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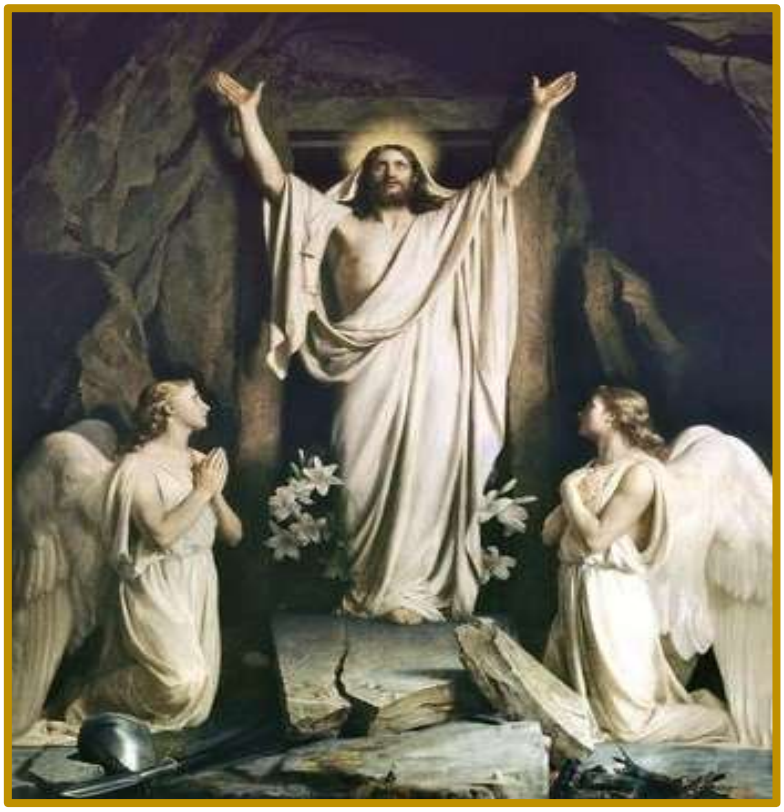


