

# Fourth Sunday of Easter April 21, 2024

# At the table with Christ

#### WELCOME GUESTS!

- Thank you for joining us today! We're not perfect, but we believe God has made us to live in community, and that God offers us strength, support, inspiration, and joy through each other.
- By simply being here, you are a valuable part of our praise and worship. If you have questions, don't hesitate to ask anyone.
- We value neurodiversity. God has made us each different, so we welcome and value people just as they are. If you struggle to fit in other places, know that you are welcome among us, even if your brain and body operate a little differently than others'. Learn more about neurodiversity and what it means to us at www.hosannatogether.org/neurodiversity.
- We'd love the opportunity to learn more about you and share with you what we're up to. Please fill out an attendance card from the rack on the chairs in front of you, then place it in the offering plates when they are passed. You may also fill out our guest register at www.hosannatogether.org/guest.

#### WELCOME KIDS!!

Kids are as much a part of worship as the grown-ups, so we have lots of special ways for kids to participate:

- **Children's bulletins** with activities related to today's lessons are located by the front doors to the building where you enter the worship space.
- Coloring pages, art supplies, fidgets, and selected books are also available by the front doors to help kids' keep their minds and bodies busy during worship.
- We hope you'll help your kids join in prayers and songs, even if it's just dancing or swaying to the music.
- **During the offering,** kids may place gifts in the clear container at the front. These offerings will support Warrior's Best Friend, a nonprofit organization located across the field behind Hosanna's building that trains shelter dogs to become facility dogs for military organizations and K-12 schools. You can learn more at www.warriorsbestfriend.org.
- Changing stations are available in both bathrooms on the main level.

#### PRAYERS

- Good and bad things happen in our lives. If you would like us to pray for you or someone you know, please add your request to the sheet on the welcome table in the front hall or call the church office.
- It's important to us to support you, but we're not always the first to hear what's happening. If there is something significant happening in your life, good or bad, or you'd like Pastor Mike to visit with you, please let us know: 816-781-7991 or pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org.

Video of today's service is recorded and livestreamed online at www.hosannatogether.org

# WELCOME TO WORSHIP WITH HOSANNA!

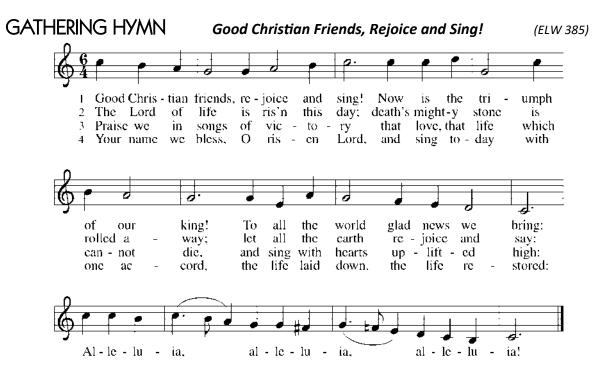
#### PRELUDE

Prelude on Beautiful Savior Marche Solennelle Elizabeth Krouse Felix Borowski

#### WELCOME

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

We are gathered together in the presence of God-who is light, who is love, and who is living in us. **Amen.** 



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## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

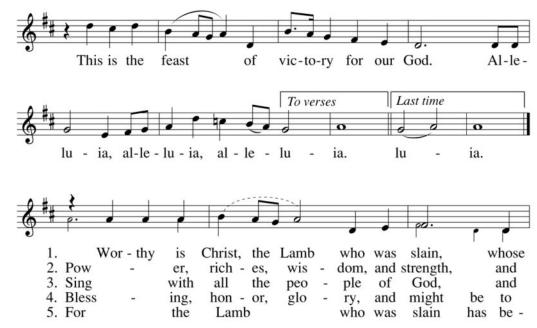
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.** 

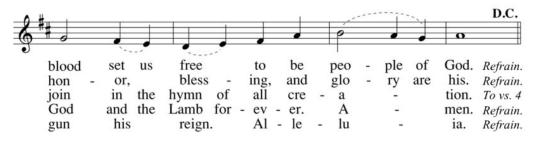
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters of chaos, and you watered creation to sustain all living things.
Through the waters of the flood, you showed your power of renewal,
and through the parting of the sea, you led your people from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized, when you united him with us in death, and us with him in life.

