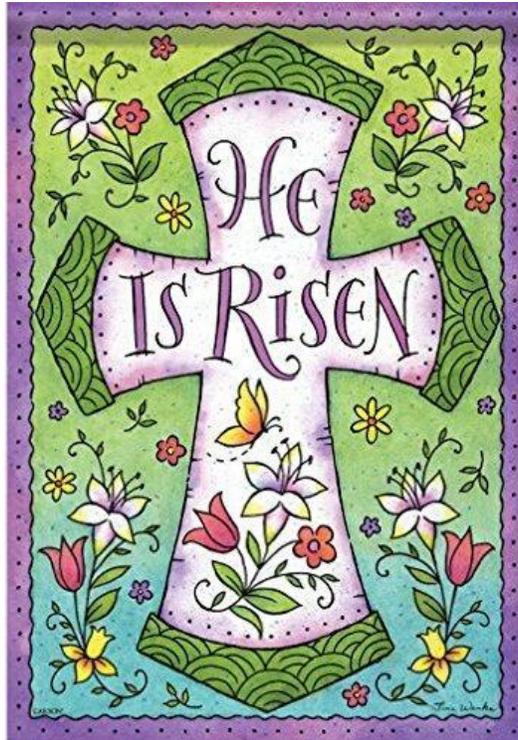


# *The Beloved Community*

*A welcoming community of joy, worship, and compassion  
bringing God's love to the world.*



*The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day*

*04 April, 2021*

*9:30 a.m.*

*Intercession Episcopal & Redeemer Lutheran*

*900 Brilowski Road Stevens Point WI*

*[www.belovedcommunitysp.org](http://www.belovedcommunitysp.org)*

*Look for Beloved Community Stevens Point on Facebook*

*Welcome to the Beloved Community!  
We are so glad to have you here with us.*

*We are a community of faith who are grounded in the ELCA Lutheran and Episcopal traditions and who are centered in Jesus. We believe we are called to LOVE (working toward the good for another) because God so loves us and all of Creation. No exceptions. No outsiders.*

*We are a mixed bag of pilgrims, so here at the BC, you will have a vibrant experience. Some folks like to be more formal; some folks like to be less formal. Some folks like contemporary band music; some folks like hymns. Because we deeply believe in hospitality, our worship services strive to include the spectrum of who we are as God's people based on the gifts present within our community.*

*We recognize that people use different ways to express their faith and their beliefs, so we don't expect everyone to pray exactly the same way. However, we are also a people grounded in the words and ways of the first apostles (**apostolic**); this means some of our prayers have been lifted by voices for thousands of years by a myriad of pilgrims.*

*It is this sense of **catholic** (meaning the church worldwide and throughout time) that connects us to the past as well as to the future. This also provides a sense of unity and oneness as we listen and respond to the Living Word to shape how we see and listen and respond to the world and our neighbors in the present time. And all this because we are **holy**, which means we are called and inspired by the divine (as all people are) to live into the way of LOVE.*

*This is who we are, who we are becoming, and who we are practicing to be. We won't always get it absolutely right, but we will keep on trying and leaning in. We would love to have you join us!*



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## Welcome and Announcements

### We Gather in God's Name

*Please rise in body or spirit.*

#### Lighting the New Fire

Dear friends in Christ: On this most holy day, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in Word and prayer. For this is the Passover of the Lord, in which, by hearing his Word and celebrating his Sacraments, we share in his victory over death.

*The paschal candle will be lit from the new fire.*

*Bells can begin ringing---it is appropriate (and fun) to ring the bells when you hear the word Alleluia!*

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Darkness has been vanquished!

**The brilliant light of hope has come!**

Come let us worship and celebrate the Good News!

**Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

Blessed be God: One, Holy and undivided Trinity.

