



Orthodox icon depicting the three women, the angel, and the empty tomb

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Divine Service 3

March 31, 2024

Scripture of the Day

Isaiah 25:6–9

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

Mark 16:1–8

A Prayer before Worship

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

Prelude: “An Easter Triptych”, J. Behnke

Please stand and face the Processional Cross.

Processional Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



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 ye 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!

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Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalm 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

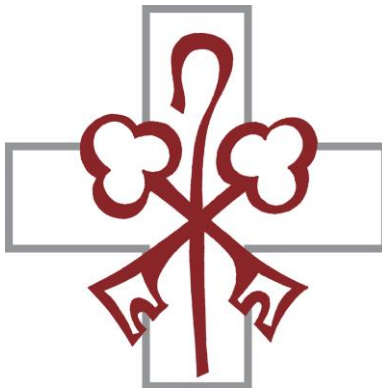
P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.



✠ Service of the Word ✠

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

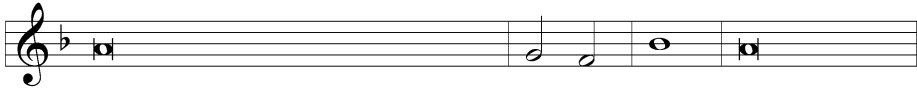
Gloria in Excelsis

Luke 2:14; John 1:29

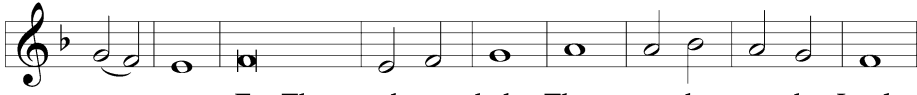
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n - ly King, God the Fa - ther Al - mighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



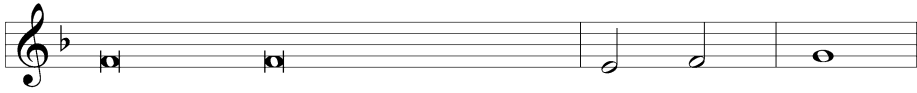
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

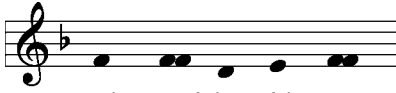


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Sit

The Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 25:6–9*

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day,
“Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Christians, to the Paschal Victim

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Cantor/Choir



Chris-tians, to the Pas-chal Vic - tim Of - fer your thank-ful prais - es!



The Lamb the sheep has ran-somed: Christ, who on - ly is sin-less,



Rec-on-cil-ing sin-ners to the Fa-ther. Death and life have con-tend-ed



In that com-bat stu-pen-dous: The Prince of life, who died, Reigns im-mor-tal.

Congregation



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir



“Speak, Mar - y, de - clar - ing What you saw when way - far-ing.”



“The tomb of Christ, who is liv - ing, The glo-ry of Je-sus' res-ur-rec-tion;



Bright an - gels at - test - ing, The shroud and nap - kin rest-ing.



My Lord, my hope, is a - ris - en; To Gal-i-lee He goes be-fore you.”

Congregation



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,



We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor/Choir



Christ in - deed from death is ris - en, Our new life ob - tain - ing.



Have mer - cy, vic - tor King, ev - er reign - ing!

Congregation



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Festival Alleluia

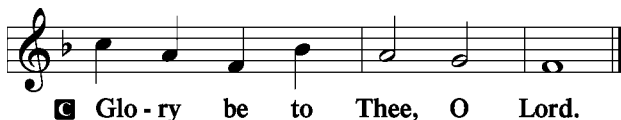
The “Alleluia” refrain is sung by All before and after the Verse, which is sung by the Choir.



Choir Verse: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel *Mark 16:1–8*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

*Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 44:6
Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3
Genesis 1:1; John 1:1
Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
Who for us men and for our salvation
came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead,
Whose kingdom will have no end.

*Romans 10:9
John 3:16; Matthew 16:16
John 1:2
John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1
Colossians 2:9
John 1:2
John 10:30
Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3
Matthew 20:28; Galatians 4:4-5
John 3:13, John 6:38
Luke 1:34-35
John 1:14
Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18
John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53
1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6
Acts 1:9
Acts 7:55
Matthew 26:64
Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12
2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
Who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
And I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \dagger of the world to come.
Amen.

