


Easter: Christ Among Us!

March 31, 2024

Assisted listening devices are available at the sound desk at the back of the sanctuary. 

GATHERING

Jeremy Kropf, Song Leader

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia!

VT #341

Welcome

Adrien Keables Hayward

Call to Worship

Leader: When it is still dark, we come seeking Jesus.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The stone has been rolled away,
walls torn down.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: The burial cloth removed, his body transformed.

People: The risen Christ is here among us!

Leader: Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter, and John
see and believe.

**All: We find the risen Christ among us
who has made all things new!
The tomb is empty,
the way of Love has prevailed!**

Leader: Peace be with you!

People: Peace be with you!

Opening Prayer

PRAISING

(Adorn the cross with flowers)

This Joyful Eastertide

VT #352

Alleluia

VT #650

Lift Your Glad Voices

VT #340

Prayer of Rejoicing

Leader: Risen Jesus, you make all things new.

People: You call us by name to come to you.

Leader: You come preaching peace and forgiving sins.

**People: You prepare a feast for us
and wipe away all tears.**

All: You bring life everlasting.

We rejoice in your salvation, Lord of all!

Music for Meditation

Brass Quartet

Come, Christians, Join to Sing (arr. Evans; VT #28)

Jesse and Simon Botts, Alice Kabira, Eric Larson

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading

Jed Sanford

Leader: Listen for the Word of the Lord.

People: Our ears are open.

John 20: 1-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "In the Beginning...Amen"

Richard Gehring

Listening for the Spirit

Music for Reflection

Brass Quartet

Now The Green Blade Rises (arr. Clemens, VT #353)

CELEBRATING COMMUNION

Instructions and Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Sharing the Elements

(Our bread is gluten-free.)

Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord

VT #131

Thine Is the Glory

VT #355

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

VT #989

SHARING IN COMMUNITY

Offering Prayer

Congregational Sharing and Prayer

Leader: Lord, in your mercy/goodness,

People: hear our prayer.

Work of the Church

SENDING

Low in the Grave He Lay

VT #333

Words of Blessing

This Week's Activities

Today	Nursery: Paul Reimer, Noah Rhodes	10:00 AM
	<u>Serving Today:</u>	
	• A/V Technicians: Kristin Crawford, Dave Kuhlmann Taylor	
	• Greeter: Dave Martin • Coffee Host: James Baugh	
	• Church Opening & Lockup: Lyle Bohnert, Vacant	
Tue	Contemplative Prayer, via Zoom	7:00 PM
	Discernment Planning Team	7:30 PM
Wed	Women of the Word Bible Study	9:30 AM
Thu	Menno Men	9:30 AM

Announcements

- A **special thank you** to Aaron who researched, shopped, purchased, prepared, and led a beautiful Seder meal for LMC on Friday. Thanks also to Joe who prepared children's story handout items, created many of the sanctuary visuals, and provided the visuals for our silent prelude this Lent.
- Tomorrow is the **deadline** to submit an application for a 2024 mission matching grant.