**And blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

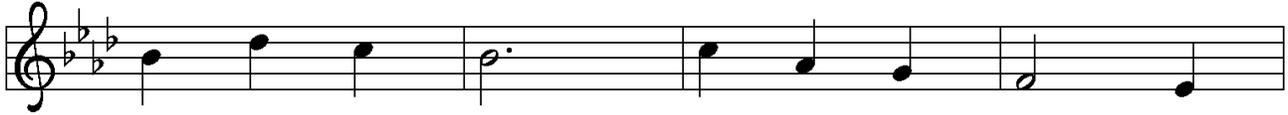
#### Gathering Song *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen*



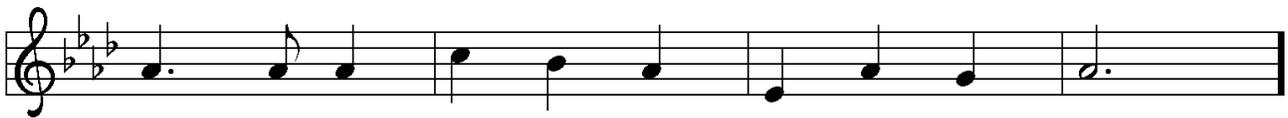
1	Al - le - lu - ia!	Je - sus	is	ris - en!
2	Walk - ing the way,	Christ	in the	cen - ter
3	Je - sus the vine,	we are	the	branch - es;
4	Weep - ing, be gone;	sor - row,	be	si - lent:
5	Cit - y of God,	Eas - ter	for -	ev - er,



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!

*Refrain*



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



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

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Music: David N. Johnson, 1922–1987  
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## Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

# **We Proclaim and Respond to the Word**

*Please be seated for the Lessons.*

## **Children's Message**

### **The First Lesson** *Isaiah 25:6-9*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Psalm** *Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24*

Give thanks to God who is good;

**God's mercy endures for ever.**

Let Israel now proclaim,

**"God's mercy endures forever."**

God is my strength and my song

**and has become my salvation.**

There is a sound of exultation and victory

**in the tents of the righteous:**

"The right hand of the Most High has triumphed!

**the right hand of the Most High is exalted!**

**the right hand of the Most High has triumphed!"**

I shall not die, but live,

**and declare the works of God.**

God has punished me sorely,

**but did not hand me over to death.**

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

**I will enter them; I will offer thanks to God.**

"This is the gate of the Holy One;

**those who are righteous may enter."**

I will give thanks to you, for you answered me

**and have become my salvation.**

The same stone which the builders rejected

**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is God's doing,  
**and it is marvelous in our eyes.**

On this day the Holy One has acted;  
**we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**The Second Lesson** *Acts 10:34-43*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please rise in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.*

**The Gospel** *John 20:1-18*

The Holy Gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

*After the Reading of the Gospel*  
The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Reflection**

**Song of the Day** *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 you 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

## The Creed

And now let us affirm our faith and hope by singing:

John Ylvisaker



I be - lieve I do be - lieve tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru -



- ly I be - lieve it. I be - lieve I do be - lieve tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru -



- ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it.



1. I be - lieve in God the Al migh - ty, Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh -  
 2. I be - lieve in Je - sus the Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav -  
 3. And I do be - lieve in the pow - er of the Spir - it, Pow - er of the Spir - it, Pow -



- ty Lord Cre - a - tor. I be - lieve in God the Al migh - ty Lord Cre - a - tor, Migh -  
 - ior of the peo - ple. I be - lieve in Je - sus the Sav - ior of the peo - ple, Sav -  
 - er of the Spir - it. And I do be - lieve in the pow - er of the Spir - it, Pow -



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 - er of the Spir - it, Pow - er of the Spir - it.



I be - lieve I do be - lieve tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru -

- ly I be - lieve it. I be - lieve I do be - lieve tru - ly I be - lieve it, tru -  
- ly I be - lieve it, tru - ly I be - lieve it.