The Resurrection of Our Lord

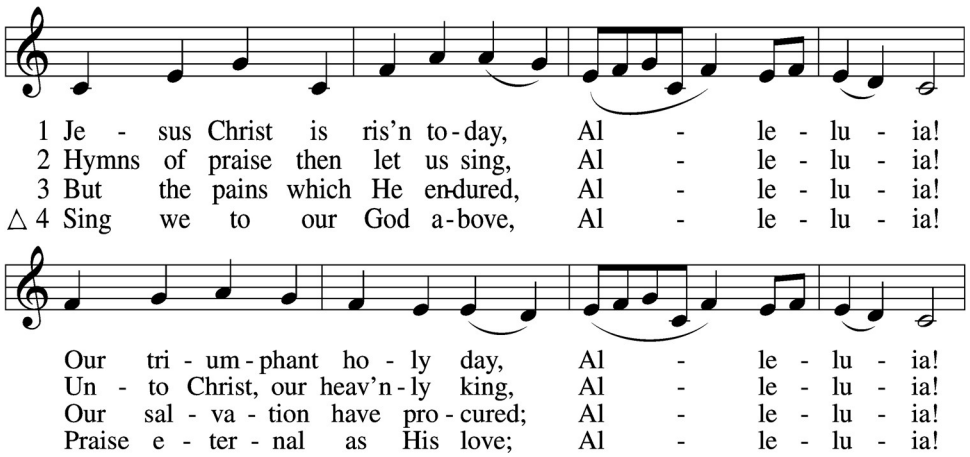
April 4, 2021

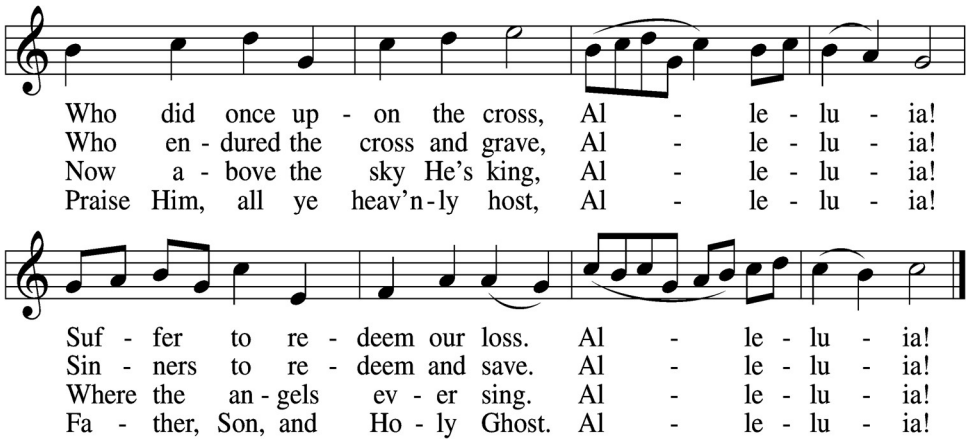
Prelude ***"My Savior, My God"***

Pastor's Greeting **Christ is Risen!! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

(Congregation stands)

Entrance Hymn **Jesus Christ is Risen Today** **LSB 457**





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✝ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION ✝

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

EXHORTATION

Psalm 8; antiphon: v. 9

P: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens.

C: Out of the mouth of babes and infants, You have established strength because of Your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him?

C: Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

P: You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also, the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

C: O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

Moment of silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of

Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

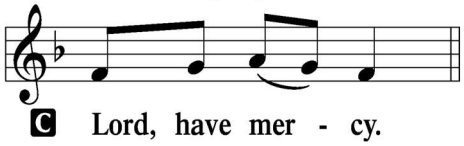
ABSOLUTION *John 20:19-23*

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

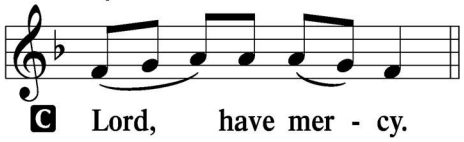
C: Amen.

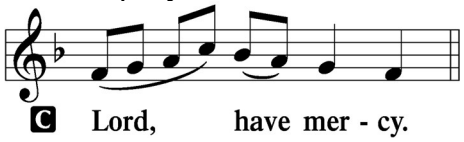
KYRIE *LSB 152*

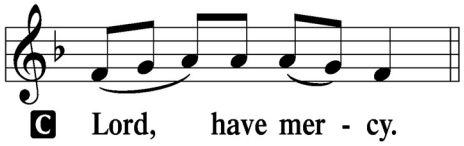
A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

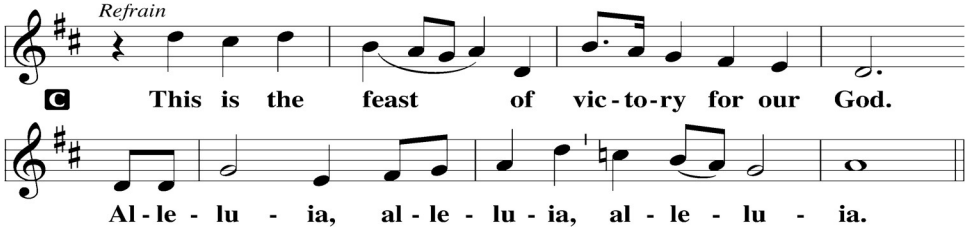


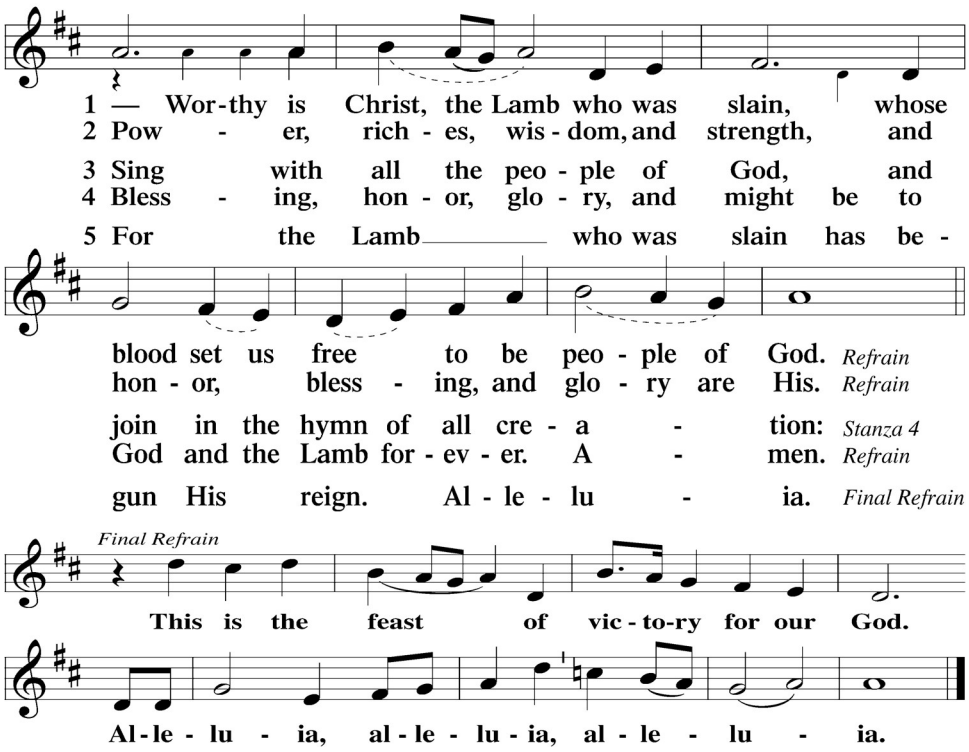
A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE *"THIS IS THE FEAST"* *LSB 155* *Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9*





