

EASTER SUNDAY—Celebrating the Resurrection of Our Lord

April 20, 2025

PRAYER OF MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP:

*Early hasten to the tomb, where they lay His breathless clay.
All is solitude and gloom, Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Organ

FESTIVAL PRELUDE: “Easter Processional: Fanfare on Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

Jubilate Bells & Trumpets

~ arr. Jeffrey Honoré

EASTER ACCLAMATION AND WELCOME

OPENING 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!

OPENING PRAYER: *(Easter Collect Martin Luther 1533)*

Leader: Almighty God, who through the death of Your Son has destroyed sin and death and through His resurrection has restored innocence and eternal life that we, being delivered from the power of the devil, may live in Your kingdom,

Leader: Grant that we may believe this truth with our whole heart,
and being firm in faith,
may praise and thank You throughout our lives and through eternity,

**People: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Through Jesus' resurrection from the dead, a new day has dawned. Yet, I admit that like those who came to the tomb that first Easter, I have been slow to understand God's Word. Like the disciples, who when they first heard that Jesus had risen, I too must confess that I have failed to always trust God's promises.

**People: I confess before the Lord,
Who is resurrection and life,
and before all of you who will also return to dust,
that like those who left the graveside trembling and afraid,
I have often sought the living among the dead
and so, I have returned, over and over again,
to the same temptations, addictions and actions
which nailed Jesus to the cross.**

**For Your own name's sake, Lord Jesus,
forgive me my sins.
As You live, give me life.
As You have risen, cause me to rise. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus is alive! The Victory is Won!
This same Jesus who has conquered sin and the grave has called me here to witness to the power and truth of His resurrection. Your forgiveness is certain for sin, death and the devil are defeated because Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465

**Choir only, Stanza 3*



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



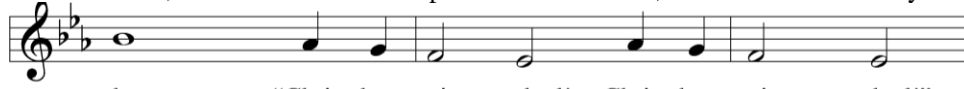
praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



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!

PSALM 150

- L:** Hallelujah!
P: **Praise God in his holy place.**
- L:** Praise him in his mighty heavens.
P: **Praise him for his mighty acts.**
- L:** Praise him for his immense greatness.
P: **Praise him with sounds from horns.**
- L:** Praise him with harps and lyres.
P: **Praise him with tambourines and dancing.**
- L:** Praise him with stringed instruments and flutes.
P: **Praise him with loud cymbals.**
- L:** Praise him with crashing cymbals.
P: **Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!**
Hallelujah! –GW®

SECOND READING: *1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

If Christ is our hope in this life only, we deserve more pity than any other people.

But now Christ has come back from the dead. He is the very first person of those who have died to come back to life. Since a man brought death, a man also brought life back from death. As everyone dies because of Adam, so also everyone will be made alive because of Christ. This will happen to each person in his own turn. Christ is the first, then at his coming, those who belong to him will be made alive. Then the end will come. Christ will hand over the kingdom to God the Father as he destroys every ruler, authority, and power.

Christ must rule until God has put every enemy under his control. The last enemy he will destroy is death. –GW®

HYMN: "Awake! My Heart with Gladness"

LSB 467

**Choir Only, Stanza 3*



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!
6 Now I will cling for - ev - er To Christ, my Sav - ior true;



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.
My Lord will leave me nev - er, What - e'er He pass - es through.



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
He rends death's i - ron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;



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.
He shat - ters hell's grimthrall; I fol - low Him through all.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: "This Joyful Eastertide"

Piano Duet

~arr. Jeffrey Blersch

GOSPEL: *Luke 24:1-12*

Very early on Sunday morning the women went to the tomb. They were carrying the spices that they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb. When they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzled about this, two men in clothes that were as bright as lightning suddenly stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed to the ground.

