



A Congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church In America



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024 - 10:00 AM - in the Gym



Welcome to Trinity Lutheran Church

As disciples of Christ seeking peace and justice in the world, we welcome, affirm, and include all people into the fullness of God's love. We celebrate people of all races, cultures, ages, sexual orientations, gender identities, physical or mental abilities, socioeconomic statuses, appearances, family status and citizenship as equally loved and valued in the eyes of God and in this place. All are invited to join this community as we worship God, grow in faith, and strive to love and serve one another. All, without exception, are welcome in this place.

The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Susan Boeker on her birthday by Ralph and Marilyn Boeker.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister and Preaching	Susan Crowell
Assisting Minister	Patrick Preacher
Pianist and Choir Director	Jim Parham
Lector	Reid Tidwell
Prayers	Ida Blalock
Communion Assistant	Chris Sorenson
Cantor	Pat Morgan
Acolytes	Jenna Mast Harper Roth
Children's Worship Activity Leaders	Maggie Boliek Margaret Roth Jeff Roth
Nursery	Karen Craig
Praying for Possibilities	Dean Nix
Greeters	Mark Allen Ann Berlam Bonnie Farmer Frank Hawkins Harry Hawkins Lindsay Hawkins Deirdre Hixson Nell Orscheln
Ushers	Steve Boguski Teresa Harrington Lani Ludian Franklin Sease
Fellowship Hosts	Maria and John Roberts
Video	Henry Wilcox
Audio	Gregg Alley

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

TEMPLE TALK

Nehemiah Action

Melissa Kolb

Please stand as able

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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

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

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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 eunuch entered your boundless baptismal life and grace.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

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 confess all that we have done and left undone, knowing that at the foot of the cross and by the empty tomb, our sins are forgiven. 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.

Amen.

Look, here is water!

Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

**We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.**

**We are fed and we're nourished, filled and refreshed.
Then our hunger returns and again we are blessed.
For whatever the need, God is greater indeed:
endless ocean, always deeper than all of our need.**

**We are nourished by water, all living things,
and by life that the Spirit abundantly brings.
As we journey toward home, may your presence be known:
precious river, ever-flowing, now carry us home.**

**Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved, but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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



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



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Sing . . with all the peo - ple of God, and



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and strength, and
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry and might be to



Refrain
hon - or and bless - ing and glo - ry are his.
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



3 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



Refrain
gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of new life, God of resurrection, God of radical and inclusive love, you know us each by name, the name we claim for ourselves. You know the pain, trauma, and brokenness we carry. You see our scars. And you use our scars to shine love and light, hope and joy, healing and wholeness into the world. Use us and our weaknesses, our broken parts, our vulnerabilities to share the good news of God's love in Christ for all people. Use us as witnesses to all that we have seen and heard; through the one who died on the cross, was held in the tomb, and was raised triumphantly to new life.

Amen.

Please be seated

WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 3:12-19

A reading from Acts.

¹²Peter addressed the people, "Why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made this once lame man walk?"¹³The God of Abraham and Sarah, the God of Isaac and Rebekah, and the God of Jacob, Leah and Rachel, the God of our ancestors has glorified God's servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in the name of Jesus Christ, this 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. ¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what was foretold through all the prophets, that God's Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
 Refrain



Psalm
 Tone



- ¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender | of my cause;
 you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and | hear my prayer.
- ²**“You mortals, how long will you dishon- | or my glory;
 how long will you love illusions and seek | after lies?”**
- ³Know that the LORD does wonders | for the faithful;
 the LORD will hear me | when I call.
- ⁴**Tremble, then, and | do not sin;
 speak to your heart in silence up- | on your bed. R**
- ⁵Offer the appointed | sacrifices,
 and put your trust | in the LORD.
- ⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us | any good?”
 Let the light of your face shine upon | us, O LORD.**
- ⁷You have put gladness | in my heart,
 more than when grain and | wine abound.
- ⁸**In peace, I will lie | down and sleep;
 for you alone, O LORD, make me | rest secure. R**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.”
³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look 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.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴Then 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.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

SERMON

Scarred, Broken, and Called to Service

Please stand as able

HYMN OF THE DAY

As We Gather at Your Table

#522

**As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,
 help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;
 teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love’s vict’ry known.**

**Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;
 send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.
 Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive us you forgave;
 may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.**

**Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast
 where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.
 There no more will envy blind us nor will pride our peace destroy,
 as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.**

