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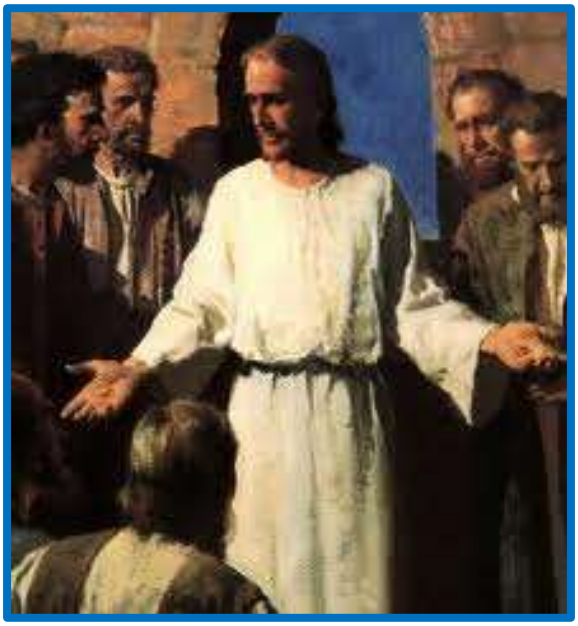


"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

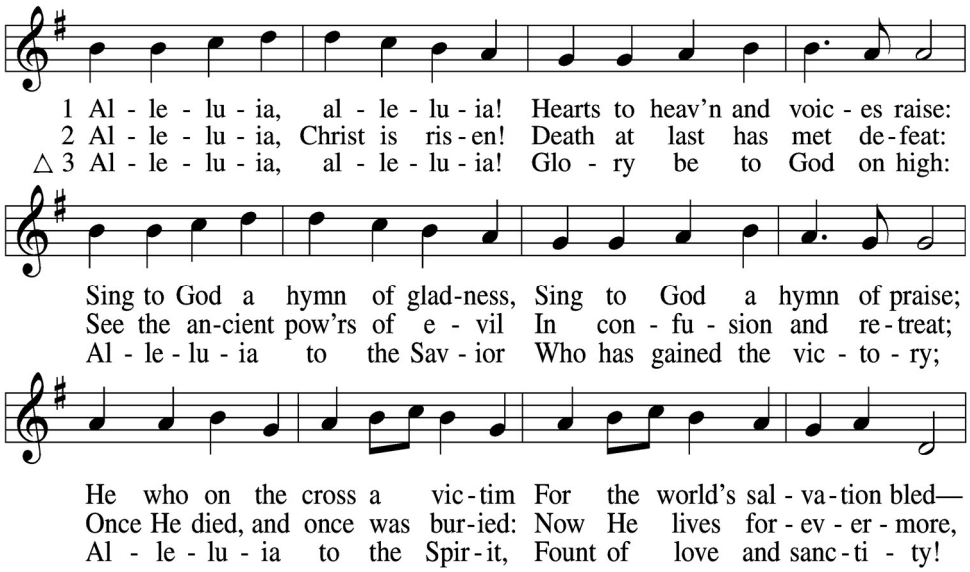
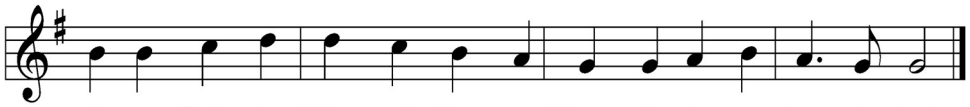
APRIL 18, 2021

PRELUDE ***"I WILL RISE"***

PASTOR'S GREETING

(Congregation stands)

ENTRANCE HYMN **"ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN** ***LSB 477***



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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

Hebrews 10:22; Psalm 124:8; Psalm 32:5

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.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: who made heaven and earth.

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

C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

THE CONFESSION OF SINS

A 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

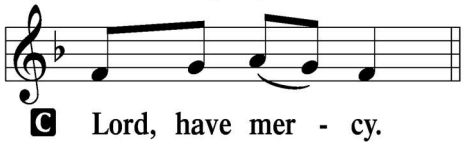
John 20:19-23

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.

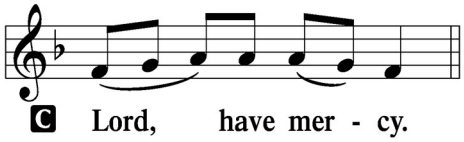
C: Amen.

