

Sunday, April 14, 2024

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**WELCOME** to Emanuel's Lutheran Church!  
It is our joy to have you worship with us today.



## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

P: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

*Children's Church: Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade gathers in the Chapel.*

### GATHERING HYMN

**"Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"**

**ELW 377**

### GREETING

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

**C: And also with you.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

AM: Let us pray together.

**C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**WORD** *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**READING: 1 John 3:1-7**

L: A reading from 1 John.

<sup>1</sup>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.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

**GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48**

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>36b</sup>Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] 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."

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Pastor Stan Meyer

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

**ELW 631**

## **APOSTLE'S CREED**

AM: Let us confess the faith of the church, using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.\* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

AM: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news. O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life.

*Response to each petition:* AM: God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

AM: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **OFFERING HYMN**

**"Around You, O Lord Jesus"**

**ELW 468**

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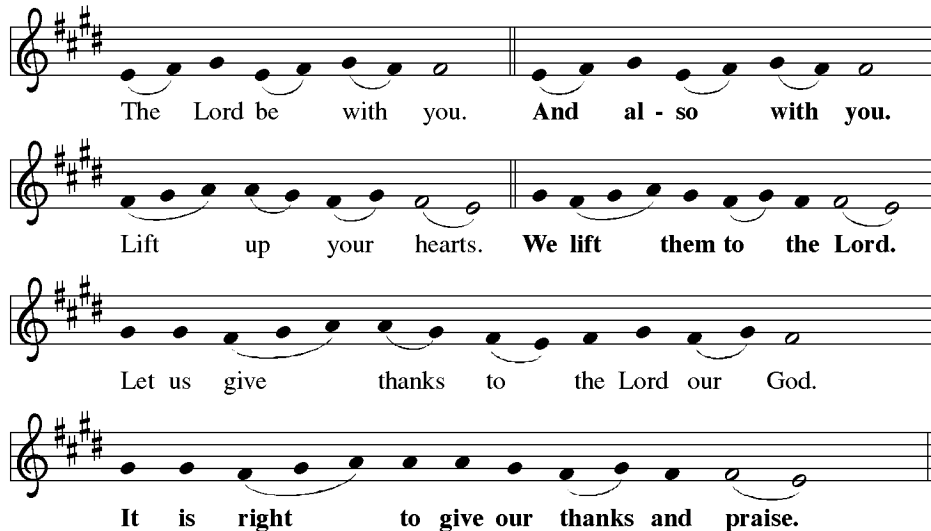
## OFFERING PRAYER

AM: Let us pray.

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**C: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: 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.**

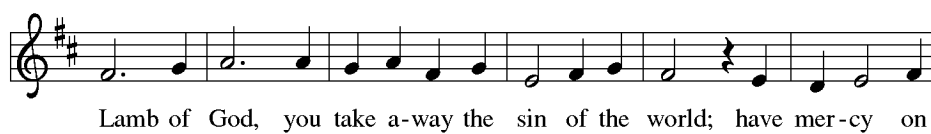
**Amen.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

### AGNUS DEI

### "Lamb of God"



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## COMMUNION

Communion will take place via continuous line (right side) and continuous kneeling (left side). We welcome all baptized persons to the Lord’s Table who believe Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. Children are welcome to be brought forward to receive a blessing. Participants to the right will be offered a wafer and invited to eat with these words, “the body of Christ given for you.” Gluten free wafers are available. Next, step to the right, to the silver tray that contains glasses of white grape juice at the center and outer empty glasses for wine. Lastly, participants will step to the last assistant who will pour the wine and share these words, “the blood of Christ shed for you.” Place your glass in the small silver bowl at the end of the first pew as you return to your seat. If you wish to come forward and not receive either element, simply cross your arms for a blessing.

## COMMUNION HYMN

### “As We Gather at Your Table”

ELW 522

## TABLE BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM: Let us pray.

Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## BLESSING

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✚ bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

**DISMISSAL**

P: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

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

**POSTLUDE**

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**Altar Flowers** given today in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Marvin Johnson by their daughters, Phyllis Johnson and Melissa Barbre.