*John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38
Titus 3:5; 1 Corinthians 12:3
John 15:26
Mt. 3:16-17; Lk. 2:14
Ezekiel 11:5; 2 Peter 1:20-21
1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22
Ephesians 4:5; Acts 2:38
1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Isaiah 65:17-19; Revelation 21:1-4
Psalm 106:48*

Please remain standing for the Hymn of the Day.

Hymn of the Day: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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Stanzas 4 and 6 sung by Choir only (Setting by K. Hildebrand)



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens -
2 No son of man could con - quer death, Such ru - in sin
3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, His peo - ple to
(Choir) 4 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death



es giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands
had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on earth,
de - liv - er; De - stroy - ing sin, He took the crown
con - tend - ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life,



And brings us life from heav - en. There - fore let us
And there - fore death had brought us In - to bond - age
From death's pale brow for - ev - er: Stripped of pow'r, no
The reign of death was end - ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture



joy - ful be And sing to God right thank - ful - ly
from of old And ev - er grew more strong and bold
more it reigns; An emp - ty form a - lone re - mains;
plain - ly saith That death is swal - lowed up by death,



Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
And held us as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!
Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see, whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree, so strong His love to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door; faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

Continue with stanzas 6 and 7 on the next page.

6 So let us keep the festival, to which the Lord invites us;
(Choir) Christ is Himself the joy of all, the sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts, Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day, on Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away, the old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed; He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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Sit

Sermon *Rev. Seth Clemmer*



Choral Response: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!”, H. Markworth

*Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia!
Christians, haste your vows to pay; Alleluia!
Offer ye your praises meet, Alleluia!
At the Paschal Victim's feet. Alleluia!*

*Christ, who once for sinners bled, Alleluia!
Now the Firstborn from the dead, Alleluia!
Throned in endless might and power, Alleluia!
Lives and reigns forevermore. Alleluia!*

*Hail, eternal Hope on high! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou King of victory! Alleluia!
Hail, Thou Prince of Life adored! Alleluia!
Help and save us, gracious Lord. Alleluia!*

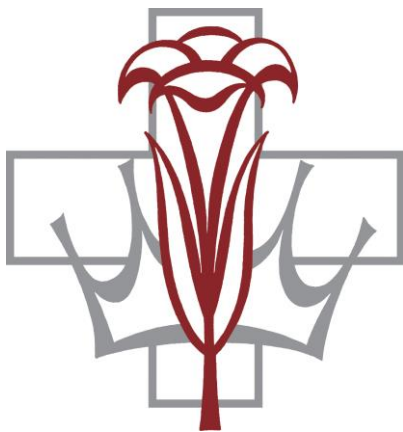
Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in your mercy.

C Hear our prayer.

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✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

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Preface



P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22



G And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]



G We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.

[Psalm 136]



G It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary ... evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

The
LORD'S
Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Matthew 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✝ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

John 20:19



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

Agnus Dei

John 1:29



G O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution Hymn: Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Distribution Hymn: The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done

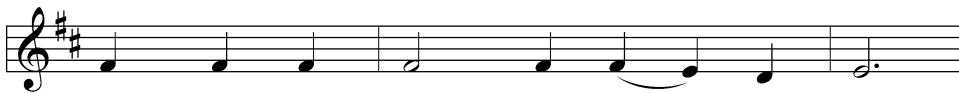
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 The strife is o’er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow’rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,



Now is the vic - tor’s tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav’n’s high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death’s dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! Refrain

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Distribution Hymn: This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose

2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to

5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*

God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

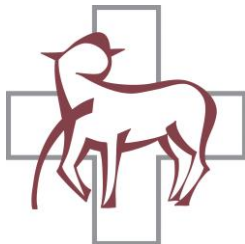


This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Stand



Thanksgiving after Receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

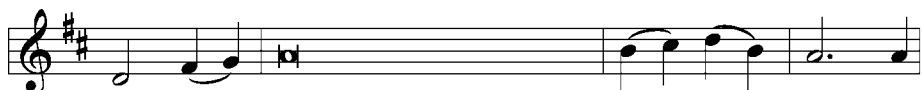
Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

C Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

Psalm 107:1

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C A - men.

Salutation and Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.
C And with thy spir - it.

2 Timothy 4:22



A Bless we the Lord.