KYRIE *LSB 152* *Matthew 17:15*

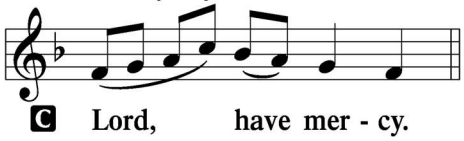
A: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



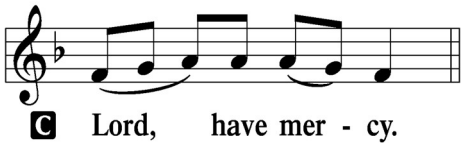
A: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



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.

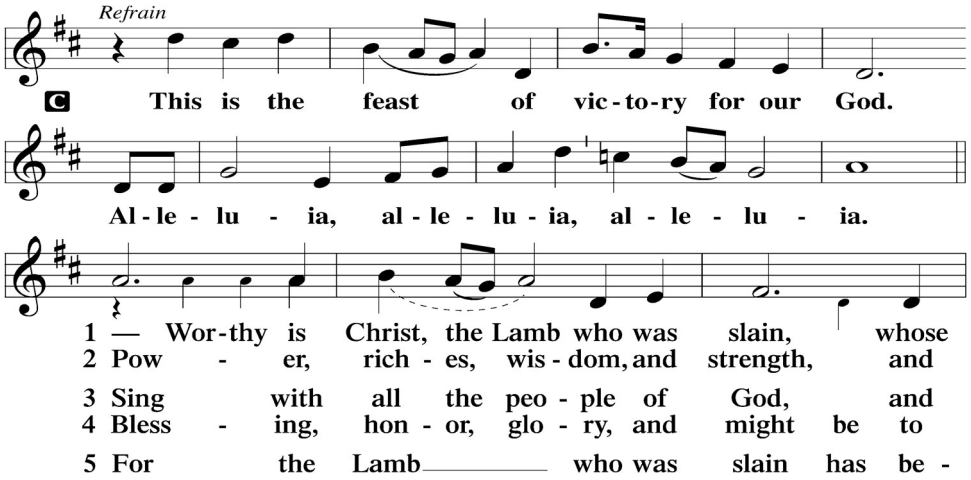


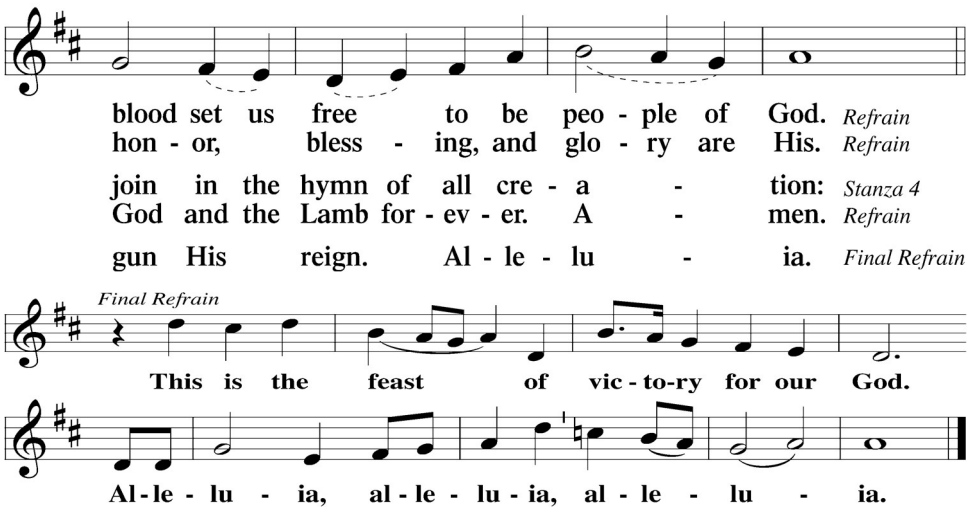
A: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



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, O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; 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 Frist reading is from the Book of Acts 3:11–21

