

# *House of Prayer Lutheran Church*



*"... my house shall be called a house of prayer  
for all peoples." Is. 56:7*

**House of Prayer Lutheran Church  
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# **Welcome to House of Prayer Lutheran Church!**

If you are a visitor, thank you for coming. We hope you will find a friendly community and a gracious God.

## **About the Worship Service**

- This bulletin contains the service order and hymns.
- Assisted Hearing devices and LARGE print bulletins are available upon request.

We believe that we are called to be a "House Of Prayer for all peoples" (Is. 56:7)

Please respond in your preferred language when the Congregation is directed to speak.

## **About Communion:**

-Everyone who believes that Jesus is Lord, is welcome to come forward for communion.

-Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available upon request. Just mention it to the pastor.

-The center sections of the pews will be released to come forward for communion first. Then the usher will release the side sections.

Service recordings available each week on our website:

**[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**

# **¡Bienvenidos a House of Prayer Lutheran Church!**

Si nos visitas, gracias por venir. Esperamos que encuentre una comunidad amigable y un Dios misericordioso.

## **Sobre el culto**

- Este boletín contiene el orden de el servicio y los cantos.
- Los dispositivos de asistencia auditiva y los boletines impresas con letra grandes están disponibles bajo petición.

Creemos que estamos llamados a ser "Una casa de Oración de todos los pueblos" (Isaías 56:7)

Por favor, responda en su idioma preferido cuando se le indique a la Congregación que hable/repita.

## **Acerca de la Comunión:**

-Todos los que creen que Jesús es el Señor, son bienvenidos a tomar la comunión.

-Zumo de uva y obleas sin gluten están disponibles bajo petición. Solo menciónelo a la pastora.

-Las secciones centrales de los bancos se liberarán para presentarse primero a la comunión. Luego, los ujieres liberarán las secciones laterales.

La grabación de el servicio esta disponible cada semana en nuestra web: **[www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org](http://www.houseofprayerlutheranchurch.org)**

# Sunday, April 14, 2024

## 3rd Sunday of Easter

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** Improvisation on "Now the Green Blade Rises"  
Henry Doctowski

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the community of Escondido, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm the troubled waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

**Amen.**



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!

## GREETING

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ, and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

### This is the Feast

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

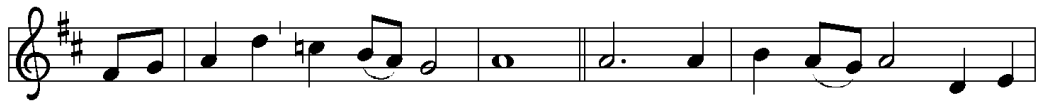
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*



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



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.....

**Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19**

<sup>12</sup>[Peter] addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?<sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. <sup>17</sup>“And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”

The word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM 4

Hal H. Hopson

**Refrain**

Lord, hear my prayer, hear my prayer.

God of all righteousness, hear when I pray.  
In my distress be my hope and stay;  
Long have I suffered revilement and shame,  
Great God of mercy, I call on your name. **R**

When those around me my faith would confound,  
May I rejoice in your gifts that abound;  
Peace and assurance all discord withstand,  
Safely I rest in the palm of your hand. **R**

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The word of the Lord;

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Halle, halle, halle - lujah.*

*Hallelujah. Halletujah*

## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

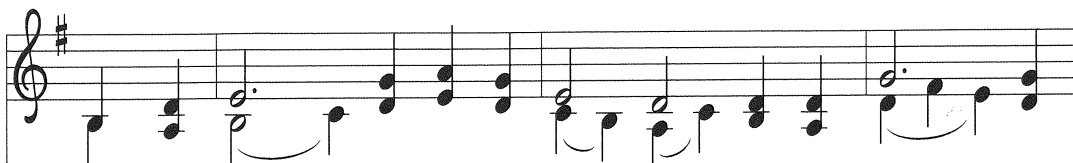
<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” <sup>37</sup>They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. <sup>38</sup>He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate in their presence. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.”

The gospel of the Lord.