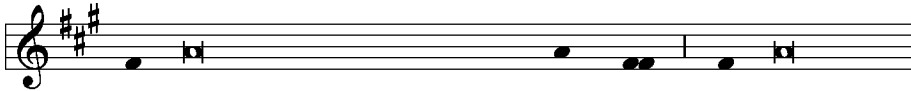
[Psalm 103:1]



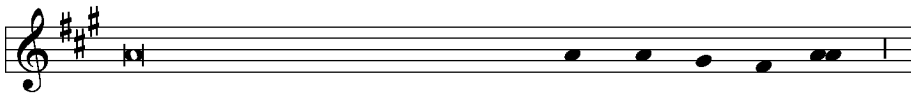
C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

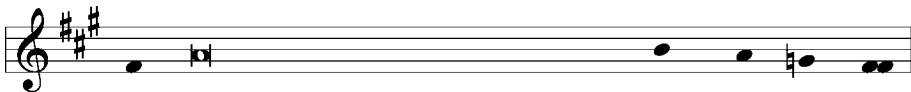
Numbers 6:24-26



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.



Hymn to Depart: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 sts. 1, 2, 5, 7, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this

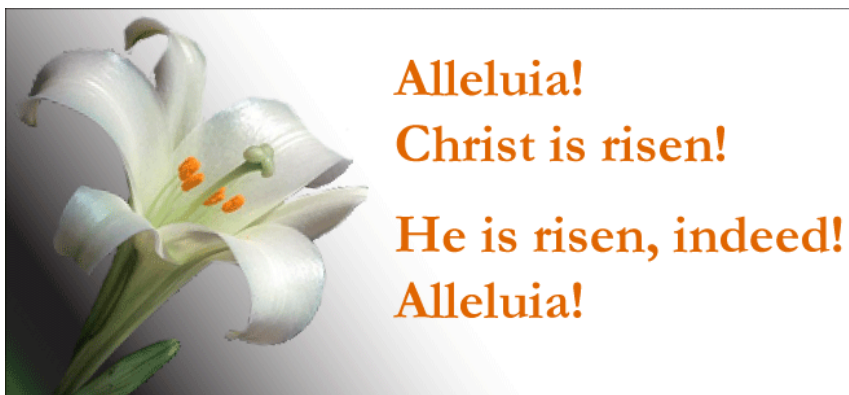


once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738–99, abr. Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793 Text and tune: Public domain

Postlude: DUKE STREET (“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”), R. Hobby

We depart by sharing the Easter greeting with one another:



A Prayer after Worship

Almighty and merciful God, I have again worshiped in Your presence and received both forgiveness for my many sins and the assurance of Your love in Jesus Christ. I thank You for this undeserved grace and ask You to keep me in faith until, with all Your saints, I inherit eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Those Serving You Today

8:30

Preacher and Celebrant: Rev. Seth Clemmer

Assisting Pastors: Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

Music Ensembles: Proclaim, Praises Ring!, Bethany Brass

Timpanist: Michael Curfs

Live Stream Tech: James Blasius

Acolytes: Henry Nelson, Anna Dugan

Sacristans: Marty Franken, Rick Krock, Mark Wolfgram, volunteer needed

Ushers: Frank Arford, Morgan Dugan, Rick Grimes, Jay Schafer

Communion Care: Sue Dumford

11:00

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Organist: Kantor Jonathan Swett

Music Ensembles: Proclaim, Praises Ring!, Bethany Brass

Timpanist: Michael Curfs

Acolytes: Hannah Aurilio, Joseph Aurilio

Sacristans: David Brouch, Rich Ford, Ted Quilitz, Bill Quinn

Ushers: John Campbell, Jonathan Knussman, Chris Koenig, JJ Stehle

Communion Care: Pam Kolzow

The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by the Barnickel family in honor of the Resurrection of Our Lord.



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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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If all Jesus had to do was die, then why is Easter such a big deal?

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdalene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



Prayers

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- Sandra Bell, liver cancer
- Sheila Bell, osteoarthritis
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Isaac Keller, continued recovery
- Beth Kile, broken femur & hip
- Sue Sreniawski, cellulitis
- Nancy D, friend to Donna Linnemeyer, recovering from surgery
- Joe LaMartina, husband to Maria LaMartina, healing from surgery

Thanksgiving for the birth of a son, Isaac Samuel, to Erich and Susan Keller.

