



**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,

**People:** **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, 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!**

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 23 (read in unison)**

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.-KJV®

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**“This Joyful Eastertide”**

Piano Duet

*~arr. Jeffrey Blersch*

**FIRST READING: I Corinthians 1:18-25; 30**

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;  
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know Him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.-NIV®.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

**MINISTRY OF MUSIC:**

**“The Strife Is O’er”**

Jubilate Bells

*~Matthew Compton*

**GOSPEL: Mark 15:48-16:7**

When the day of rest—a holy day, was over, Mary from Magdala, Mary (the mother of James), and Salome bought spices to go and anoint Jesus.

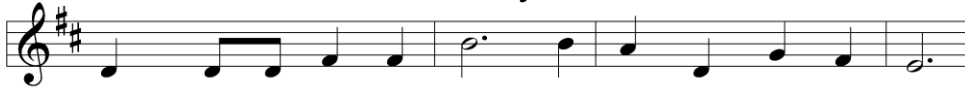
On Sunday they were going to the tomb very early when the sun had just come up. They said to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” When they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away. It was a very large stone. As they went into the tomb, they saw a young man. He was dressed in a white robe and sat on the right side. They were panic-stricken.

The young man said to them, “Don’t panic! You’re looking for Jesus from Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been brought back to life. He’s not here. Look at the place where they laid Him. Go and tell His disciples and Peter that He’s going ahead of them to Galilee. There they will see Him, just as He told them.-GW®

**HYMN: “Crown Him With Many Crowns”**

LSB 525

**Choir only stanza 3**



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: "Easter Fools"**

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

LSB 474

**Choir only stanza 3**



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!

*Refrain*



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/Holy Cross 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 practice the Easter tradition of continuous communion. We will not kneel at the altar, rather we will join the procession of saints and come forward and remain standing as we receive the bread and wine. 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: "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 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!

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”

LSB 463



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!

# "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

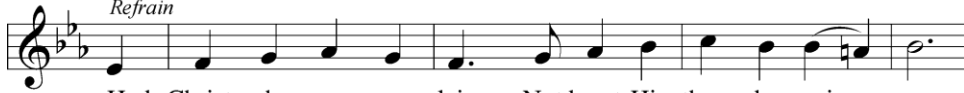


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill  
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



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

*Refrain*



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!

## 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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VRUECHTEN

George Ratcliff Woodward (1894)

Arr. Jason W. Krug (ASCAP)

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"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457

Setting by Cathy Mokelbust (CGB249)

Text: Latin carol, 14<sup>th</sup> cent., sts. 1-3; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4;

tr. *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708, sts. 1-3.

Music: *EASTER HYMN*, *Lyra Davidica*, London, 1708

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"Crown Him with Many Crowns" LSB 525  
Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, sts. 1-3, 5, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4.  
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"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB 463  
Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809-81, alt.  
Tune: Robert Williams, c. 1781-1821; setting: John Roberts, 1822-77  
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This Joyful Eastertide LSB 482  
Text: George R. Woodward, 1848-1934.  
Tune: *Dauids Psalmen*, Amsterdam, 1684; setting: *Worship & Rejoice*, Carol Stream, 2001, alt.  
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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB 461  
Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.  
Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941.  
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**SERVING GOD'S HOUSE TODAY:**

Acolyte 8:00...Daniel Evans	Crucifer 8:00...Benjamin Evans
Acolyte 9:30...Reenie Long	Crucifer 9:30...Jamie Long
Lector 8:00...Ron Svarc	Lector 9:30...John Holmquist
Preacher... Pastor Kevin Kritzer	Liturgist...Pastor Kyle Blake
Accompanist...Kevin Bowers	Children's Message...Kayleigh Lopez
Director of Music & Worship...Noah Freeman	Organ...Robert Bottoms
Trumpets...Meghan Turner, Mara Widmann	Trombones...Ken Black, Rich Bullock
Tuba...Craig Dean	Timpani...Gabriel "Slam" Nobles

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