#### Holy God,

By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons. Shower us each day with your forgiveness, grace, and love. Nourish us, renew us, and give us new life, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE





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# PRAYER OF THE DAY

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### SCRIPTURE READING

#### 1 John 3:1-7

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.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God



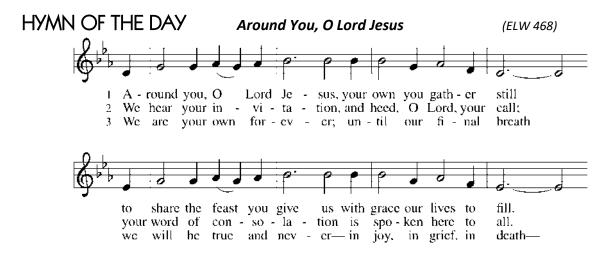
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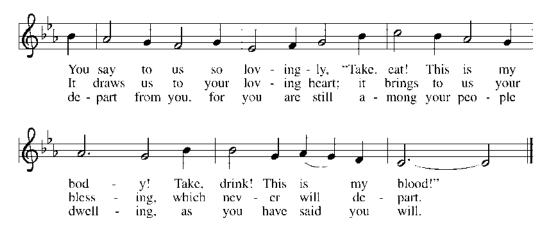
#### Luke 24:36b-48

<sup>36</sup>While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them 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.

This is the Good News of our Lord! Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE AND SERMON





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#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Each petition ends:* Lord of Life, **Hear our prayer.** 

#### 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.

# OFFERING

**Please fill out an attendance card** from the rack on the chairs in front of you. Place in the offering plate.

*If you give electronically,* you may place an e-giving card in the offering plate as a physical gesture of your giving.

**You may give online** using a bank account, credit card, or debit card at www.hosannatogether.org/give.

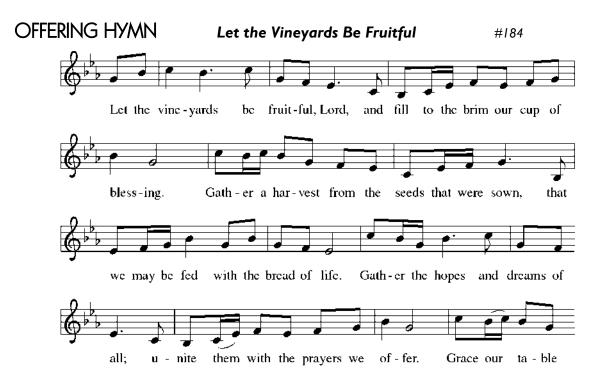
**You may give by sending a text** with your gift amount to 816-327-2002. *Instructions will be sent in a reply.* 

*Cash and check gifts* may be placed in an envelope from the chairs racks and placed in the offering plates.

# CHILDREN'S OFFERING

Children may place their offerings in the barn at the front of the worship space to train rescue dogs for service.

These offerings will support Warrior's Best Friend, a nonprofit organization located across the field behind Hosanna's building. They train shelter dogs to become facility dogs for military organizations and K-12 schools. Learn more at www.warriorsbestfriend.org. Kids and teens of all ages can contribute!







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# GREAT THANKSGIVING AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

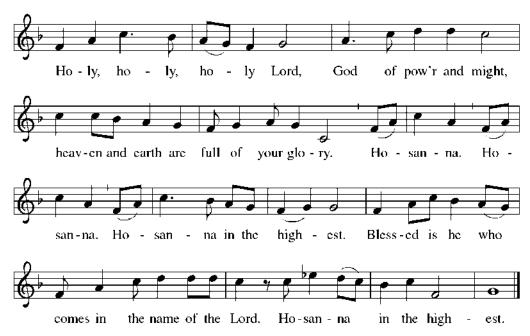
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

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.