### **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: Pastor Christina De La Cruz**

## Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether



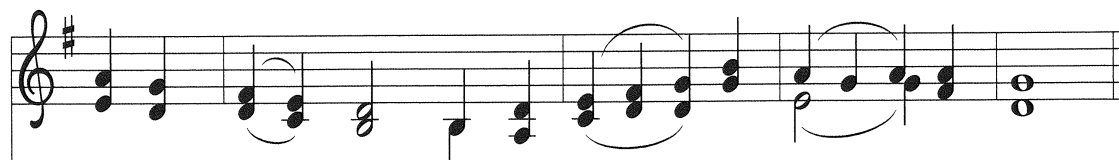
1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

## 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.**

## Credo Niceno

**Creemos en un solo Dios  
Padre todopoderoso,  
creador de cielo y tierra,  
de todo lo visible y lo invisible.**

**Creemos en un solo Señor,  
Jesucristo, Hijo único de Dios,  
nacido del Padre antes de todos  
los siglos: Dios de Dios, Luz de  
Luz, Dios verdadero de Dios  
verdadero, engendrado, no  
creado, de la misma naturaleza  
que el Padre, por quien todo fue  
hecho; que por nosotros y por  
nuestra salvación bajó del cielo,  
y por obra del Espíritu Santo se  
encarnó de María, la Virgen,  
y se hizo hombre; y por nuestra  
causa fue crucificado en tiempos  
de Poncio Pilato; padeció y fue  
sepultado, y resucitó al tercer  
día, según las escrituras,  
y subió al cielo, y está sentado a  
la derecha del Padre; y de nuevo  
vendrá con gloria para juzgar a  
vivos y muertos, y su reino no  
tendrá fin.**

**Creemos en el Espíritu Santo,  
Señor y dador de vida,  
que procede del Padre y del Hijo,  
que con el Padre y el Hijo recibe  
una misma adoración y gloria y  
que habló por los profetas.**

**Creemos en la iglesia, que es una,  
santa, católica, y apostólica.**

**Reconocemos un solo bautismo  
para el perdón de los pecados.**

**Esperamos la resurrección de los  
muertos y la vida del mundo  
venidero. Amén.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

...God of grace, **Hear our prayer.**

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

## **SHARING GOD'S PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

## **PREFACE**

It is indeed right our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosana. Hosana. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **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.**

### **PADRE NUESTRO**

**Padre nuestro  
que estás en los cielos,  
santificado sea tu nombre;  
venga a nos tu reino;  
hágase tu voluntad,  
así en la tierra como en el cielo;  
el pan nuestro de cada día dánoslo  
hoy; y perdónanos nuestras deudas  
así como nosotros perdonamos  
a nuestros deudores;  
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;  
mas líbranos del mal.  
Porque tuyo es el reino,  
el poder y la gloria  
por los siglos de los siglos. Amén**

## **COMMUNION**

**After intinction, the pastor will give you the bread and wine. Please let the pastor know if you prefer a gluten free wafer, or grape juice instead of wine.**

***After receiving the bread and wine, folks may kneel at the altar rail briefly if they would like to do so.***

## **LAMB OF GOD**

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.*



# Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

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1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
 teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
 gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

### **SENDING**

**BLESSING**

**Response: Amen**

# Touch That Soothes and Heals

## *See My Hands and Feet*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
 2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
 3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
 4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
 ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
 peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
 wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
 shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
 kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
 tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

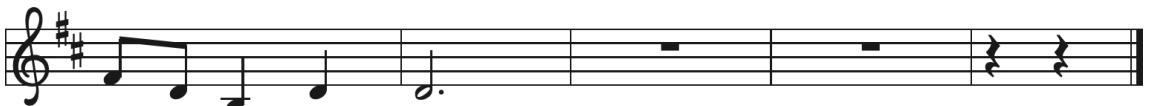
### *Refrain*



“See my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. “Be my hands and feet,” said Je - sus, “live as



ones I died to save.”

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the Good news. **Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

**Pastor Christina De La Cruz**  
**Kitty Wiebe, Community Support Minister**  
**Carolina Munoz, Office Administrator**  
**Cheri Kendall, Music Coordinator**  
**Henry Doktorski, Organist**

**Mark Worman, Custodian**  
**Clementina Lopez, Custodian**  
**Kyon Gonzalez, Tech Lead**  
**Kyon Gonzalez, Camera**  
**Mark Worman, Sound**

## **TODAY'S STEWARDS**

Let everything you do be done in love. 1 Corinthians 16:14

**Ushers:**

**Greeters:** Trina Watson, Jan Estes

**Reader:** Mike Erno

**Communion Assistant:** Carol Gross

**Cantor:** Cheri Kendall

**Altar Guild:** Patti Engelbrecht

***Today's Altar Flowers are given by***

**Mark and Pam Sonn**  
**In memory of Mark's mother**



### **Mission Statement**

**As the body of the risen Christ, nurtured by  
Word and Sacrament,  
House of Prayer Evangelical Lutheran Church  
is called to proclaim the creative and redemptive work of God,  
in lives of loving service to its fellowship,  
to North San Diego County and, in cooperation with others  
to the ends of the earth.**