

Welcome to Glory Lutheran Church

I am
the vine,
you are the
branches

JOHN 15:5



Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Reaching Up... Reaching Out... Reaching In...

Words of Welcome

Gathering Song - Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

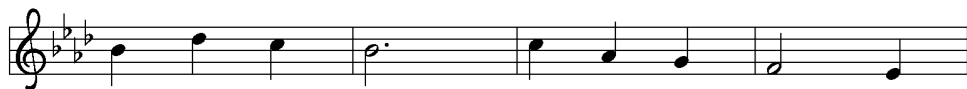
sing verses 1-3



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,



Splen - dor, 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!
riv - 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!

Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the pastor begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the wellspring of grace,
our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism,
let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning
your voice thundered over the deep
and water became the essence of life.

Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.
Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea
into freedom's land.

In a desert pool the Ethiopian official
entered your boundless baptismal life.

Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts,
giving all honor and praise to you,
through the risen Christ, our source of living water,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Life in the Vine

1. Fa ther, all Your be - ing flows full and free thro'
2. Prune me, Fa - ther. Cut a - way ev - 'ry fruit - less
3. Flow un - hin - dered, Love di - vine, heav - en's rich and

Christ the Vine. See how heav - en's won - ders grow! Wa - ter chang - es
stem from me. Trim from what I do and say all that's less than
ho - ly Breath! Fill my hands and heart and mind, shar - ing all His

in - to wine. All Your full - ness flows with - in
I should be, all that dark - ens love's pure light,
life and death! Ev - 'ry mo - ment, truth and light!

as I just a - bide in Him
all that is not Je - sus Christ.
Ev - 'ry mo - ment, Je - sus Christ.

Sharing of the Peace

Please take time to say "Peace be with you" as directed.

Children's Time

*There will be a short practice of the choir song
at the beginning of Sunday School today.*

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:25-31

L: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;
my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**C: The poor shall eat and be satisfied;
those who seek him shall praise the Lord.
May your hearts live forever!**

L: All the ends of the earth shall remember
and turn to the Lord;
and all the families of the nations
shall worship before him.

**C: For dominion belongs to the Lord,
and he rules over the nations.**

L: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow
down;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,
and I shall live for him.

**C: Posterity will serve him;
future generations will be told about the Lord,**

L: and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,
saying that he has done it.

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

L: Word of God, Word of Life. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

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Gospel Lesson: John 15:1-8

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn of the Day - O Blessed Spring

1 O bless - ed spring, where word and sign em - brace us
 2 Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3 When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for

in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each
 faith, re - bell - ious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in -
 hea - vy har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our
 this blest myst - er - y: that word and wa - ter

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one to be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
fus - ing rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
Christ will move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
souls take wing and trust the pro - mise of the spring.
thus re - vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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Confession of Faith - Nicene Creed

**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

Prayer Response: P: God of grace, C: Hear our prayer.

Offering

As you leave, you may place your offering onto the plate located at the back of the church or use the online options available.

Offertory Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you. C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right...

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

C: *sings:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord: God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;

Holy, holy, holy Lord: God of pow'r and might;
Heaven and earth of Your glory are full.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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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

Holy Communion

Christ invites all and wants you to be included. Please approach the Lord's table from the centre aisle, extend your open hands, to receive the bread of life. Move either left or right to accept the wine/ grape juice, the cup of salvation. If for whatever reason, you are not ready to receive the communion element, we invite you to come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please indicate this by folding your arms.



**All wafers and bread are gluten free.*

Communion Songs - 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.

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Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Beautiful Saviour

All my days I will sing this song of gladness,
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;
For in my helplessness, You heard my cry,
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer;
I will sing of the blood that never fails,
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,
of death defeated and life without end.

(Chorus)

**Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Coun - se-lor,
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life.
Star of the Morning, glorious in ho - li-ness,
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,
and You reign, You reign over all!**

I long to be where the praise is never ending;
Yearn to dwell where the glory never fades,
where countless worshipers will share one song,
and cries of "worthy" will honor the Lamb!

(Chorus)

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All Heaven Declares

All heav'n declares the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be the Lamb upon the throne.
gladly bow the knee and worship Him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord.
Who once was slain to reconcile us to God.
Forever You will be the Lamb upon the throne,
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne,
I gladly bow the knee and worship You alone.

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Post-Communion Prayer

**Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this
banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant
mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend. Amen.**

**Blessing
Announcements**

Sending Song - A New Hallelujah

Can you hear? There's a new song
breaking out from the children of freedom.
Ev'ry race and ev'ry nation,
sing it out, sing a new hallelujah.

Let us sing love to the nations,
bringing hope of the grace that has freed us.
Make it known, and make Him famous.
Sing it out, sing a new hallelujah.

(Chorus)

**Arise, let the church arise.
Let love reach to the other side.
Alive, come alive; Let the song arise.**

All the world sings a new song,
reaching out with a new hallelujah.
Ev'ry son and ev'ry daughter,
ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah.

(Chorus)

(Ending)

Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah
Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah.
Ev'ryone sing a new hallelujah.

DISMISSAL

L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad
C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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claim any items that belong to you and/or your family.
After next Sunday, unclaimed items will be donated.**

Thank You

to those who made contributions to this week's bulletin and to members who assisted in today's service.

Worship Planners, Altar Guild, Choir, Musicians, AV Techs,

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Lock-up: Ken Hankinson

**To volunteer, please sign up [online](#) or on the easel in the Narthex.*

Events This Week:

Praise Band - Tuesday 7:00pm

Confirmation - Thursday 6:30pm Choir - Thursday 7:30pm

Friday-Sunday - Synod Youth Retreat @ Kuriakos

Festival Singers Concert - Saturday 7:00pm (Doors 6:00pm)

Attendance & Offering:

	Online	In-Person	Offering
April 21, 2024	30	99	***will be reported next week***

Next Sunday's Readings:

Acts 10:44-48, Psalm 98, 1 John 5:1-6, John 15:9-17

The service this morning will be both recorded and live streamed.

This can be accessed on our website, glorylutheran.ca.

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