationship with God. This relationship is available to everyone who believes in Jesus. It is lived in the community of faith – the church, who receives its purpose in life from Jesus. We are glad that God has brought us together to hear, once again, of Jesus' great victory over our sin, death, and all evil in the world. We welcome you with the full embrace with which God welcomes each of us.*

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**Hearing assistance devices and large print bulletins are available for your use.  
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## **GOD GATHERS US**

### **PRELUDE**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P Today we celebrate God's victory over death.

**C Today we celebrate the birth of new hope!**

P Once we were not a people

**C But now we are God's people.**

P Once we had not received mercy;

**C But now we have received mercy.**

P Let us worship and give thanks with grateful hearts!

**C Let us rejoice and be glad for new life, new beginnings, and God's enduring grace.**

P Alleluia, Christ is risen!

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

## OPENING HYMN

### Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, 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!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; 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!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you 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!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## GREETING

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P Let us pray. 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 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.
- C **Amen.**

## INTO THE WORD

### SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Because He Lives"**

by Matt Maher

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 10: 34-43

Pew Bible p. 919

Colossians 3: 1-4

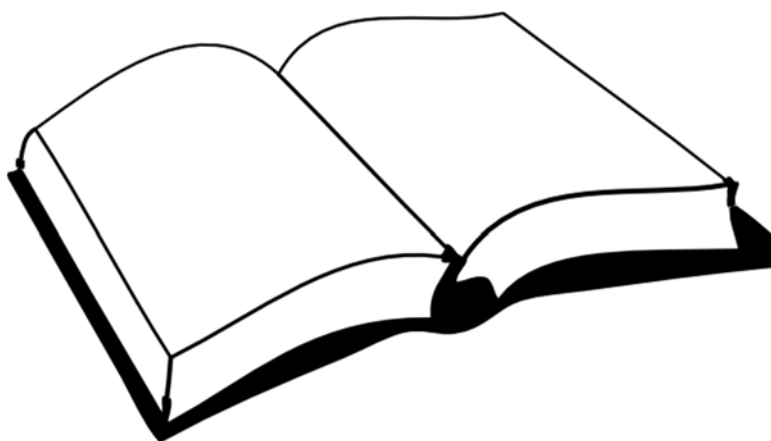
Pew Bible p. 984

*After the Readings, the People say, **Thanks Be to God***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.



- A The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.
- C *Glory to you, O Lord.*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 28: 1-10

Pew Bible p. 835

- A The Gospel of our Lord.
- C *Praise to you, O Christ.*

## SERMON

Pastoral Intern Tony Katko

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



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!

## NICENE CREED

**C** 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,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.



## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Please remain standing. After each petition:*

- A** Lord, in your mercy
- C** **Hear our prayer.**

## **THE PEACE**

- P** The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.
- C** **And also with you.**

*The people greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.*

## **OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Please take the time to sign our "Welcome to our Worship" booklet found at the end of each pew so we may record your time with us today. If you are new to our community, we'd like to know where you live so we might have the chance to be neighborly. We're glad you're with us today!*



