



Stained glass depicting Thomas and the Risen Christ

# The Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Service 3

April 7, 2024

## Scripture of the Day

Acts 4:32–35

1 John 1:1—2:2

John 20:19–31

## 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:** O FILII ET FILIAE (“O Sons and Daughters of the King”), W. Held

*Please stand and face the Processional Cross.*

### Processional Hymn: God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It

LSB 594 sts. 1, 2, 5



1 God’s own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com-par - ing To this life-long

in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong-er:  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:

Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth’s  
Je - sus’ cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
E - ven there I’ll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -

trea - sures man - y? I have one worth  
con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -

more than an - y That brought me sal -  
did re - lease me In a dear for -  
tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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## The Rite of Holy Baptism (11:00) *Isaac Samuel Keller*

LSB 268

### 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.

*Psalms 124:8*

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

**C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

*Psalms 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.

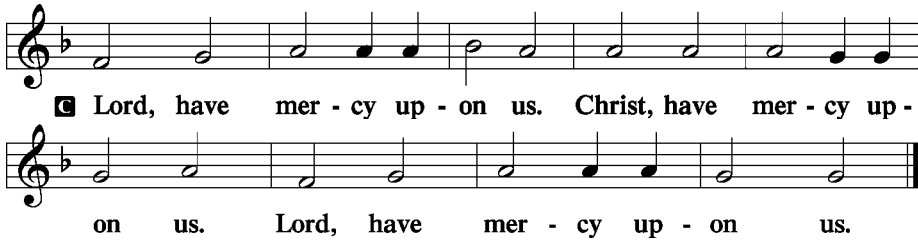
*[John 20:19-23]*

**C** Amen.

# ✠ Service of the Word ✠

## Kyrie

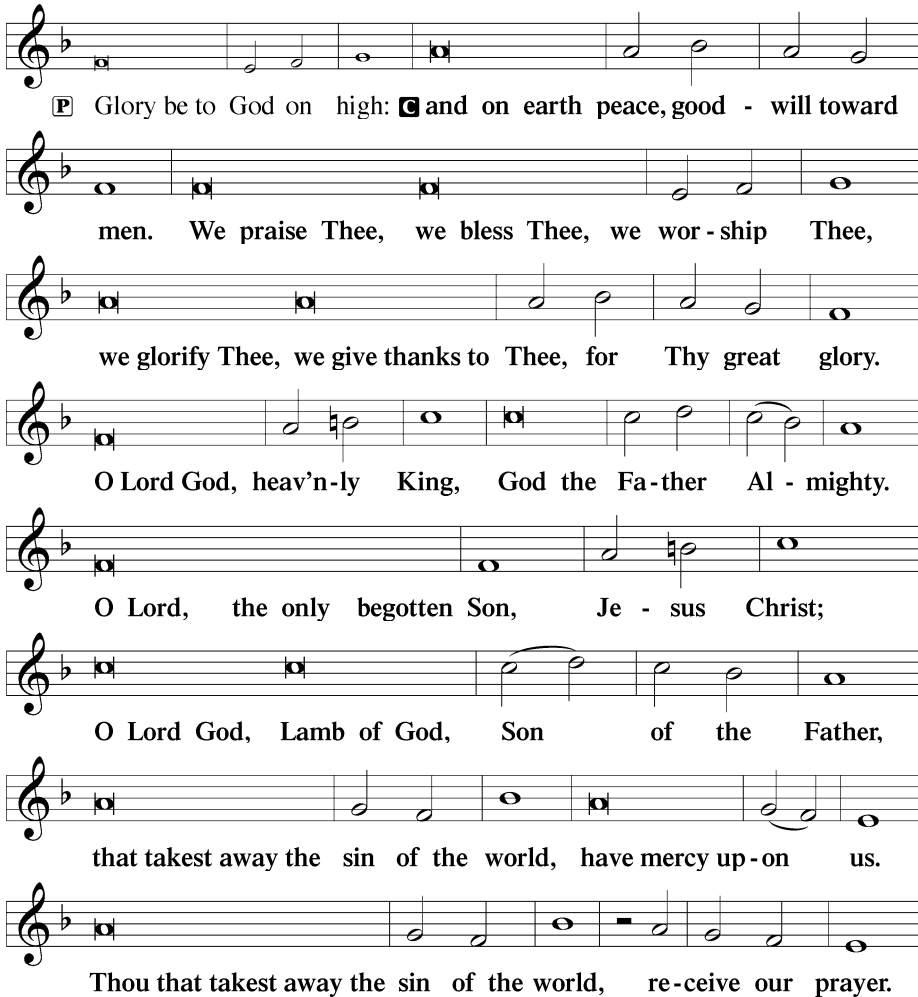
Mark 10:47



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



Glory be to God on high: 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 upon 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*

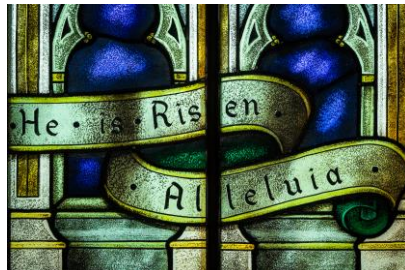
**G** And with thy spir - it.