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## **Prayers of the People**

God of gathering: On this Easter morning, we face continued separation as our act of communal love, and we pray that for your church this will be a time of renewal and refocus on your mission: to restore all people to unity with You and with one another through the Christ's Way of Love. Yahweh, hear our prayer:

### **Breathe into us a new life, O God.**

God of inclusion: as your people, help us to remember that we are bound together beyond our national boundaries and that we are a global village. Inspire all world, national, and local leaders with your Kingdom Vision of peace, justice, mercy, generosity, and love so that living for the common good becomes our shared standard. Yahweh, hear our prayer:

### **Breathe into us a new life, O God.**

God of compassion: your world is suffering. We have made choices and we have taken actions for our personal benefit and for corporate profit at the expense of others and at the expense of creation. We have limited our generosity and restricted our mercy out of fear and disillusion. Keep us mindful of our interconnectedness and to the Gospel truth that salvation is communal for we know that everyone does better when every one does better. Yahweh, hear our prayer.

### **Breathe into us a new life, O God.**

God of presence: we ask you to protect and remain with all those who are working tirelessly for the health and safety of our neighbors and siblings: healthcare workers, caregivers for the elderly and differently abled, scientists who are creating medicines and vaccines, crafters who are making both beautiful and necessary things, farmers who are providing food, vendors who are making and selling food, stockers who are keeping our shelves supplied, volunteers and leaders who are opening food pantries, police and fire officers, our public servants in government, teachers and

educators, pastors and counselors, parents and childcare workers, and all those who are yet unnamed. Yahweh, hear our prayer.

**Breathe into us a new life, O God.**

God of mercy: we lift up all those who are suffering, sick, and dying, and we invite prayers of intercession to be shared at this time.

*(pause for prayers)*

Yahweh, hear our prayer.

**Breathe into us a new life, O God**

God of resurrection: we pray for those who have died, that they may experience the new life of resurrection in you. We invite you to share your prayers at this time: (pause)

Yahweh, hear our prayer.

**Breathe into us new life, O God.**

In you, O God, we trust, we hope, and we believe. Strengthen us and empower us to practice the resurrection of new life your provide in all that we do and say. We pray this in your name, Lord Jesus:

**Because we know you love it when we pray. Amen.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

**Blessings and Thanksgivings** *Please be seated.*

**We Bless and Share the Bread and Cup**

**Offering Sentence**

Joy and gladness are our song, redeeming God, for in your conquest of death we see the destiny of every hope in you.

**Offering Song** *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia* *Please rise in body or spirit.*



M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,  
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.

*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - jice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.

*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.

*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

*Refrain*

*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.

*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.

*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won.”  
*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

Text: Bernard Kyamanywa, b. 1938; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: MFURAHINI, HALELUYA, Tanzanian traditional

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## **Offering Prayer**

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.  
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service  
to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*Eucharistic Prayers, Well & Kocher*

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.**

Thanks and praise fill our hearts...

...singing the hymn of your unending praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Joy and gladness are our song...

...who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the  
bread, and gave it to them, saying: **“Take, eat: this is my body which is  
given for you; do this in remembrance of me.”**

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave thanks, and gave it to his  
disciples, saying, **“Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new  
covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”**

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Hope and glory are our breath...

...Holy and Undivided Trinity, ever one God.

**Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

And now let us sing the prayer of our hearts as Jesus taught us:

Words adptd & Music by H. Hanson

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be  
thy name. Thy king-dom come, thy will be done  
on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day  
our dai-ly bread, and for-give our sin as we for-give  
those who sin a- gainst us. And lead us not in- to temp-  
ta- tion, but de- liv-er us from e- vil, for  
thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the  
glo-ry for- ev-er-more and ev-er-more, A - men.

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### Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## Invitation to Communion

These are the gifts of God for the People of God.

Holy Things for Holy People

## Communion

*People will receive bread only.*

*Ushers will assist in folks maintaining 6 feet distance.*

## Post Communion Song *Now the Green Blade Rises*

*Please rise in body or spirit.*



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

May God's Kingdom become our new normal. Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## The Blessing

May the One who brought forth Jesus from the dead raise you to new life, fill you with hope, and turn your mourning into dancing. May Almighty God, who creates, redeems and sustains † all life, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt.  
Music: LLANFAIR, Robert Williams, 1781-1821

## **Dismissal**

You are the body of Christ raised up for the world.  
Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



*Blessed Easter*

*Alleluia.*  
*Christ is risen!*