**MUSICIAN TODAY:** Edward Workmon, organ

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY, April 14, 2024: Preaching and Presiding:** The Rev. Dr. Stan Meyer; **Assisting Minister:** Bill Salt; **Communion Assistants:** Rissa Springs, Bill Elley, Stephanie Robbins, Karen Weinstein, John Van Deusen; **Acolytes:** Logan Adair; **Reader:** Steve Anderson; **Ushers:** Doug Parker, Debbie Parker, Hughlene Micheli, Karen Weinstein; **Altar Guild:** Sandra Schneider, Nancy Meier, Faye Van Deusen, John Van Deusen; **AV/Tech:** Jonathan Zitelman; **Council Greeter:** Susan Yeatts; **Hospitality:** Cathy Anderson, Carol Hamilton, Rachel Abrameit; **Safety Attendants:** Dave English, open

**WORSHIP LEADERS FOR SUNDAY, April 21, 2024: Preaching and Presiding:** Pastor Marcus; **Assisting Minister:** Deb Haug; **Acolyte:** Ellie Hepp; **Communion Assistants:** Dave English, Cindy Pique, Bev Seidenschwarz, Elaine Giesber, Emily Prochnow; **Reader:** Gerry Harrison; **Ushers:** Jacqueline Springs, Rissa Springs, Ilene Cherry, Darlene Zies; **Altar Guild:** Doug Abrameit, Cindy Pique, Sheila English, Dave English; **A/V Tech:** TBD; **Council Greeter:** Debby Richardson; **Hospitality:** Gloria Hanna, Stephanie Robbins, Doris Jefferies; **Safety Attendants:** Tom Engler, Debby Richardson

Join us for Bluegrass Sunday  
April 21 at 10:30am

Help us welcome the Hot Pickin 57s! This bluegrass and classic country group is a 4-piece band featuring acoustic guitar, fiddle, banjo, mandolin, and upright bass, with lead and harmony vocals. We cannot wait to sing along with these incredible musicians, and we hope you will come and sing with us!

**EMANUEL'S LUTHERAN CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SUNDAY WORSHIP** is in-person, online, and aired on KWED AM 1580 radio at 10:30 a.m.

**CHURCH NURSERY** is available for children 4 and under on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway anytime between 9-Noon with Khris Garcia.

**PASTOR MARCUS OUT OF OFFICE April 13-20** attending mission trip in Puerto Rico. In case of pastoral emergency please contact the church office or Seminarian Rudy Salazar (210) 387-5677.

## WEEKDAY STUDIES:

**Faith Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 3rd Tuesdays at 2:30; **Joy Circle** (Women's Ministry Rm): 2nd Thursday at 9:30; **Ladies Aid** (Women's Ministry Rm): 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays at 2:00

## SUNDAY MORNING STUDIES:

- **THE HERITAGE CLASS** (307): 9:15am. Participants explore the deeper meaning found in the Bible and seek to unlock its' wisdom through fellowship and robust group discussion. The aim is to make the Bible relevant and applicable to daily life.
- **WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE LUTHERAN?** (Family Life Center): 9:00am. April 7-May 12. Take a dive into the Reformation, the writings that shape our Lutheran witness, the people that wrote them, and the events that changed the world.
- **JOY CLASS** (Women's Ministry Room): Bible stories and songs for adults with intellectual disabilities. Gathering at 9:15 on the First Sundays of the month.
- **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** is for PK to 5th grade learners. During worship the Vicars lead students to designated classrooms, just down the hall from the sanctuary, as we begin the "Gathering Hymn" and then guide them back as we "Share the Peace." We hope you will make this a part of your family's weekly worship rhythm!

**DAMASCUS: LIFELONG LEARNING** is an education program being piloted by our SW Texas Synod, encouraging anyone who is looking to grow in their faith and leadership, discerning a call to rostered ministry, or interested in the Lay Ministry School to register. Two FREE courses with cohort groups begin April 8 and April 10 and run through May. For more information and or to register, please go to [www.swtsynod.org/learning](http://www.swtsynod.org/learning) or contact Deacon Dary Mittelstaedt, [dmittelstaedt@swtsynod.org](mailto:dmittelstaedt@swtsynod.org).

**THE COMPASS COOPERATIVE** gathers weekly at Spirit of Joy for our weekly gathering on **Sundays @6pm** for 6th to 12th grade students, hosted by our four church partners - Emanuel's, St. Andrew's, Spirit of Joy, and Friedens Church- and held on Spirit of Joy's campus. We eat, worship, play games, and enjoy each other's company. Join us!

**CONFIRMATION CLASS** gathers next **on Sunday, April 21, 2024**, at 1pm in the Family Life Center. Instruction for the year takes place monthly at either Emanuel's or Spirit of Joy.

**LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE: NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY Photo Sessions May 15 – 18.** Sign up for photography session appointments by April 21 in the narthex or online at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com) using Church Code: tx455 and Password: photos. Participants receive a complimentary 8x10 and a church directory. Sharon Kane can answer your questions at cell 979-482-6486.

**PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP** is **April 13-20**. Please keep in prayer our adult team in Puerto Rico. They join Cross Trails Ministry and Palm Valley Lutheran Church to complete projects and work started by our youth in 2023. Lift up the leaders and organizers as they navigate surprises and daily tasks. May their travels be smooth, relationships strengthened, the work be meaningful and safe, and God be ever present.

**SENIOR SOCIAL CLUB:** The group meets next on **Thursday, April 18** from 11:30-1:30 in the Women's Ministry Room for a potluck. Bring a favorite dish to share! Come for good conversation, great food, and fun games. Stay tuned for more info about our May bus trip to Fredericksburg!

**CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER BBQ ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** is **Sunday, April 21**. Tickets are \$10 for ½ Chicken (\$12 at the door). Drive-thru 10am-1pm at Faith Lutheran. See PM for tickets!

**IT IS TIME TO ROCK AND BOWL!** Emanuel's Lutheran Church is heading to Fiesta Lanes bowling alley in New Braunfels on **Saturday, April 27!** We will meet at the bowling alley at 11:30am for loads of fun and maybe some strikes in our spare time. We have 20 spots available so email Pastor Marcus, Vicar Jordana or Vicar Aaliyah to sign up! A paper sign up is also available in the Narthex. Hope to see you there!

**JOURNEYING THROUGH GRIEF** is **Sunday, April 28** from 2-4pm in the Family Life Center. Discussions focus on how our journey through grief affects us, our daily lives, and how we can help ourselves as we grieve. Emanuel's Bereavement Care Coordinator Donna Simmons facilitates this monthly program.

## EMANUEL'S CONGREGATION COUNCIL

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Darlene Zies, *Outreach & Service Team*  
In memoriam, Aaron Jenke

### ALL MINISTRY TEAM NIGHT Wednesday, May 1 at 5:30pm

All of Emanuel's Ministry Teams gather on a single evening each month to share a meal, collaborate, plan, and schedule upcoming events and ministry projects. Join us in the Women's Ministry Room!

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**EMANUEL'S MISSION STATEMENT:** "To be the church God is calling us to be by declaring God's love, serving others, and embracing all."

**GIVING AT EMANUEL'S:** Donations and tithes to the church may be given by envelopes in the pews, mailed to the church, online, or scanned with QR Code below.



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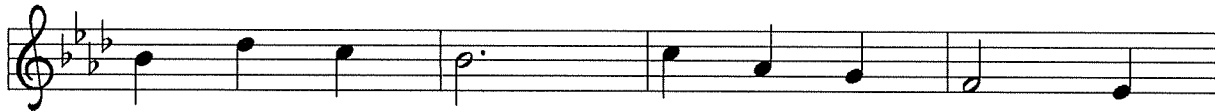
# Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!



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!

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to  
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,  
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

## Around You, O Lord Jesus



1 A - round you, O Lord Je - sus, your own you gath - er still  
2 We hear your in - vi - ta - tion, and heed, O Lord, your call;  
3 We are your own for - ev - er; un - til our fi - nal breath



to share the feast you give us with grace our lives to fill.  
your word of con - so - la - tion is spo - ken here to all.  
we will be true and nev - er— in joy, in grief, in death—



You say to us so lov - ing - ly, "Take, eat! This is my  
It draws us to your lov - ing heart; it brings to us your  
de - part from you, for you are still a - mong your peo - ple



bod - y! Take, drink! This is my blood!"  
bless - ing, which nev - er will de - part.  
dwell - ing, as you have said you will.

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772–1847; tr. composite  
Music: O JESU, AN DE DINA, H. Thomissön, *Den danske Psalmebog*, 1569  
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## As We Gather at Your Table



1 As we gath-er at your ta-ble, as we lis-ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in-to wit-ness in the sac-ra-ment of life;  
3 Gra-cious Spir-it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri-um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa-cred sto-ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for-give as you for-gave;  
There no more will en-vy blind us nor will pride our peace de-stroy,



teach us through this ho-ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic-t'ry known.  
may we still be-hold your im-age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollantse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710

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## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



- 1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
- 2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
- 3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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