Salutation and Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: *Let us pray*. 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: Amen.

(Congregation sits)

The Old Testament Reading

R: The Old Testament Reading is from the Book of Isaiah 25:6-9

R: On 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. And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He 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. It 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."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN **"JESUS IS ALIVE:** ***BOB 129***

Hallelujah! Jesus is alive,
Death has lost its vict'ry
And the grave has been denied;
Jesus lives forever,
He's alive, He's alive!

He's the Alpha and Omega,
The first and last is He,
The curse of sin is broken
And we have perfect liberty;
The Lamb of God has risen,
He's alive, He's alive!

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Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!

THE GRADUAL *Daniel 12:1c–3*

P: At that time your people shall be delivered, everyone whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

C: And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky above; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

THE EPISTLE READING

R: The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 15:1-11

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

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though

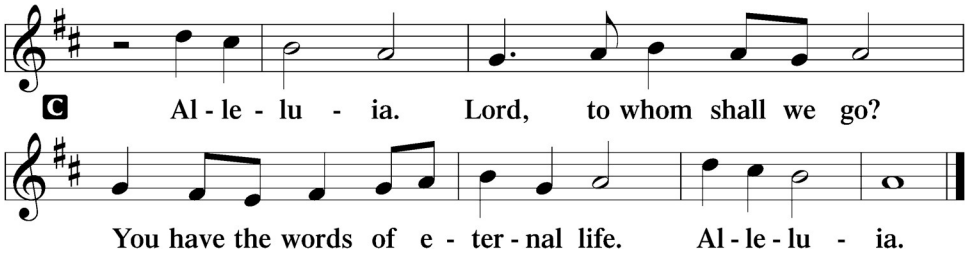
some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace 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. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

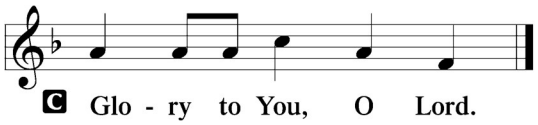
C: Thanks be to God.

(Congregation stands)

ALLELUIA AND VERSE *LSB 173* *John 6:68*



THE HOLY GOSPEL

P: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark 16:1-11

P: When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you." And 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.