The men asked the women, "Why are you looking among the dead for the living one? He's not here. He has been brought back to life! Remember what he told you while he was still in Galilee. He said, 'The Son of Man must be handed over to sinful people, be crucified, and

come back to life on the third day.' ” Then the women remembered what Jesus had told them.

The women left the tomb and went back to the city. They told everything to the eleven apostles and all the others. The women were Mary from Magdala, Joanna, and Mary (the mother of James). There were also other women with them. They told the apostles everything.

The apostles thought that the women's story didn't make any sense, and they didn't believe them.

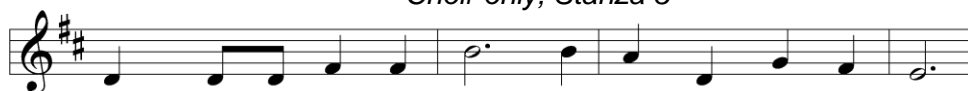
But Peter got up and ran to the tomb. He bent down to look inside and saw only the strips of linen. Then he went away, wondering what had happened. –GW®

HYMN:

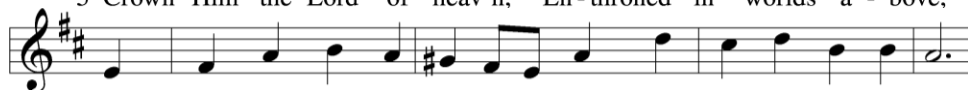
“Crown Him With Many Crowns”

LSB 525

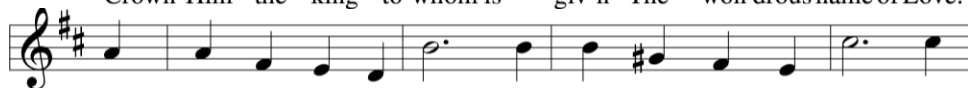
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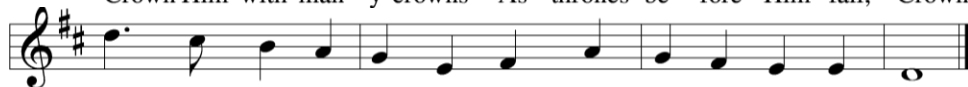
1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
2 Crown Him the vir - gin's Son, The God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown Him the Lord of love. Be - hold His hands and side,
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
Whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won Which now His brow a-dorn:
Rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
Fruit of the mys - tic rose, Yet of that rose the stem, The
No an - gels in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight, But
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, The babe of Beth - le - hem.
down-ward bend their won-d'ring eyes At mys - ter - ies so bright.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Leader: As a Christian your very life is a daily confession that Jesus, Who was crucified for your sin, has risen for your salvation.

(Second Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

People: We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered
under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

Leader: What does this mean?

People: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God,
begotten of the Father from eternity,
and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,
Who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person,
purchased and won me from all sins, from death,
and from the power of the devil;
not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood
and with His innocent suffering and death,
that I may be His own, and live under Him in His kingdom
and serve Him in everlasting righteousness,
innocence, and blessedness,
just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.
This is most certainly true.

OFFERING: *There is a plate in the Narthex for your gifts. If you so desire, TEXT GIVING is available by texting GIVE to 562 210-0463. You can also mail in your gifts to the church office.*

PRAYER:

Leader: O God, You gave Your only Son to suffer death for us, and by His glorious resurrection You delivered us from the power of the grave and promised us eternal life.

People: Make us die to sin every day, Lord.
As we proclaim in our words that Jesus is alive,
may we also bear witness in our deeds that He,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
is alive in us and has taught us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at Bethany in the joyful confession that our Lord gives us His very Body and Blood for the forgiveness of sins in this sacrament. God intends this gift for His children who recognize their sin, trust in Christ as their Savior, desire to live for Him alone and join in this joyful confession.