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 OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, closed-mindedness, and sin, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. We thank you for the plentiful rain we have been gifted as of late. Allow each drop to remind us of our baptism. May your water nourish all that you have created. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. This world is full of conflict and we turn to you for peace. We pray for nations and peoples at war, especially Palestine and Israel, Myanmar, Iraq, Haiti, Russia and Ukraine, and South Sudan. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty. As you make all things new, help us to receive your newness with glad hearts. Our nature is to be ambivalent and anxious about change. Allow us to find comfort in your constant presence. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. Continue expanding the ministries centered in this place out into the greater community, making your love and compassion reach the LGBTQIA+ community, neighbors suffering in poverty or illness, and all who seek belonging. We pray especially those we name now on our lips or silently in our hearts God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our judge, in your justice we find equity and truth. As the coalition of 28 congregations gather tomorrow evening for GOAL's Nehemiah Action, light the fire of your Holy Spirit in our hearts and allow us to respond to local leaders and legislators without fear or hesitation. Imprint the stories of the people we are championing, the ones whose voices often go unheard, on our hearts and in our minds. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ is with you always.

And also with you.

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Please be seated

MEAL

OFFERING

Day of Arising
by Carl Schalk
Text by Susan Palo Cherwien

Adult Choir

Day of arising, Christ on the roadway, unknown companion walks with his own. When they invite him, as fades the first day and bread is broken, Christ is made known.

When we are walking, doubtful and dreading, blinded by sadness, slowness of heart, yet Christ walks with us ever awaiting our invitation: Stay, do not part.

Lo, I am with you, Jesus has spoken. This is Christ's promise, this is Christ's sign: when the church gathers, when bread is broken, there Christ is with us in bread and wine. Christ, our companion, hope for the journey, bread of compassion, open our eyes. Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning that all creation with you may rise.

Please stand as able

OFFERING HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!
(verses 1 and 4)

#385

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph
of our king! To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with
one accord, the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Let us pray, 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

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

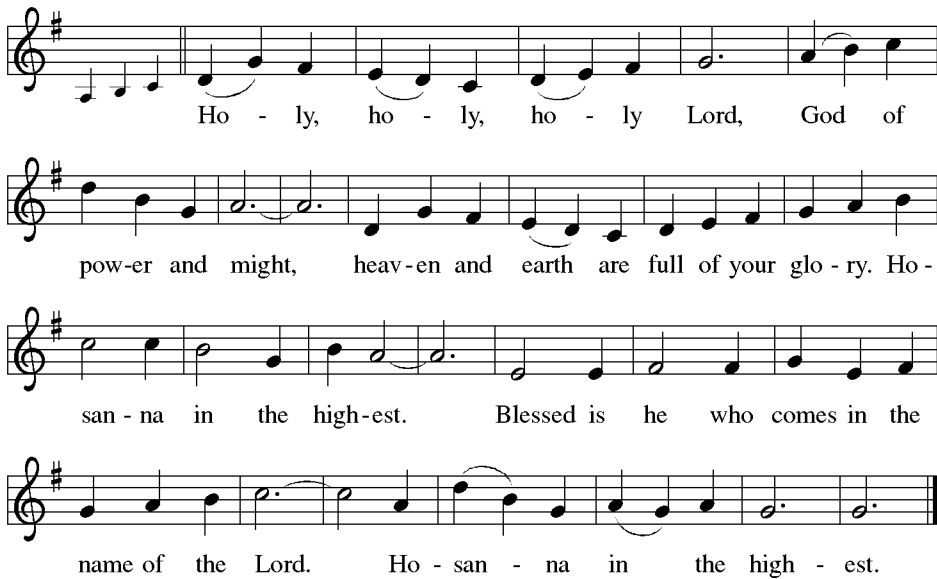
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin,
who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.

Amen.