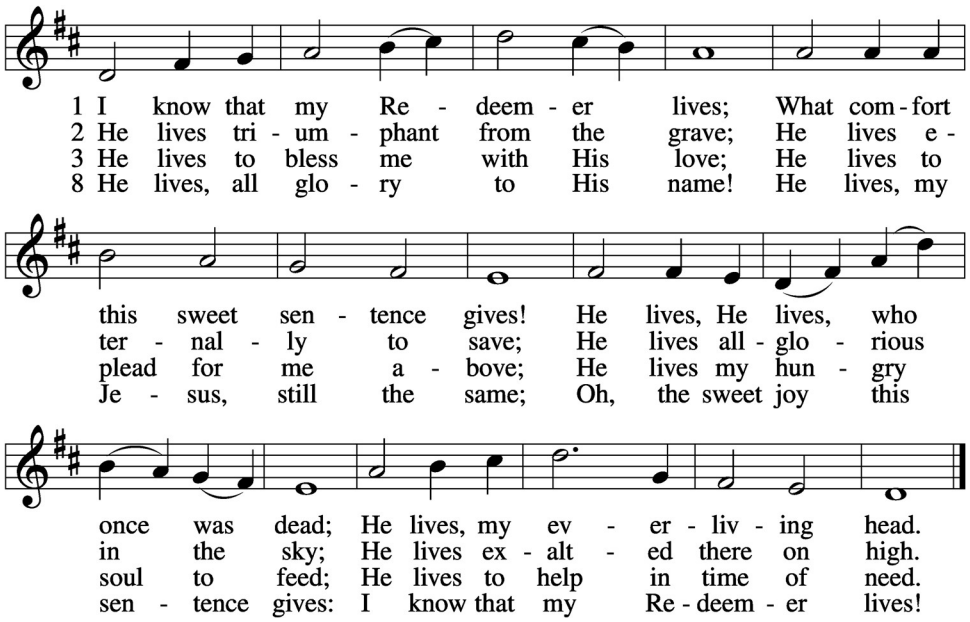
Now when He rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom He had cast out seven demons. She went and told those who had been with him, as they mourned and wept. But when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You O Christ!

(Congregation sits)

SERMON HYMN "I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES" *LSB 461, STS.1-3, 8*



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SERMON

(Congregation stands)

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

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.

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 † of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: Lord God, on this glorious day, fill Your people with a holy fear at the resurrection of Your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of Your power to save. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: O Lord be with our Synod president, Rev. Matthew Harrison; our district president, Rev. Jameson Hardy; our Circuit Visitor, Rev. Nick Wirtz; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Bless our President, Joseph Biden, our Congress and Senate, our Governor and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Have mercy on the sick and those in any need *especially* _____. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health—a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C hear our prayer.

P: Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERTORY **"*LORD, I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH*"**

✝ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✝

(Congregation remain standing)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

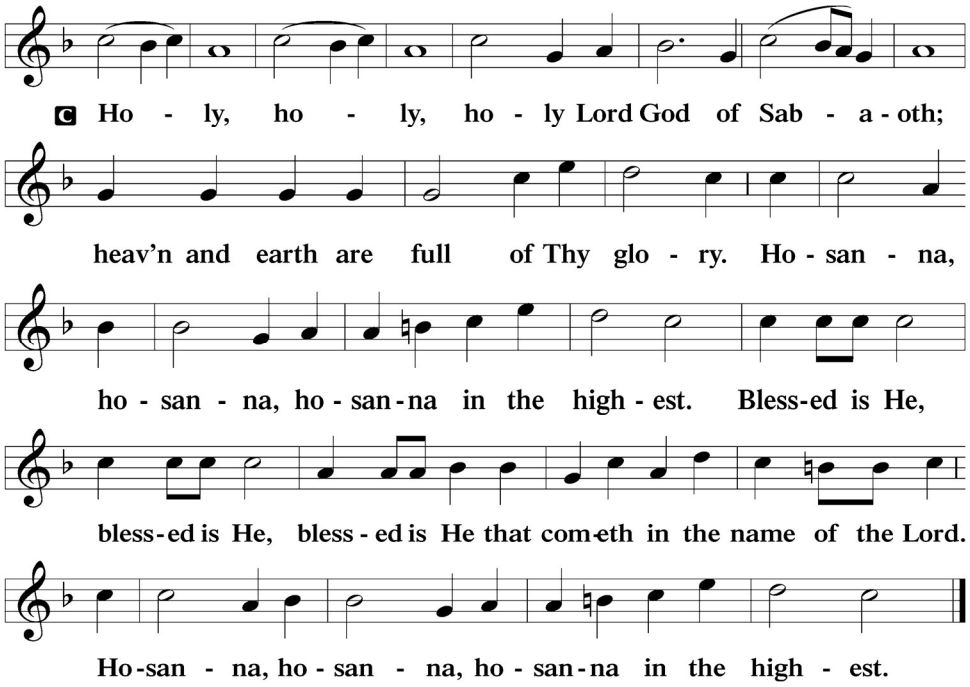
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS *LSB 158*



THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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."