The thanksgiving continues, and we hear again Jesus' words of promise . . .

# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



# WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to join us at the Lord's Table, where we believe Christ is truly present. Gluten-free bread is available upon request. Red wine and white grape juice are available.

After communing, a child will offer you a blessing of God's love. Empty cups may be left in the container at the front of the worship space.

#### DISTRIBUTION HYMNS





Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6

Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM

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# POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of life, we give you thanks for bringing heaven to earth in this holy meal. Send us from this Holy Communion as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### CHILDREN'S BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you, and give you grace and peace. Amen!





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# DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is risen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna!

#### POSTLUDE

Recessional

Lionel Lackey

# PRAYER CONCERNS

#### BIRTHDAYS

Emma Reiser, April 22

#### SYMPATHIES

Family and friends of Delores Summers (Don Summers's mother) - passed away April 18 Family and friends of Jerry Mucke, long time Hosanna! member passed away April 10 Family and friends of Hope - Mary Kunkel's aunt, who passed away April 7

#### CONCERNS

Vince Deters (Karen Weber's 92yr old b-i-l) having colon surgery April 17 **Christine Jennings,** recovery from ankle surgery Roger Gonnerman (Jane Gibbs' brother) recently diagnosed with cancer Steve Thompson (Robbie Murta's neighbor) sudden illness Linda Hughes (friend of Karen Weber) cancer **Clifford Summers** (Don Summers' father) health concerns, transition to assisted living Michael Hale (Mary and Brad Kunkel's son-in-law) - health issues Lorena Peterson - in rehab after fall and hospitalization Starr Wilhite - home after hospitalization Lisa Leff (friend of Mary Kunkel) - recovering from hip surgery Laurie Hansen (friend of Mary Kunkel) breast cancer diagnosis and journey Matt Hylton (son-in-law to Joyce & Dave Uber) health concerns Betty Hucke - home after hospitalization Cindi (friend of Beth Schoening) breast cancer Angela - stage 4 cancer Justin Lewis (friend of Ben & Sarah Oprinovich) chemotherapy treatments Kelli Kerr (friend of the Stubbs') recent cancer diagnosis Bart Ahrens (brother of Boyd Ahrens) - recovering from a stroke Jackie (friend of Beth Schoening) receiving chemo and radiation for brain cancer Kim Bonner (friend of Beth Schoening) undergoing chemo treatments John Daniel (friend of Jeanine Stubbs) drug and alcohol rehab Frances Jolayemi (sister of Jeanine Stubbs) mental health recovery

#### ONGOING

Sam Matula - active military Nathan Wilkerson - serving in Army Christopher Jennings

# HOSANNA! HAPPENINGS

# WE MOURN THE PASSING OF JERRY MUCKE

Hosanna! member Jerry Mucke passed away April 10 after a brief hospitalization for a variety of health issues that all together became overwhelming in a short span of time. Even as we trust in the promise of resurrection, we mourn Jerry's absence in our lives along with Lynnette and the rest of his family. A memorial service will be held at Hosanna! on Monday, April 29 at 10:30. The obituary is online and the service will be livestreamed at www.hosannatogether.org/jerry. A catered dinner will follow the service in the fellowship hall, with members hosting and providing dessert. Jerry's cremains will be scattered privately by the family on a later date.



## UPCOMING FAITH FORMATION CALENDAR

#### April 21 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

- Kids gather in the choir room for singing, then divide into PreK-K, Ist-3rd and 4th-6th age groups for activities involving sheep, shepherds, and Psalm 23. Kids 7th-12th grade may help with the younger kids or join the adults.
- Adults gather in the fellowship hall to continue conversation around other faith traditions.

#### **April 28 - Intergenerational Art Project**

• Kids and adults of all ages join together in the fellowship hall to listen to scripture and work on another mural (like the Alleluia one) for our worship space. The theme of this one will be, "I am the vine, you are the branches," and will hang throughout the summer and fall.