To prepare for communion you can find prayer prompts on the front page of the burgundy hymnal. Or simply pray: "Dear Lord Jesus, at Your gracious invitation, You invite me to come to You; to eat and drink Your holy body and blood as You Yourself have promised to give in this sacred meal. Forgive me of my sin, through this Your meal of Forgiveness. Let me experience the fullness of Your love, through this Your meal of love. Strengthen my faith, through this meal of Yours that calls for and bestows faith. Empower me to live for You, through this Your meal that promises life everlasting and equips me for daily living as one who has received You and Your gifts. Amen."

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

***For those communing, who so desire, center cups in each tray are alcohol free.
The wafers next to the Christ candle are gluten free;
for those with dietary restrictions, please take a gluten free wafer.***

Today, we will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive Christ's Body and Blood. After receiving the elements, you are invited to return to your seat and continue in meditation, prayer and song.

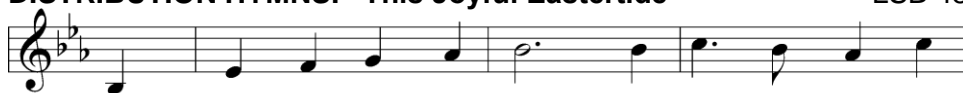
SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Leader: By dying, Christ destroyed our death.
In rising, Christ has restored our life.
In giving us His Spirit, Christ has granted us peace.
The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: "This Joyful Eastertide"

LSB 482



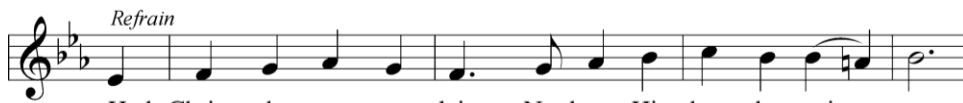
1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
 2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
 riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
 slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
 My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
 Shall wake the dead in num - ber:



Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,



Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -

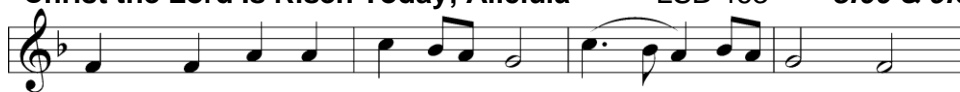


ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB 463

**8:00 & 9:30 am only*



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



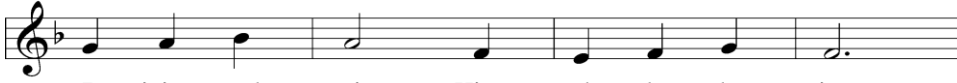
At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 3 The an - gel said: to them, “Do not fear!
 4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en to this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death’s fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



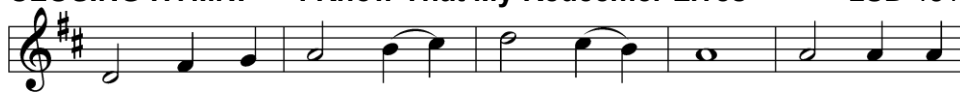
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” LSB 461



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
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
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.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

POSTLUDE:

Organ

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SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:

Acolyte 8:00...Jacob Murdock

Acolyte 9:30...Liam Quitoriano

Lector 8:00...David Akins Lector 9:30...Sheri & Tom Esswein Lector 11:00...Les Friend

Preacher... Pastor Kevin Kritzer

Accompanist...Kevin Bowers

Director of Music & Worship...Noah Freeman

Trumpets...Meghan Turner, Mara Widmann

Timpani...Gabriel "Slam" Nobles

Crucifer 8:00...Tyler DeJongh

Crucifer 9:30...Logan Noble

Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake

Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez

Organ...Robert Bottoms

Trombones...Yosuke Miyoshi, Rich Bullock

Sound...Felix Rivera, Jon Widmann



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Today's Flowers are given to the glory of God:

*~Celebrating 40 years of marriage
For Jeff and Diana Orr~*

~by Diana Orr



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