**Order of Service April 20, 2025—Pastor Paul Heykes**

**EASTER SUNDAY / Communion**

**Easter Shout of Joy:** (Repeat 3 times)

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

**Announcements, Concerns, Joys**

**Call to Worship** Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24pew Bible p.956

**\*Thanksgiving for Baptism** (from Sundays & Seasons, copyright 2024, Augsburg Fortress)

*This is used during the season of Easter instead of the Confession*

P: In the name of +the One who was, who is, and who is to come. **C:** **Amen**.

P: baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism

*(Water may be poured before or during the Thanksgiving)*

P: Holy God,

we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that

restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit’s power. Baptized into you, O Living One.

**C: Make us one as you are one.**

P:Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn** *The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done* LBW #135

HP #1479

**\*Kyrie** (response: **Lord, have mercy**) LBW p.78

**\*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.**

**Children’s Time** *Children will be dismissed to their classes*

**Sharing the Peace**  *(Spoken only, refrain from shaking hands)*

**Receiving our Offerings of Thanksgiving**

**Offering Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace, along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in this world**. C:** **Amen.**

**A reading from Acts, the 10th chapter (10:34-43)** pew Bible, p.1710

(after each reading, “Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed!**)

**A reading from 1 Corinthians, the 15th chapter (15:19-26)**  pew Bible, p.1790

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia. Christ our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.** *(1 Cor. 5:7-8)*

**\*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 24th chapter (24:1-12)** pew Bible, p. 1642

Before the gospel: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

After the gospel: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**Sermon/Homily**

**\*Hymn of the Day** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*LBW #143

HP #1487

**\*The Creed** LBW, p. 85

**\*The Prayers of Intercession** (Each petition ends: God of grace, **hear our prayer**.)

**\*Communion**

The Great Thanksgiving LBW, p.88

Holy, Holy, Holy LBW, p.89

The Lord’s Prayer LBW, p. 91

Distribution of Communion by intinction

Lamb of God LBW, p.92

**\*Blessing**

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, +Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

\***Sending Hymn** *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*; *Alleluia!* LBW #128  HP #1472

**\*Dismissal**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

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

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**