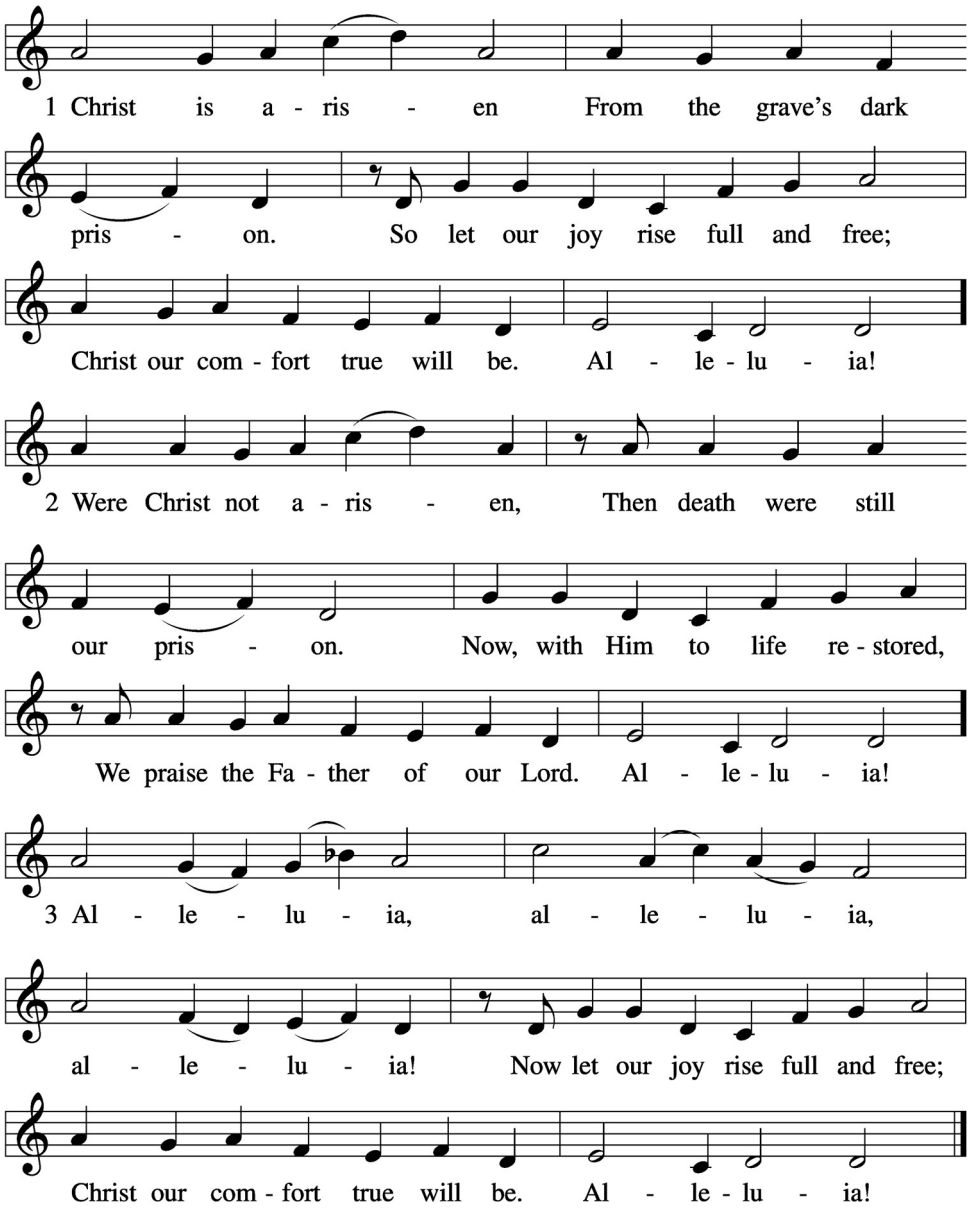
R: While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing

may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY "CHRIST IS ARISEN *LSB 459*

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THE GRADUAL *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

P: Christ has risen from the dead. [God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and honor.

C: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands; He has put all things under his feet.

The Epistle Reading

R: The Epistle reading is from 1 John 3:1-7

R: See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure.