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Sarah Lieb, Rachael Skudlarek, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom), Erika Vignos (daughter to Richard and Janet Galloway)

Those celebrating wedding anniversaries this month:

Mario and Karen Ferrici, Bob and Shirley Grudzien, David and Sue Sreniawski

Those who serve in the Armed Forces and their families:

Quinn Parlier, Jacob Wilson, Andrew Bear (nephew to Beth Hawley), Matthew and Michael Hinze (sons to Don Hinze), Peter Johnson (son to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Savanna Lugay (daughter to Joe and Bethany Lugay), Conor L. McGavern (nephew to Becky McBroom), Aaron Mock (nephew to Debbie Kokaska), Kyle G. Schmidt (nephew to Becky McBroom), Scott Slown (husband to Jennifer Slown), Nicholas Camm-Williams (friend to Nada Salvino)

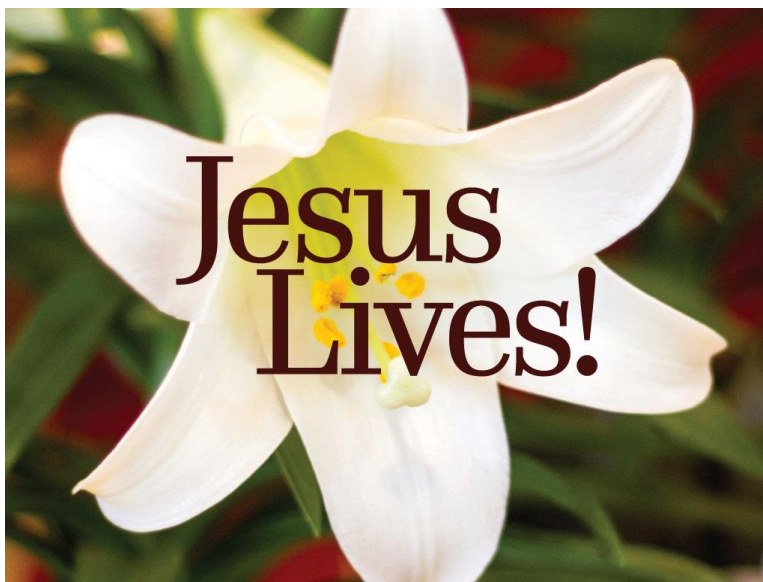
Those who are shut in or in need of ongoing care:

Roger and Charlene Fiene, Marilyn Groth, Bruce Janken, Solomon Robert, Nancy Skibinski, Chuck and Monika Werner, David and Ann Zielke

A Note on the Prayers of the Church: On the 1st weekend of the month, we pray for those celebrating a wedding anniversary. On the 2nd, we pray for those we know in the Armed Forces (by name). On 3rd, we pray for those in long-term or ongoing care and our shut-ins (by name). On the 4th, we pray for mothers with child. If you have someone you would like to have remembered in the prayers, please leave the name with the church office or send an email to: office@bethanylcs.org. Names on the prayer list will be updated each week and removed after approximately four weeks, unless the office is otherwise notified. We will renew prayers when requested.

Easter flowers were purchased by:

The Bob Airhart family, the Cade family, the Christensen family, the Franken family, Karen Ferrici, Elaine Gavin, the Gueberts, Beth Hahn, the Jablonsky family, Roxanne Klein, Bill and Debbie Kokaska, the Kolzows, the Krocks, Becky McBroom, Tim and Sallee Olson, Paul and Carmen Reimer, Justin Sadowski, Janice Sveta, the Tatara family, the Taylor family, and the Walshes. If you purchased a plant and would like to take it home, please do so following the 11:00 service.



This Week at Bethany

- March 31, 9:30am – Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt
- March 31, 10:00am – NO Bible Study, Sunday School, or Confirmation Class
- April 2, 1:00pm – LWML
- April 2, 3:40pm – Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- April 2, 7:00pm – Day School Policy Board
- April 3, 9:00am – Ladies' LifeLight
- **April 3, 11:00am – Midweek Divine Service**
- April 3, 7:30pm – NO Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- April 4, 9:00am – Bethany Guild
- April 4, 7:00pm – 20something
- April 4, 7:00pm – Evening LifeLight
- April 4, 7:00pm – NO Proclaim Rehearsal
- April 5, 12:00pm – Knitters and Crafts Group
- April 6, 8:00am – Men's Bible Breakfast

Looking Further Ahead

- **April 7, 8:30am and 11:00am – Divine Service**
- April 7, 10:00am – Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- April 9, 7:00pm – Board of Finance
- April 10, 6:45pm – Board of Elders

For information on activities and updates at Bethany, please subscribe to the “Week at a Glance” by emailing office@bethanylcs.org. If you prefer, some paper copies are available at the Welcome Center.



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