#### May 5 - Kids Crews and Adult Study

- Kids gather in the choir room for singing, then divide into PreK-K, Ist-3rd and 4th-6th age groups for activities involving sheep, shepherds, and Psalm 23. Kids 7th-12th grade may help with the younger kids or join the adults.
- Adults gather in the fellowship hall to continue conversation around other faith traditions.

#### May 12 - Intergenerational Week and Confirmation

#### FIRST COMMUNION INVITATION

Jesus welcomes the faithful to be a part of the Lord's Supper. Each year, we provide opportunities for children who aren't communing to learn about this special meal and to receive their First Communion. If your child would like to participate this spring, please speak with Pastor Mike or send an e-mail to

pastormike@hosannalutheranchurch.org. We'll choose a date based on the availability of those interested.

Hosanna! does not have an age requirement for First Communion, but rather we trust children and families to know when the time is right for them. Many families at Hosanna! find this happens sometime between Kindergarten and Second Grade, though some begin earlier and others later. If you would like help determining if that time is now, please speak with Pastor Mike and/or pick up the handout on the counter behind the table in the entryway.

## Q1 UPDATE ON CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES

Our Congregation Council met on April 10 for their regular meeting. **During that time,** we examined our first quarter finances:

Actual Income: \$71,771 Budgeted Income: \$73,186

Actual Expenses: \$77,222 Budgeted Expenses: \$74,897

One large expense in February that won't be carried through this year was last year's entire benevolence of \$4,000 being forwarded to the synod and churchwide.

Giving is strong, and we appreciate every gift that you are giving to our work together! Also helping our budget, the daycare is nearing capacity, so rental income will become a little higher. Mike Jennings will begin mowing our property with a donated mower from the Noel family, saving us some maintenance expenses. The council is also shifting some of our building reserve and memorial funds into accounts that earn a higher rate of interest.

**Unfortunately, the summer can be a tough time for our cash flow.** Most significantly, we pay our entire insurance premium (\$11,315) in June. Furthermore, attendance tends to dip a little as people travel, and offering support with it. Keeping up your giving even when you are gone can help us maintain a steadier balance, especially since we don't have much savings for temporary deficit spending right now. The council has released half of the building reserve fund (\$10,000) to be available to help with the dip.

# APRIL IS AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

Hosanna! has committed to being a community that welcomes and values those who have a neurological diagnosis, identify as autistic, or who simply don't fit what's considered "neurotypical." We believe we're all better when we understand one another better, so this month we'll be sharing information about this. You can learn more about how we understand and value neurodiversity at www.hosannatogether.org/ neurodiversity.

#### Simple Support

Through these articles, we've been talking about how people with autism and other neurological conditions perceive and process the world differently than those who are considered neurotypical. Not everyone with autism is the same, but many are sensitive to different stimuli, either feeling overwhelmed or under-stimulated by environments that are perfectly comfortable for other people.

There are several simple supports that may (or may not) help those who are neurodivergent. One simple support can be a reduction of audible stimuli-- wearing noise-canceling headphones that still let some sound through or sitting in a quiet room away from large crowds. Oddly enough, sometimes more sensation can also be comforting--such as swinging, sitting up-side-down, textured items, and extra weight. Weighted vests, lap pads, or blankets have a calming effect similar to how swaddling does for newborns.

Some of us have a hard time sitting still and will click pens or wiggle our legs when we are restless. This physical symptom of anxiety can be more pronounced for people with autism, so something to do with their hands can be really helpful. This is why we already offer anyone fidgets, finger labyrinths, and coloring opportunities. Our bodies just sometimes have energy that needs to find an outlet, so we find ways to move our bodies in ways that enhance our ability to be present in the moment, rather than distracting. For some, this need looks more like repetitive motions, rocking, silly words, humming, or random vocalizations.

