

Easter Sunday
Sunday, March 31, 2024
C.C. Jones Building, 309 Holleman St., Apex

Worship with Communion: 7:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast: 9:00 a.m.
Worship with Communion: 10:00 a.m.

Connection Card and Prayer Request

To our guests, if you would like to share your contact information you may use this QR code or pick-up a Connection Card / Prayer Card and place it in the offering plate. We are eager to walk with you as we encounter God who comes to us in baptism, at the Lord's Supper and through the Word.



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Greeting and Announcements

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Risen Today



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b [18-20]

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and
of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Psalms 124:8

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are
feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Luke 18:13

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins,
and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

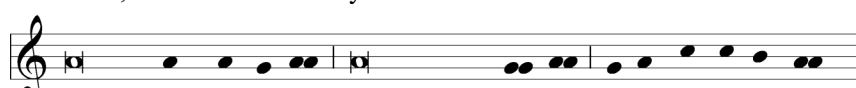
Kyrie



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



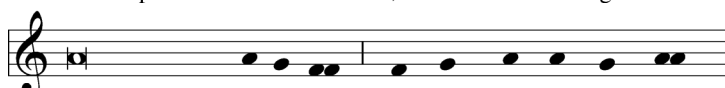
A For the peace from a-bove and for our sal-va-tion let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



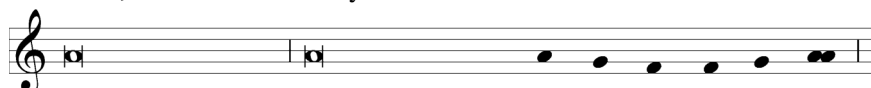
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



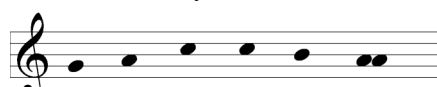
and for the uni-ty of all let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



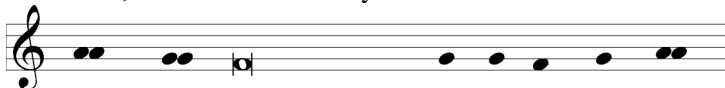
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



G Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.



G A - men.

This is the Feast



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



C Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,



whose blood set us free to be peo-ple of God.



Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and strength and



hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are His.



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



lu - ia. Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion:



Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and might be to



God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Continue...



Prayer of the Day

First Reading

[*Isaiah 25:6-9*](#)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem: *He Lives*

(10 a.m. service)

Epistle

[*1 Corinthians 15:1-11*](#)

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

John 6:68



Holy Gospel

[*John 20:19-31*](#)

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.
- C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.



Jordan Juniors: *Children are invited to come forward for a children's message. Carpet squares are available on the sides of the altar.*

Sermon: *Jesus Said: Do not Disbelieve, but Believe*
Rev. Mike Merker (John 20:19-31)

Holy Baptism: Hannah Muesse



Nicene Creed

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets and I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Offering

(We actively respond to our Lord's generosity first instilled in us through His grace with our first fruit gifts to God.)

Jordan sets aside a tithe 10% of our general offering and a gift 2% (12% total) to support national and global ministry.

Choir Anthem: *He Lives*

(7:30 a.m. service)

Offertory: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gra - cious God, You send great bless - ings
△ 4 Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, may our car - ing

New each morn - ing all our days. For Your mer - cies
Bear the im - print of Your grace; With the Son and

nev - er end - ing, For Your love we of - fer praise.
Ho - ly Spir - it, Praise be Yours in ev - 'ry place!

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, Your peo - ple Who Your gifts un - num - bered claim,

Through the shar - ing of Your bless - ings May bring glo - ry to Your name.

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Prayers of the Church

The prayers of the church include many petitions and praises offered during the previous week. Following each petition, the pastor will say, “*Lord in Your mercy*” and the congregation responds, “*Hear our prayer*” as a recognition that these prayers are brought forward to the mercy seat of our God as one community of faith. May our prayers ever ascend as a pleasing aroma before our God (Psalm 141:2).

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.**

Service of the Sacrament

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

(Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25)



Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Distribution Hymn: Your Table I Approach



- 1 Your ta - ble I ap - proach; Dear Sav - ior, hear my prayer.
 2 Lord, I con - fess my sins And mourn their wretch - ed bands;
 3 Your bod - y and Your blood, Once slain and shed for me,
 4 Search not how this takes place, This won - drous mys - ter - y;



Let not an un - re - pen - tant heart Prove hurt - ful to me there.
 A con - trite heart is sure to find For - give - ness at Your hands.
 Are tak - en at Your ta - ble, Lord, In blest re - al - i - ty.
 God can ac - com - plish vast - ly more Than what we think could be.