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

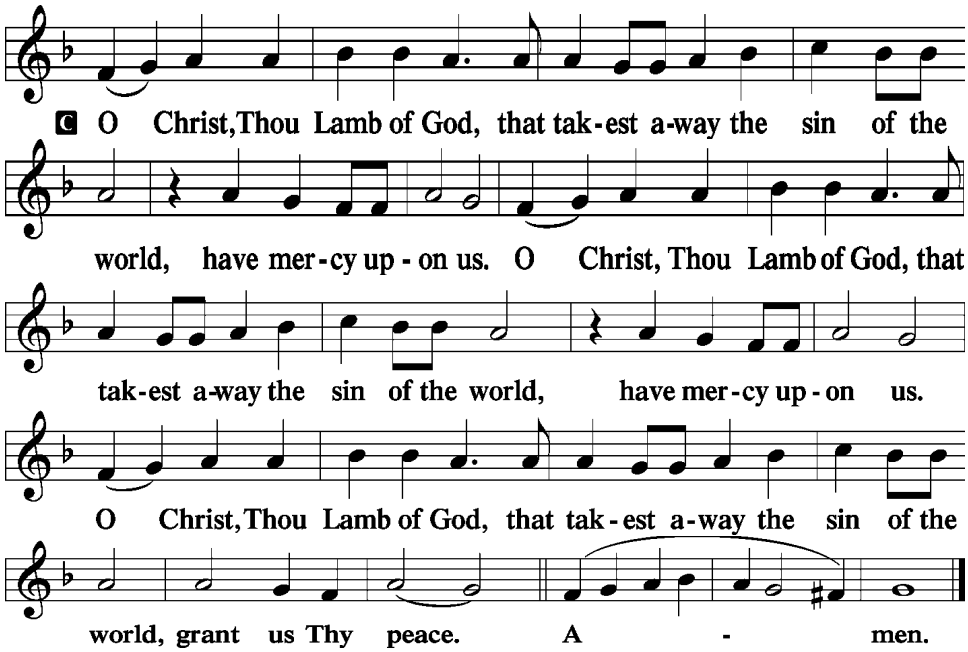
P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And with your spirit.

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD) *LSB 198*

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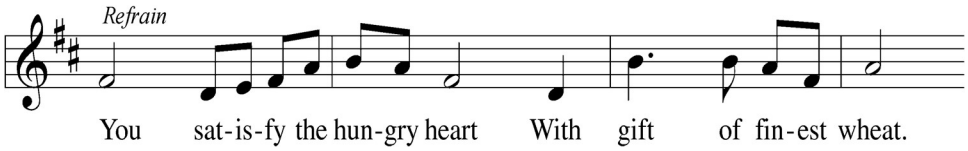
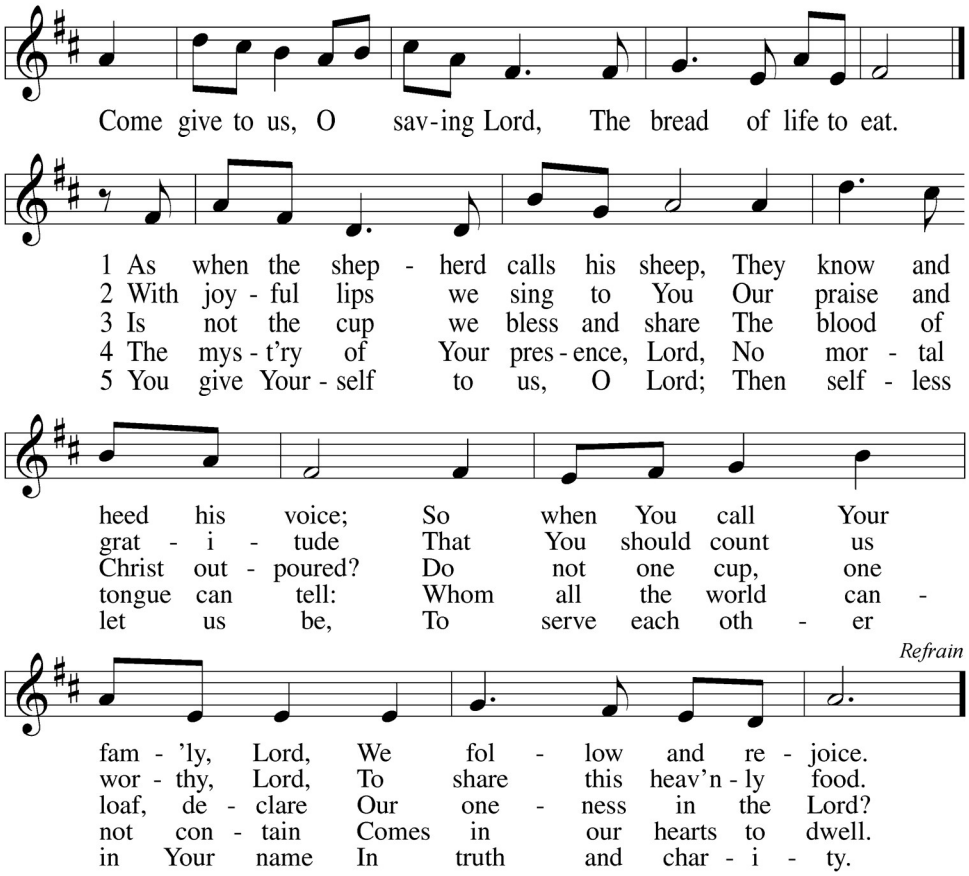
DISTRIBUTION HYMN "YOU SATISFY THE HUNGRY HEART" *LSB 641*