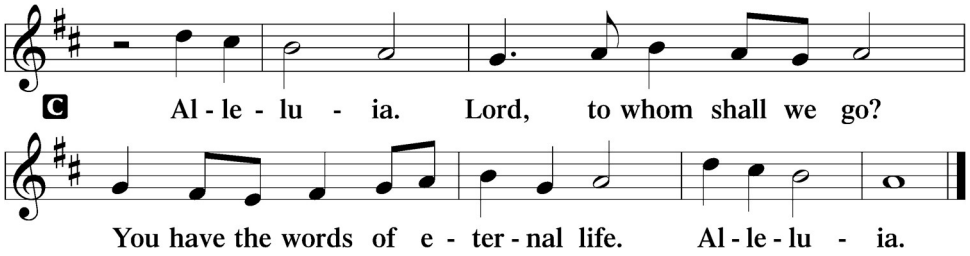
Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

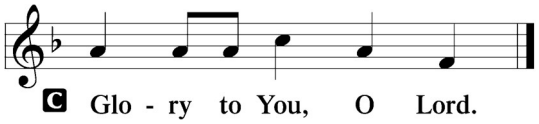
C: Thanks be to God.

(Congregation stands)

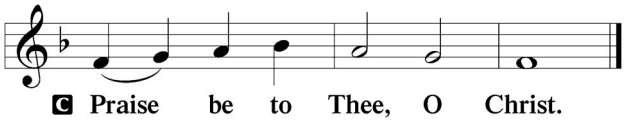
Alleluia and Verse *LSB 173* *John 6:68*



The Holy Gospel

P: A reading of the Holy Gospel according to Luke 24:36-49

P: As they were talking about these things, Jesus - Himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. And He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them.

Then Jesus 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 and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” Then Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, and said to them, “*Thus it is written*, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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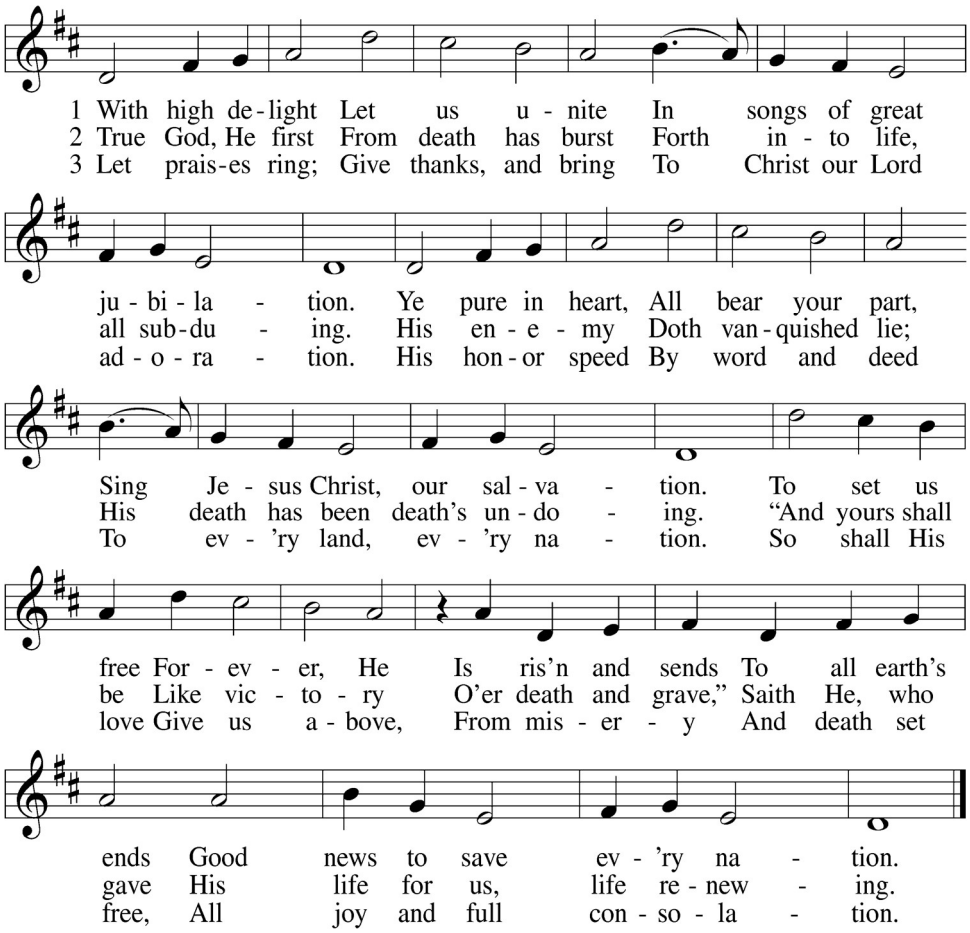
SERMON HYMN WITH HIGH DELIGHT LET US UNITE *LSB 483*

