

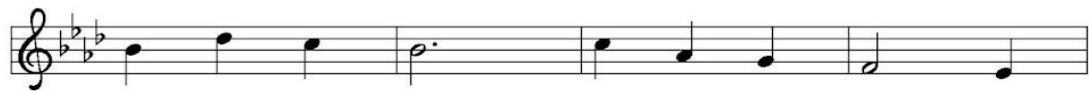
Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

The Vigil of Easter



APRIL 19, 2025 – 4PM

NEW ERA LUTHERAN CHURCH

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**Please rise as you are able*

***GREETING**

***LIGHTING OF NEW FIRE**

***PRAYER**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

--Pause following each verse for the response:

P: The light of Christ. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory



1 Joy - ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own
2 In the stars that grace the dark - ness, in the blaz - ing sun of
3 You who made the heav-en's splen - dor, ev - 'ry danc - ing star of



face, you who sing cre - a - tion's sto - ry, shine on
dawn, in the light of peace and wis - dom, we can
night, make us shine with gen - tle jus - tice, let us



ev - 'ry land and race. Now as eve - ning falls a -
hear your qui - et song. Love that fills the night with
each re - flect your light. Might - y God of all cre -



round us, we shall raise our songs to you, God of day - break,
won - der, love that warms the wea - ry soul, love that bursts all
a - tion, gen - tle Christ who lights our way, lov - ing Spir - it



God of shad - ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

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P: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

C: **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

SERMON

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *ELW p. 144*

***PREFACE**

***HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** *ELW p. 144*

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***THE LORD'S PRAYER** *ELW p. 144*

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

HOLY COMMUNION

--Please take an empty cup as you approach the altar and assistants will pour the wine for you after you receive the bread. If you prefer grape juice, please take a filled cup. Leave empty cups in the baskets provided. If you would prefer a gluten-free wafer, they are next to the cups.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

***SENDING SONG**

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen! (see back page)

***BLESSING**

***DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

FIFTH READING: Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11 “Spirit of the Lord”
RESPONSIVE SONG *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*
vv. 2 & 3 only

Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

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PRAYER

NEW TESTAMENT READING: Romans 6:3-11
THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

***GOSPEL**


P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.
READING: John 20:1-18
P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***EASTER PROCLAMATION**
--After pastor says, “This is the night,” please respond with “*this is the night.*”

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**
Let us pray. **Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1—2:4a “Creation”
RESPONSIVE SONG: *In Silence We Wait* sing twice

In Silence We Wait



In si - lence we wait, in dark - ness you



come to us; bring us your light.

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PRAYER

SECOND READING: parts of Genesis 7-9 “The Flood”
RESPONSIVE SONG: *God of the Sparrow* v.3 only

God of the Sparrow

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the swirl - ing
2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the trum - pet
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the emp - ty
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the prod - i -

stars
blast
grave
gal

How does the crea - ture say Awe
How does the crea - ture cry Woe
How does the crea - ture say Grace
How does the crea - ture say Care

How does the crea - ture say Praise
How does the crea - ture cry Save
How does the crea - ture say Thanks

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PRAYER

THIRD READING: Ezekiel 36:24-28 “A New Heart”
RESPONSIVE SONG: *Give Us, Lord, a New Heart*

sing twice

Give Us, Lord, a New Heart

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Give us, Lord, a new heart; re-cre - ate your spir - it with - in us.

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FOURTH READING: Ezekiel 37:1-14 “Dry Bones”
RESPONSIVE SONG: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* v.1 only

Verse

Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life a - new,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.

PRAYER