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Distribution Hymn: Beautiful Savior



- 1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, Fair are the wood - lands, Robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is
 spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 pur - er, He makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
 ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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Distribution Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to

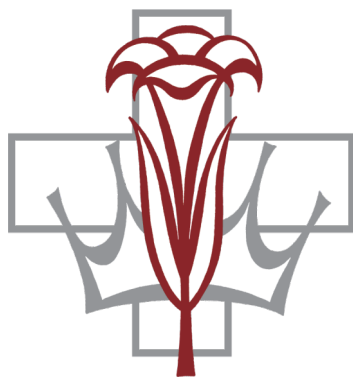


this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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Post-Communion Blessing

P Now that we have shared in Christ's true body and true blood,
 may it strengthen and preserve you in both body and soul
 unto life everlasting, depart in peace.

C Amen.

Post Communion Hymn: Thank the Lord

C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what
He has done. Let ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re -
joice and proud - ly bear His name. He re-calls His prom-is-
es and leads His peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

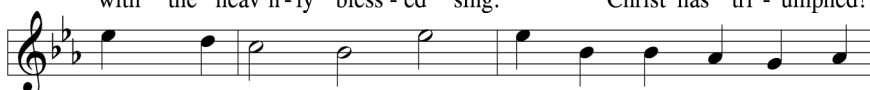
Closing Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



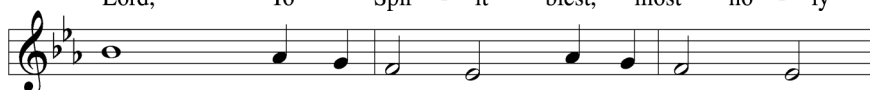
praise of love that still a-bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



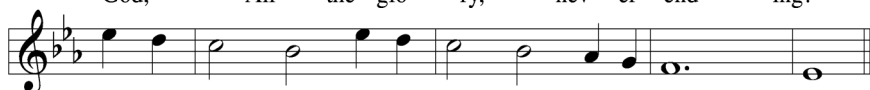
He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Sending Words

P Go in peace, to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Educational Opportunities

Sunday School Education, 9 a.m.

We begin with a shared opening prior to dismissal to classes:

Lambs – Early Elementary

Sheep – Late Elementary

Rams – Youth

Shepherd – Adults and Confirmed

Mid-Week Communion: Wednesday, April 24 at 11 a.m.

Pastor Mike will be at a conference on April 10 so the next midweek communion and study will be April 24.



Live Here Serve Here

April Focus: Pardoned By Christ Ministry

We are partnering with *Pardoned By Christ Ministry*, an outreach ministry that houses men who are entering back into the workforce after incarceration, to collect toiletries needed:

Body-wash (Dial), Deodorant (Degree), Toothpaste (Colgate)

Denture cream (Fixodent) and Mouthwash (Listerine)

Drop items in the Live Here, Serve Here bin in the foyer on Sunday or at the church office during the week.

Next work day with Pardoned by Christ is April 27 details to follow

Disaster Response Training: April 5 & 6 Jordan Apex Property
LERT (Lutheran Early Response Teams) is coming to Apex to engage in a multi role disaster response training at 1201 Chapel Ridge Rd. Volunteers need to sign up in advance to participate.

Questions contact Pastor Larry Eckart: larryeckart54@gmail.com



News from Jordan

First Sunday Youth Night—Sunday, April 7, 5-7 p.m.

Jordan's youth in grades 6 and up are invited to a night of music, food, fellowship and fun.

The next Youth Games Day, after Worship, is Sunday, April 21.

Outdoor Spring Cleaning at CC Jones Building April 14

New Plantings—Volunteers are replacing several azaleas at the front of the Jones Building on April 14

Thank you to the volunteers who spread mulch last Sunday!

Matching Opportunities — Your Dollars Going Further

Two 20% matches are in effect at Jordan Lutheran Church

- The next \$200,000 in gifts to **Breaking Ground** will be matched by 20%. A donor approached the congregation to ensure donations are received for development to move ahead at Jordan's 6.2 acre site along Chapel Ridge Road in Apex.
- Contributions to the **Jordan Endowment Fund** are matched by 20% from generous support of the Lutheran Legacy Foundation which maintains those funds. The endowment's purpose is to further the ministry of Jordan Lutheran Church.



The flowers are given to the glory of God

In honor of:

Brian & Becky Grovenstein's children & loved ones
Dennis & Jonathan Madler
Ron & Ann Goldsmith
Terry & Penny Groome
Wayne & Sandy Iehl
Fred & Dotty Merker

In memory of:

John & Nancy Nagel's parents
Keith Tricomes' mom, Lyn
Bill Roberson
Patricia Madler
Harold & LaDonna Etzel
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