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SERMON

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THE NICENE CREED

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

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

L: Lord God, in Your presence we find fullness of joy, and by Your right hand, Christ Jesus, You win and deliver peace forevermore. In the midst of this world's sins and sorrows, give us peace in the knowledge of His salvation and confident hope in the resurrection of the dead. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Heavenly Father, by the incarnation of Your Son and the reconciliation of His cross, You have made us Your children and gathered us into Your Holy Church. Sustain the preaching of Your Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Give peace, Lord, to our homes and enliven them by Christ's resurrected life. Let the forgiveness of sins reign among husband and wives, parents and children. Assure those who live alone that they, too, are Your children, upheld by Your right hand. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Almighty God, preserve our nation and its leaders, our president, Joseph Biden; our governor, Doug Ducey; and our Congress, Senate and all who make and administer our laws. Preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands and restrain the sins

and deceptions of the lawless, that we may practice righteousness while awaiting the eternal peace promised in Christ's wounds alone. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious Father, as Your Son's wounds brought gladness and peace to the troubled disciples, give Your presence and comfort to those who are ill, battling physical, spiritual and emotion troubles, *especially* _____. Comfort all those who weep at the death of a person they love, *especially* _____, with the blessed joy of Easter morning. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by Your Son's crucifixion all sins have been blotted out. Send us now the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins. *Lord, in Your mercy*,

C: hear our prayer.

L: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

All: Amen.

(Congregation sits)

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY ***"ON EAGLE'S WINGS"***

✝ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✝

(Congregation stands)

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

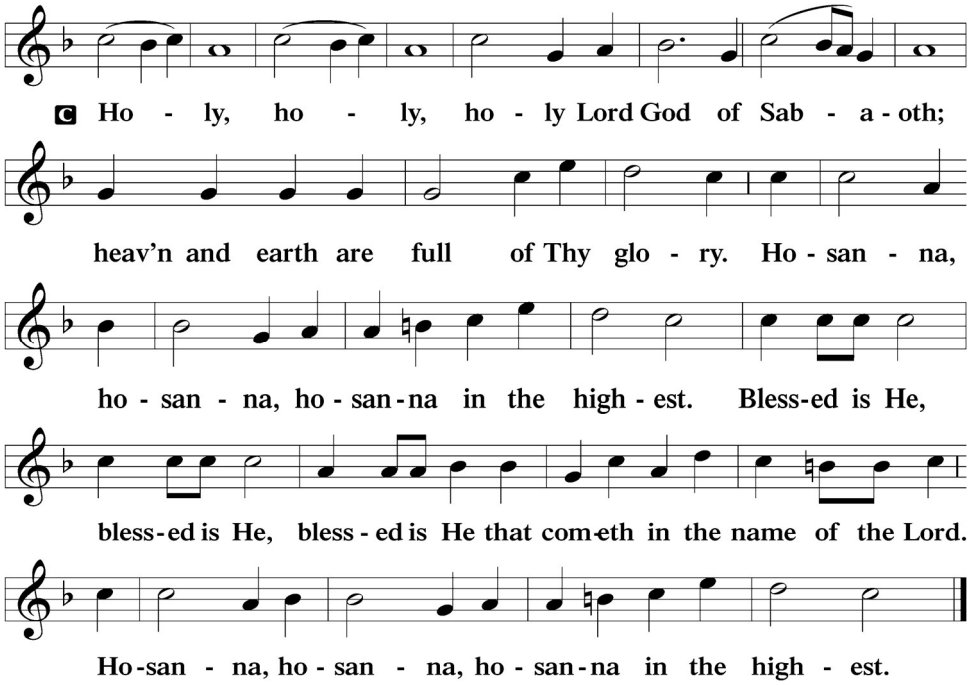
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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:

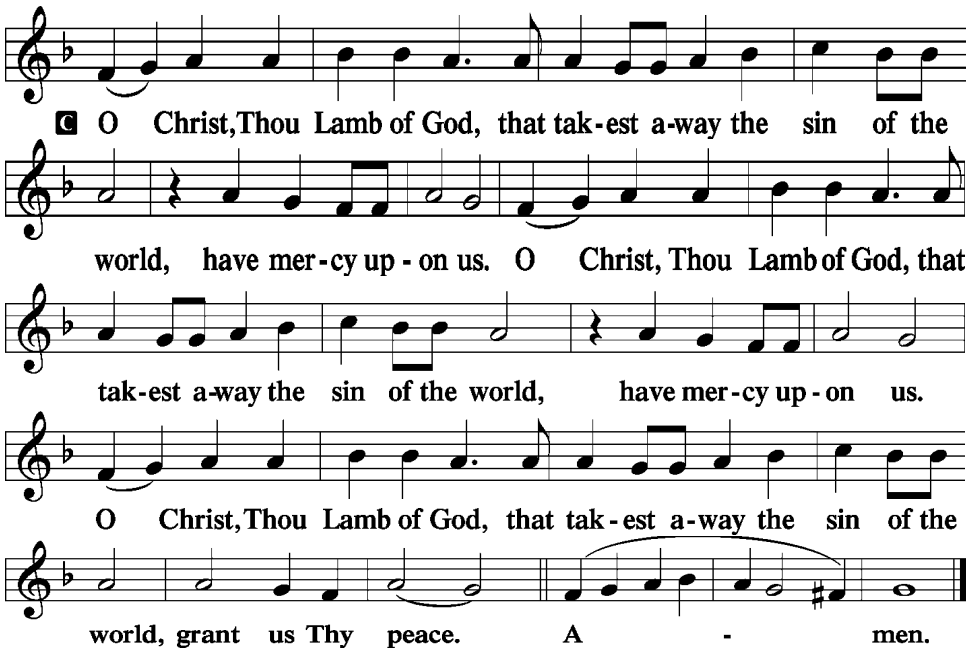
C: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into**

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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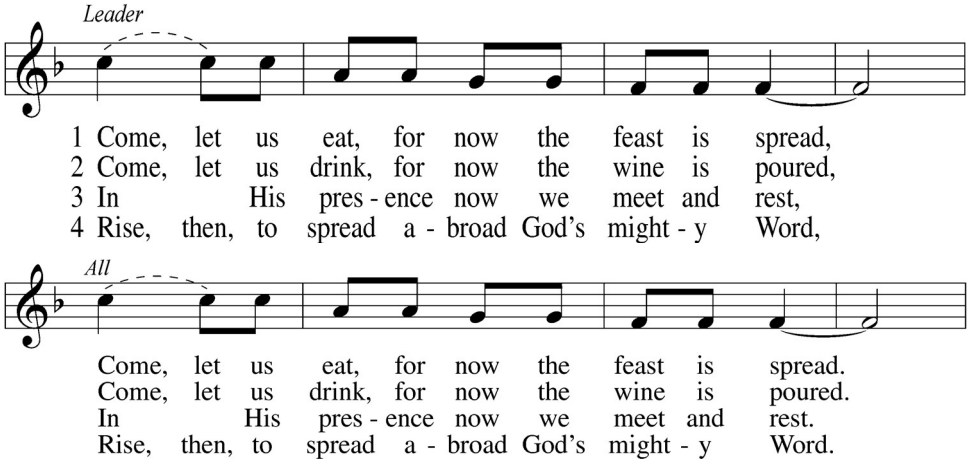
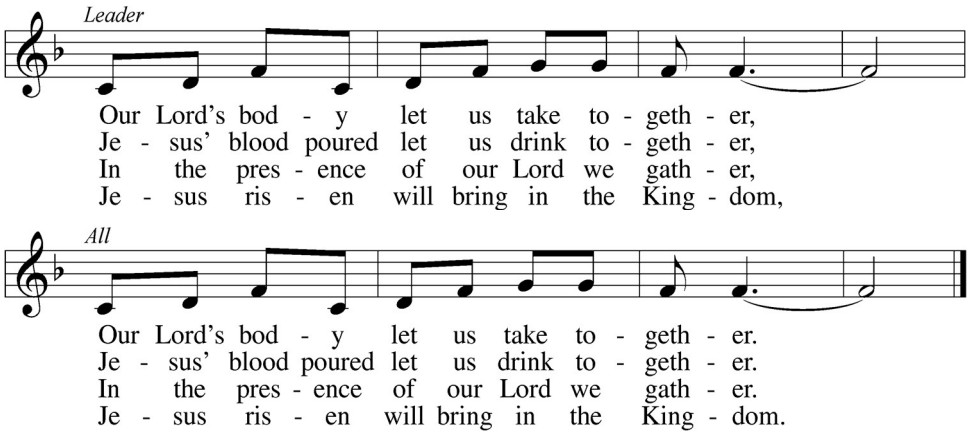
DISTRIBUTION HYMN COME, LET US EAT *LSB 626*