When we have our quiet room set up, we'll begin offering a few additional supports for anyone needing extra help while together at church: noise-cancelling headphones, weighted lap pads, and wiggle pads (inflatable seat cushions). In the quiet room will be calm lights, calm sounds, weighted stuffed animals, fuzzy carpet, and items to manipulate. These simple supports can make it easier for someone who feels dysregulated in larger groups to feel safe and steady while at church like the rest of us.

# QUIET AND KID SPACES

In the next few months, we will be transitioning our coat and offering counting rooms into spaces that can be used by our older youth as a place to hang out "in between" activities and as a quiet space for members and guests who feel overwhelmed by lots of people and noises. These spaces will help us in our mission of being hospitable to those who are easily overwhelmed or neurodivergent, as well as allowing the nursery to be a space that feels welcoming to littler kids.

If you have gently used and clean furniture items that you would consider donating to this space, please let Pastor know. We will also accept donations of new items or funds to support this space. We're looking for comfortable chairs, beanbags, loveseats (no sofas for space), lighting, and curtains. If you would like to contribute, please speak to Pastor Mike or Chris Marple. During this process, we'll also create a nice permanent space for coats in the front worship hallway.

#### USE RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS WHEN YOU TRAVEL THIS SUMMER

When you purchase gift cards from RaiseRight, a portion of your purchase gets donated to Hosanna! Book your travel using gifts cards for Southwest, Delta, Royal Caribbean, Carnival, Celebrity, Princess, Holland America, and Disney. You can pay for lodging with AirBNB, Marriot, Hotels.com, Best Western, Hilton, Fairfield, Hampton Inn, Sheraton, Holiday Inn, and more to support the church. Many common gas stations and fast food restaurants are also available. The average American spends \$2,000-\$3,000 on travel per year. Imagine if 5-10% of that were donated to the church at no additional cost to you! Gift cards can be purchased on your phone and used almost right away (we aren't offering physical gift cards at this time unless you have them shipped to your home). Learn more at www.hosannatogether.org/shopping.

#### GOD ON TAP - APRIL 30

Like beer and love God? It's time for another God on Tap! Join Pastor Mike at Conrads in Liberty for conversation Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00pm. We'll talk about God, faith, and what's happening in our lives, letting the conversation go where life and the Holy Spirit take us. We'll order individually, so if adult beverages consumed in moderation isn't your thing or you don't have time for supper separately, you're welcome to order food and other beverages. No need to RSVP.

## WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY ADJUSTED MEETING DAYS

Due to a few conflicts, the weekly Wednesday morning Bible study will meet a different day the next few weeks--Thursdays, April 25 and May 2 at 10:00. We'll return to Wednesdays on May 8.

#### GATHERED IN WORSHIP

#### April 14th worship attendance: 76 (64 in person, 12 online)

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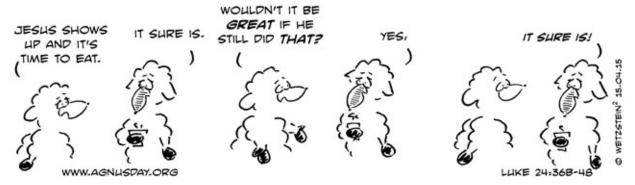
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#### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS THIS WEEK AND NEXT

If you would like to serve, please contact Cathy in the church office or sign up on the sheet located in the Fellowship Hall.

Roles	Apr 21	Apr 28
Acolyte	Eva Bledsoe	Volunteer Needed
Altar Guild	Pam Schmidt	Katharine Fairchild
Audio/Video	Tony Belcher	Scott Schmidt
Blessers	Morgan Kaiser	Volunteer Needed
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Communion Assistants	Sarah Kern	Geli Schmitt
	Jeanine Yeager	Volunteer Needed
Counters	Leslie Long	Leslie Long
	Scott Schmidt	Scott Schmidt
Crucifer	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Fellowship Host	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Greeters/Ushers	Scott Schmidt	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Lector	Kristin Belcher	Geli Schmitt

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