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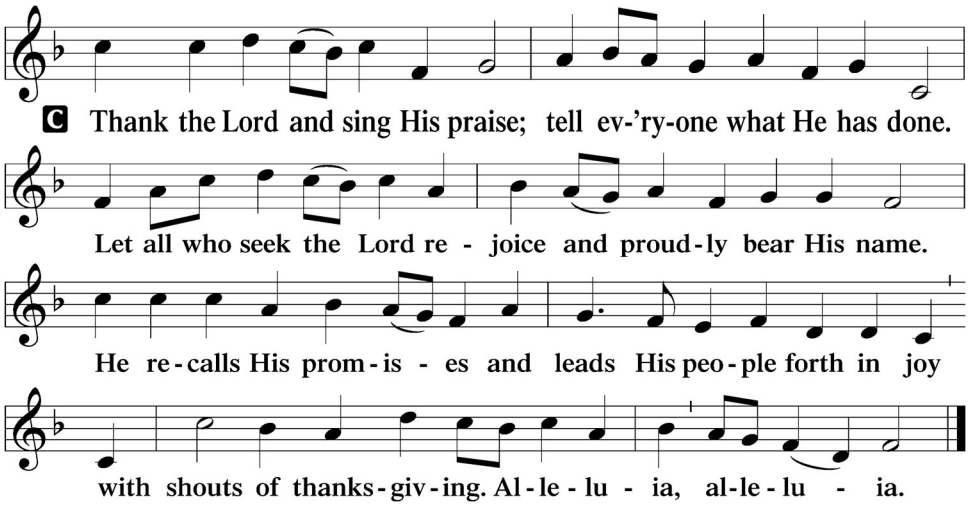
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *THANK THE LORD* *LSB 164*



THANKSGIVING

P: O give thank unto the Lord for He is good.

C: and His mercy endures forever.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: *Let us pray*. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION *LSB 218*

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

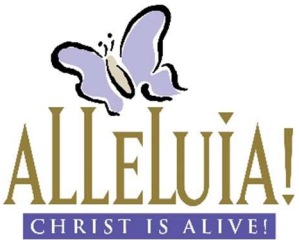
C: Amen.

DEPARTING HYMN **"HE IS EXALTED"**

He is exalted the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted the King is exalted on high! (*REPEAT)*

POSTLUDE ***"GOD'S NOT DEAD"***



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This Week at Family of Christ

4/4 – 4/11

Easter Sunday (April 4)

9:30AM Easter Sunday Divine Worship
Light refreshments after service

Thursday

5:30PM Confirmation Class at the Church

Friday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study in Leviticus

Next Sunday

9:30AM Palm Sunday Divine Worship

11:00AM Bible Study on Large Catechism

***PLEASE NOTE**: Church Services and Bible Studies are currently offered in person and via Zoom. In-person meetings follow all CDC-recommended protocols and procedures.*

Pastor is available upon request for: *(call the Church office or Pastor's cell to schedule)*

- ✝ Individual Confession and Absolution
- ✝ Home, hospital or nursing home visits
- ✝ Communion
- ✝ Prayer

Our Communion Policy

As a member of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Family of Christ celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that our Lord Jesus gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words and approach the altar with repentant hearts. Those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith, which is confessed at this altar. For those who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, we request that you refrain from receiving the sacrament. If you desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak first with the Pastor. *For further study, please see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 26:26-29; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34.*