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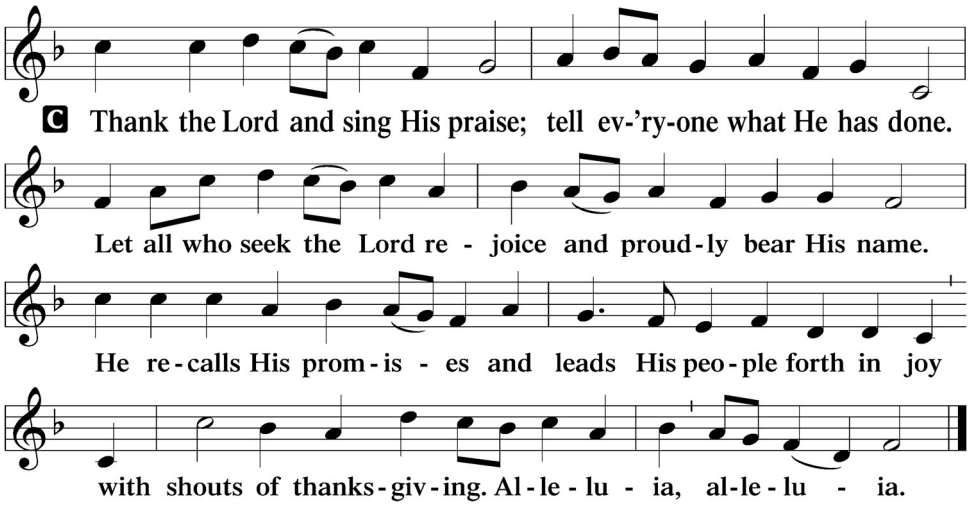
POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *THANK THE LORD* *LSB 164*



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*

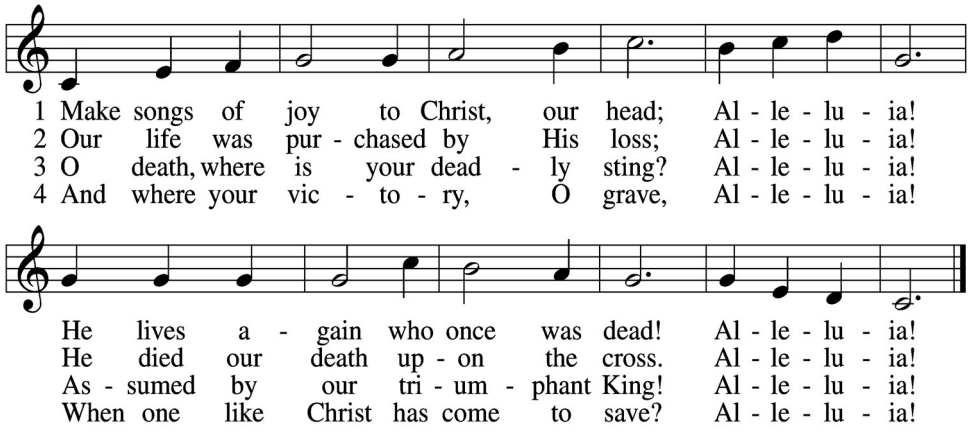
P: Let us bless the Lord.

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 **"MAKE SONGS OF JOY"** ***LSB 484***



5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

Δ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

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POSTLUDE ***"JESUS MESSIAH"***

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This Week at Family of Christ

4/18 – 4/25

Sunday

9:30AM Sunday Divine Worship
11:00AM Bible Study on Large Catechism

Thursday

5:30PM Confirmation Class at the Church

Friday

6:30AM Men's Bible Study in Leviticus

Next Sunday

9:30AM 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.