**P** Let us pray.

**P** Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** A - men.

*Sit*



## The First Reading *Acts 4:32–35*

<sup>32</sup>The full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. <sup>33</sup>And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold <sup>35</sup>and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The Epistle Reading *1 John 1:1—2:2*

<sup>1</sup>That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup>the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— <sup>3</sup>that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

<sup>5</sup>This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup>If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. <sup>7</sup>But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. <sup>8</sup>If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. <sup>9</sup>If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. <sup>10</sup>If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

<sup>1</sup>My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. <sup>2</sup>He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

# Hymn: O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 471 *ref. sts. 1-3*



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



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King,  
2 That Eas - ter morn, at break of day,  
3 An an - gel clad in white they see,



Whom heav'n - ly hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the  
The faith - ful wom - en went their way To seek the  
Who sits and speaks un - to the three, "Your Lord will



grave has lost its sting! Al - le - lu - ia!  
tomb where Je - sus lay. Al - le - lu - ia!  
go to Gal - i - lee." Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Holy Gospel *John 20:19-31*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

<sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them,

“Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

<sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.”

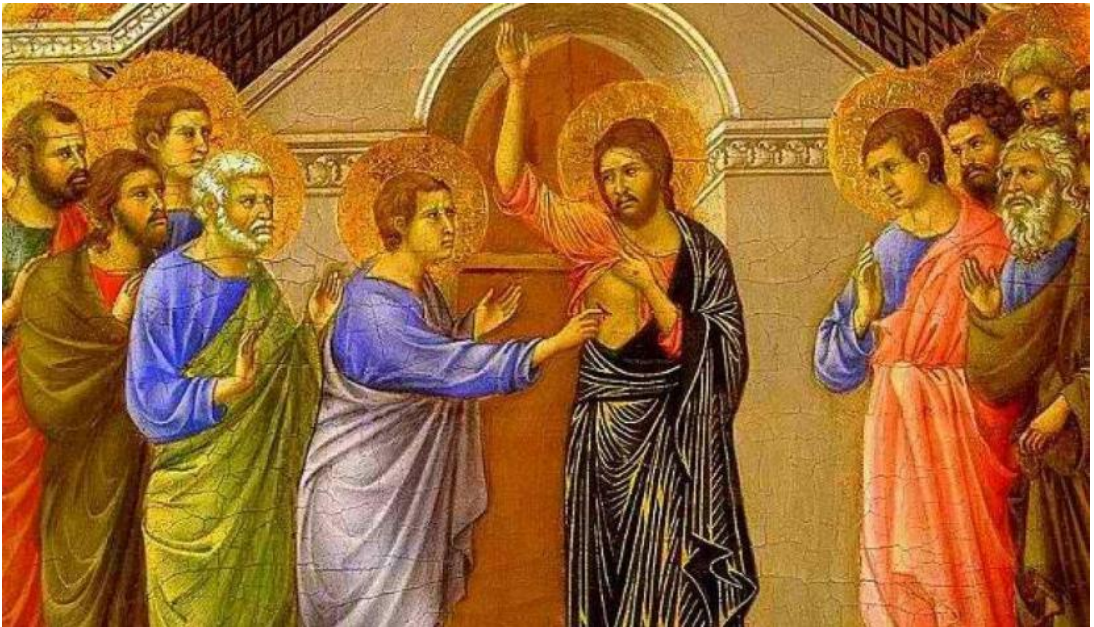
<sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.





## Nicene Creed (8:30)

**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*

*Sit*

# Hymn of the Day: O Sons and Daughters of the King

LSB 471 sts. 4–9, ref



4 That night the a - pos - tles met in fear;  
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard  
 6 “My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see,



A - mong them came their mas - ter dear And said, “My  
 That they had seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed  
 And look up - on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less



peace be with you here.” Al - le - lu - ia!  
 the dis - ci - ples’ word. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 but be - liev - ing be.” Al - le - lu - ia!

