

**Easter 2, April 7, 2024**

**Easter Shout of Joy:**

P: Christ is risen!

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

**Announcements, Concerns, Joys**

**Thanksgiving for Baptism** (used instead of Confession during the season of Easter)

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

P: Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of the water of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters, and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. -- Look, here is water! **C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**All: To you, God of love, be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Look, here is water! Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* (1, 4)

LBW 128, HP 2027

**\*Prayer of the Day:** Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**A reading from Acts, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter (4:32-35)**

pew Bible, p. 1697

After each reading: Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Psalm 133**

pew Bible, p. 970

**A reading from 1 John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter (1:1-2:2)**

pew Bible, p. 1898

**\*Alleluia!** *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (1, 4)

LBW 151, HP 5739

**\*Gospel** **John 20:19-31**

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day** *The Strife Is O'er* (public domain)

LBW 135, HP 1479

*Alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia!* (before verse 1, after verse 3)

**\*The Prayers of the Church** (from *Sundays & Seasons*, 2023, p. 142 Augsburg Fortress)

Each petition ends: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

**\*Communion:** *Everyone is welcome to join us in celebrating this greatest gift!*

**Receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus** *Given and shed for YOU and for ALL PEOPLE*

**Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion** (from *Sundays Seasons*, 2020, Augsburg Fortress)

Wellspring of joy,  
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.  
Satisfy the hunger still around us,  
and send us as joyful witnesses,  
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Benediction:** The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of  
Easter hope +bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**\*Sending Hymn** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing* (all)

LBW 144, HP 1488

**\*Dismissal**

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