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.**

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

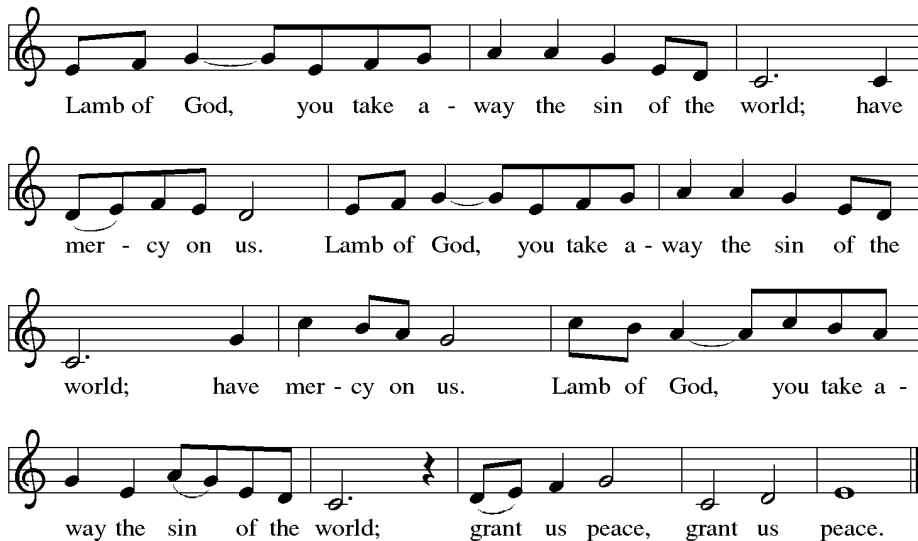
Please be seated

COMMUNION

All, without exception, are welcome at the table of God's grace and love. Anyone preferring not to receive the wine may receive only the bread, completely trusting that the full benefit of communion — Christ's grace and forgiveness — may be found in either the bread or wine.

At the direction of the ushers, worshippers are invited to move to the front of the center aisle to dip the bread into the wine to receive Communion by intinction.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION



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.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

May we build such a place among us where all people are equal in love. God has called us to work together and to share ev'rything we have. *Refrain*

The Day of Resurrection!

#361

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin's dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and list'ning to his accents, may hear so calm and plain,
his own "All hail!" and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.**

**Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!**

**All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,
and honor, pow'r, and glory ascribe to God alone!**

**Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly
in your name two or three are met together,
you are in the midst of them. Alleluia!
Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem.**

**As disciples used to gather in the name of
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver
break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia!
Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up.**

**All our meals and all our living make as sacraments
of you, that by caring, helping, giving,
we may be disciples true. Alleluia!
Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew.**

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

#366

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's
triumph won! Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!
The powr's of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions
has dispersed. Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!
The three sad days have quickly sped, Christ rises glorious
from the dead. All glory to our risen head! Alleluia!
Christ closed the yawning gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
portals fell. Let hymns of praise his triumph tell. Alleluia!
Lord, by the stripes which wounded you, from death's sting free your
servants too, that we may live and sing to you. Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Please stand as able

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
Amen.

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.

SENDING

BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✚ bless you now and always.

Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

#535

Refrain

Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Hallelujah! We sing your praises, all our hearts are filled with gladness. Repeat

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.**

**Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger. Refrain**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel.**

**Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joyful gospel Refrain**

DISMISSAL

Go out into the world this week and be brave.
God is with you, helping you do all the things God calls you to do.
Do not be afraid to share your scars,
the parts of you that are broken,
the parts of you that, at times, make you feel less than.
Christ is risen.
New life abounds.
Easter triumphs.
You, all of you, go out into the world and be witnesses to these things.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Everyone is invited to gather in the back corner of the Gym
following worship for refreshments and fellowship.*

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet
Words and Music © 1988, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

As We Gather at Your Table
Words © 1989 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

Baptized and Set Free
Words and Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether
Words © Oxford University Press. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.
Music © 1957, 1985 H. W. Gray, admin. CPP/Belwin. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises
Tr. and Arr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

Reprinted from *Sundays and Seasons.com*, copyright © 2021. Used by permission of Augsburg Fortress License #20559.

Reprinted from *New Revised Standard Version Bible*, copyright © 1989, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved.

Reprinted from *The Inclusive Bible*, Copyright © 2007 Priests for Equality. All rights reserved. Reprinted under ONE LICENSE # 735417-A.

CHURCH STAFF

Susan J. Crowell
Senior Pastor

James C. Parham, III
Associate Pastor for Worship and Music

Amy R. Brown, Deacon
Director of
Educational Ministries

Patrick D. Preacher
Queer and Justice Ministry Coordinator
Pastoral Intern

Angie H. McCormack
Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator

Kay M. Cook
Office Manager

Henry W. Wilcox
Accountant and
Digital Media Manager

Karen M. Craig
Administrative Assistant

Roy L. Cook
Facilities Manager

Beth C. Oswald
Nursery Attendant

CONGREGATION COUNCIL

Lani Wise
Vice-President

Mike Boliek
Treasurer

Danny Fagala

Greg Hamluk

Calvin Harmon

Lindsay Hawkins

Deirdre Hixson

Dean Hybl

John Otten

Donna Potts
Secretary

Jenna Mast
Youth

Jeff Rehm

Jimmy Reynolds

Peggy Schotsch

Kerry Sease

Chris Sorenson

Chris Wannemacher