*Refrain*



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

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
 “You are my Lord and God!” he cried.  
 Alleluia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen  
 And yet whose faith has constant been,  
 For they eternal life shall win.  
 Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise.  
 Alleluia! Refrain

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*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

**P** Lord, in your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

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**Offertory**

*Psalm 51:10-12*



**C** Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

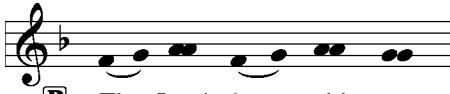


## ✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

### About Receiving the Lord's Supper at Bethany

As we receive the Lord's Holy Supper according to His institution, we receive the salvation, forgiveness, and life eternal won for us on the cross. Also, we believe that when a person communes at an altar, one confesses unity with the teachings of that church. Therefore, if you are not in fellowship with the teaching of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we ask that you refrain from communion until you have had opportunity to speak with one of the pastors about Christ's bodily presence and the forgiveness of sins given in this meal. However, all are welcome to receive a blessing, for the forgiveness of Jesus is still yours. Please indicate this as your intention by crossing your arms over your chest when the pastor comes by.

### 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  
**L**ORD'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  $\text{✠}$  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  $\text{✠}$  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



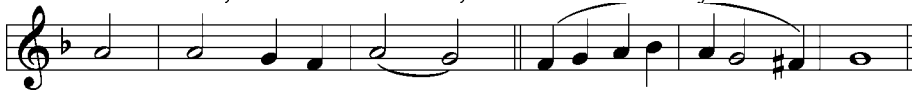
world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



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*

## A Prayer for Right Reception of the Lord's Supper

*Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### Distribution Hymn: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

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1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;  
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;  
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!  
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.  
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.  
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry  
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take  
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.  
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.  
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

- 5 The world against me rages, its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, and night is bright as day.

*Continue with stanzas 6 and 7 on the next page.*

6 Now I will cling forever, to Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never, whate'er He passes through.  
 He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

7 He brings me to the portal, that leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal, is found in script of gold:  
 "Who there My cross has shared, finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with Me has died, shall here be glorified."

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### Distribution Hymn: We Know That Christ Is Raised

LSB 603

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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*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.*

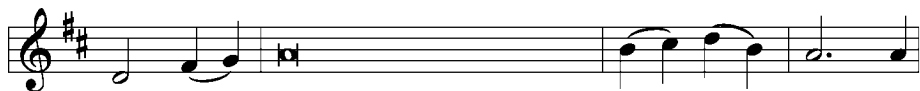
### Dismissal

**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 - tiles 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**

*Psalms 107:1*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**B** 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.

**B** A - men.

**Salutation and Benedicamus**

**P** The Lord be with you.

*2 Timothy 4:22*

**B** And with thy spir - it.



**A** Bless we the Lord.

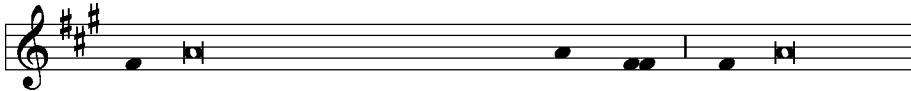
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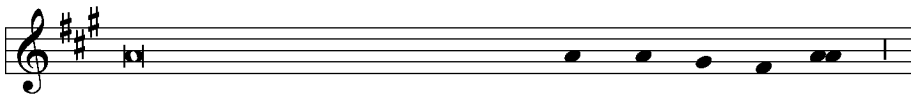
**G** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

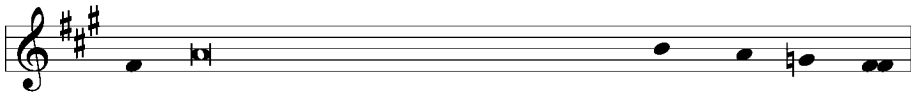
*Numbers 6:24-26*



**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.



**G** A-men, a-men, a - men.



## Closing Hymn: Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

LSB 487 sts. 1, 4, 5



1 Come, you faith-ful, raise the strain Of tri - um-phant glad - ness!  
4 For to - day a-mong His own Christ ap-peared, be - stow - ing  
5 Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry To our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness,  
His deep peace, which ev - er-more Pass - es hu - man know - ing.  
Who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars Of the tomb's dark por - tal.



Loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
Nei - ther could the gates of death Nor the tomb's dark por - tal  
Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain Of tri - um - phant glad - ness!

