



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

arr. Jeffrey Blersch

*Organ*

## WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

### OPENING HYMN “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

### OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:

**C: Rejoice at Christ’s victory over death.**

P: Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:

**C: Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.**

P: Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!

**C: Our Lord has kept all God’s promises!**

P: This is the day that the LORD has made;.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!**

P: As we prepare for our time of confession, let us lift our voices together in song, asking God for His grace and mercy.

### CONFESSONAL RESPONSE “O Jesus, Lamb of God, Thou Art”

P: Let us now confess our sins to God, our Father:

**C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By the things we have done and by what we have failed to do, we have not honored You as we ought, nor have we served others in love. We deserve to be cast from Your presence forever. Yet in Your great mercy, You sent Your Son to die and rise again for us.**

**Help us to know the power of His resurrection and to share in the joy that His forgiveness brings. Enable us to receive Your mercy and be renewed by Your Spirit that we may honor You as the Lord and God in whom we place our trust. Amen.**

P: Your merciful God is the author and giver of life! He hears your prayers and forgives you all your sins. Through Jesus, He takes your death upon Himself at the cross and, by His resurrection, gives you the free gift of life everlasting. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

**C: Amen.**

P: Risen Redeemer,

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: Conquering King,

**C: Have mercy upon us.**

P: Victorious Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world,

**C: Grant us Your peace.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**RESPONSE “Alleluia, Christ Has Risen”**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:8-12, 16 [ESV]**

As I live, declares the Lord God, surely because my sheep have become a prey, and my sheep have become food for all the wild beasts, since there was no shepherd, and because my shepherds have not searched for my sheep, but the shepherds have fed themselves, and have not fed my sheep, therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: Thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require my sheep at their hand and put a stop to their feeding the sheep. No longer shall the shepherds feed themselves. I will rescue my sheep from their mouths, that they may not be food for them. “For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.

As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness.

I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

### **HOLY GOSPEL** John 10:7-18 [ESV]

“So Jesus again said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **STATEMENT of FAITH** from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6 & Colossian 1:15-20

R: Let us now confess our faith in our risen Lord, from the words of Holy Scripture, the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved.

**C: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised to life on the third day, according to the Scriptures, and appeared first to the women, then to Peter and the twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe Jesus is the Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For in him all things were created. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have supremacy.**

**For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Amen.**

**HYMN “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”**

**SERMON “SALVATION”**

**OFFERING**

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**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**THE PREFACE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

**PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns forever as Lord and God, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore, with Thomas and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

## SANCTUS

## WORDS of INSTITUTION

## THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

## AGNUS DEI

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“As the Deer”

*Organ*

arr. Douglas Wagner

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## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

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## POSTLUDE

“Lasst Uns Erfreuen”

*Organ*

arr. Paul Manz



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