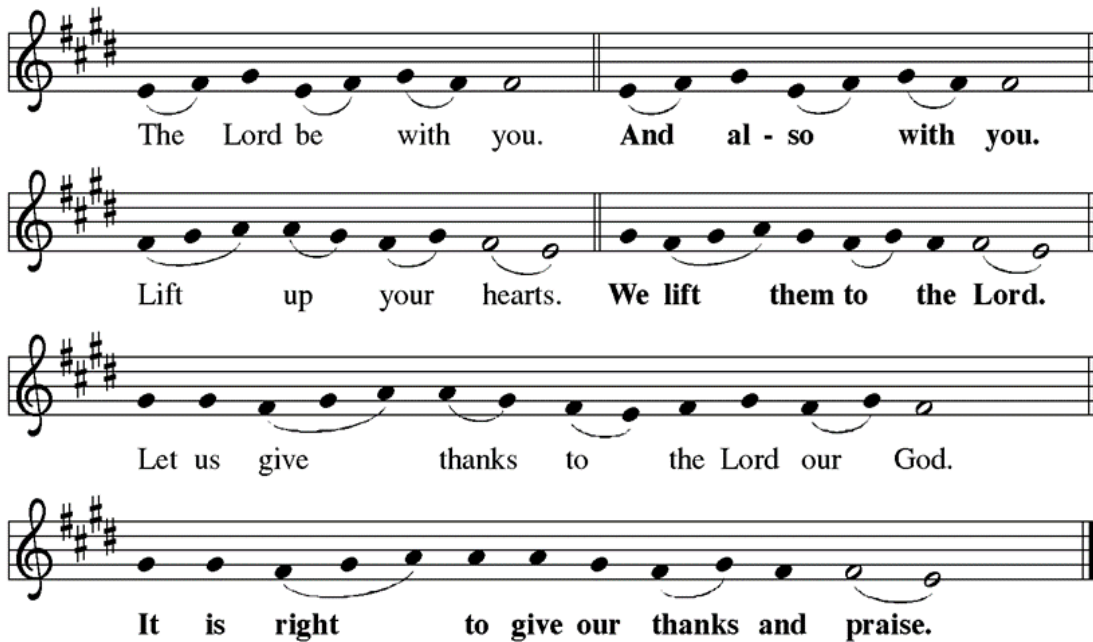
## OFFERTORY

### OFFERING PRAYER

- A Let us pray.  
Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
- C Day by day you shower us with blessings.  
As you have raised us to new life in Christ,  
give us glad and generous hearts,  
ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

## AT THE TABLE

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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.

P It is indeed right... and join their unending hymn:



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.

P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating...now and forever.

C Amen.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### LORD'S PRAYER

C Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,  
 your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.  
 Give us today our daily bread.  
 Forgive us our sins  
 as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial  
 and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours,  
 now and forever. Amen.

## COMMUNION

*At Preston Meadow Lutheran, our communion table is "open." That means that you don't have to be a member of PMLC to commune, or even a Lutheran. We welcome children of all ages to this favorite meal of the church because we know that we come at Jesus' invitation to receive his free gift of grace. Parents, if your children are not yet communing, encourage them to fold their arms over their chests to receive a blessing. If you are communing, simply open your hands and bread will be given to you. Cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the trays; gluten-free wafers are available on request. Come and enjoy the free gifts 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

### Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain,  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



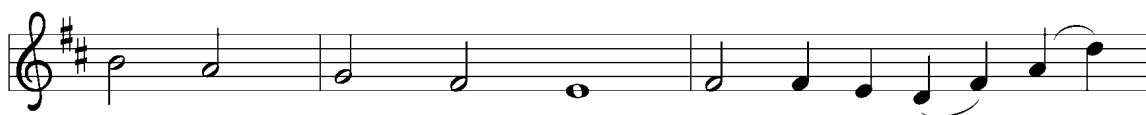
love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958  
Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol  
Text from *Oxford Book of Carols*, © Oxford University Press 1928. All rights reserved.

## I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; he lives to rule his church in love.  
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–1799, alt.  
 Music: DUKE STREET, attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

### TABLE BLESSING

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C **Amen.**

## SENDING PRAYER

A Let us pray, Life-giving God,

C we give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## BLESSING

P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.

C Amen.

P + Jesus Christ, the Word of life, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.

C Amen.

P God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of baptism this day and always.

C Amen.

## SENDING SONG

### Thine Is the Glory



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the  
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
greets thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness  
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con-qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;  
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan



where thy bod - y lay.  
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con - qu'ring  
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854–1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875–1939  
Music: JUDAS MACCABAEUS, George Frideric Handel, 1685–1759

## DISMISSAL

- A Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- A Go in peace. Share the good news.
- C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## POSTLUDE



Interested in learning more about Preston Meadow Lutheran Church? New Member Classes begin Sunday, April 23rd, and will be held April 30th and May 7th. Brunch will be served on May 7th with the opportunity to join on May 21st at 8:30am worship. Please contact the church office at 972-618-2233 with questions and/or to sign up.

## Serving in Worship

Preaching Minister: Pastoral Intern Tony Katko  
Presiding Minister: Pastor Paul Mussachio  
Acolyte: Abigail Hammons  
Assisting Minister: Joe Sheffield  
Lector: Russ Abercrombie  
Piano: Ligia Pucci di Carvalho  
Ushers: Jim Swiggum  
Steve Erickson  
Karl Woodling  
Josh Johnson  
Bill Drake  
Head Usher: Steve Bargmann  
Altar Care: Deanne Gray  
Kathleen Rice  
Bread Baker: Susan Mussachio  
Patty Alverson  
Coffee: Gene Menze

**April 9, 2017**

**Church Attendance: 643    Communion Attendance: 497    Online Attendance: 25**  
**Total Attendance: 668    Offering: \$19,726.01**

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Rev. Dr. Jackie Linden-Schade, Pastor for Adult Discipleship  
Tony Katko, Pastoral Intern

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