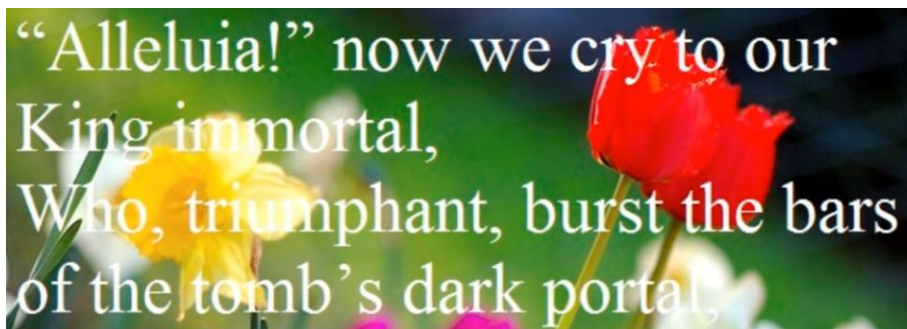


Led them with un-moist-ened foot Through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
Nor the watch-ers nor the seal Hold Him as a mor - tal.  
God has brought His Is - ra - el In - to joy from sad - ness!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–66, alt. Tune: Johann Horn, c. 1490–1547

Text and tune: Public domain

**Postlude:** GAUDEAMUS PARITER (“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”), J. Bender



## 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:** Kari Janetzke

**Live Stream Tech:** James Blasius

**Acolytes:** Michael Curfs, Greta Schafer

**Sacristans:** James Blasius, Exaud Koka, Daren Roth, Doug Splitt

**Ushers:** Troy Darcy, Kevin McSwine, Paul Reimer, Rich Tatara

**Communion Care:** Pam Splitt

**11:00**

**Preacher and Celebrant:** Rev. Seth Clemmer

**Assisting Pastors:** Rev. Martin Keller, Rev. Stephen Schumacher, Rev. Emmett Bartens

**Organist:** Kari Janetzke

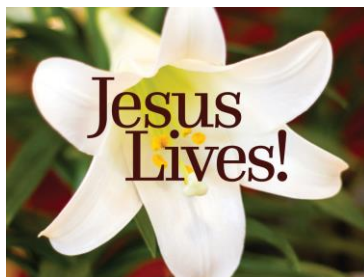
**Acolytes:** George Keller, Walter Keller

**Sacristans:** Rich Ford, Dominic Salvino, Mike Walsh, Will Yocius

**Ushers:** AJ Aurilio, Drew Aurilio, Bill Cade, Barry Hope

**Communion Care:** Sheila Bell

The flowers adorning our Lord's altar today are placed to the glory of our Triune God by Elaine and Tom Gavin in celebration of the baptism of their grandson, Isaac Samuel Keller.



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KIDS IN THE  
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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:

- Sheila Bell, osteoarthritis
- Aiden Goldbeck, infant heart and neurological issues
- Isaac Keller, continued recovery
- Beth Kile, broken femur and hip
- Carol Sue Henson, mother to Suzanne Teske, double pneumonia
- Anne Holtz, aunt to Linda Landry, cancer
- Gerhard Munding, father to Kierste Schafer, recovering from surgery
- The family to Erin Boaden, friend to Maria LaMartina, who passed away
- The family to Nancy D, friend to Donna Linnemeyer, who passed away

Thanksgiving for the birth of a daughter, Claire Rose, to Tim and Sarah Lieb.

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

Mothers with child:

Jaimie Bartens, Rachael Skudlarek, Hannah Baker (daughter to Dennis and Ina Johnson), Ashling Kraft (daughter-in-law to Mike and Janet Kraft), Brittany Linnemeyer (daughter-in-law to Donna Linnemeyer), Kelli Lynch (niece to Sue Sreniawski), Sierra Meyer (niece to Grant Baganz), Kirsten Renn (daughter to Sherry Gendel), Brooke Schmidt (niece to Becky McBroom), Erika Vignos (daughter to Richard and Janet Galloway)

## This Week at Bethany

- April 9, 1:00pm – Bible Reading Group
- April 9, 3:40pm – Schola Cantorum Rehearsal
- April 9, 7:00pm – Board of Finance
- April 10, 9:00am – Ladies' LifeLight
- **April 10, 11:00am – Midweek Divine Service**
- April 10, 6:45pm – Board of Elders
- April 10, 7:30pm – NO Praises Ring! Rehearsal
- April 11, 11:30am – OWLS
- April 11, 7:00pm – 20something
- April 11, 7:00pm – Evening LifeLight
- April 11, 7:00pm – Proclaim Rehearsal
- April 12, 12:00pm – Knitters and Crafts Group

## Looking Further Ahead

- **April 14, 8:30am and 11:00am – Divine Service**
- April 14, 10:00am – Bible Study, Sunday School, and Confirmation Class
- April 17, 7:00pm – Theology on Tap
- April 20, 8:00am – Men's Bible Breakfast

For information on activities and updates at Bethany, please subscribe to the "Week at a Glance" by emailing [office@bethanylcs.org](mailto:office@bethanylcs.org). If you prefer, some paper copies are available at the Welcome Center.



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