

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

As We Gather

The stone in front of Jesus' tomb was "very large." It was so large that the women wondered, "Who will roll away the stone for us?" (Mark 16:3b). What are the odds of this small group of women rolling the stone away? Not very good. But that is what they would have said about the resurrection. And yet that morning the stone was already rolled away. For Jesus was alive. No stone could stop him from rising. And no stone will stop our own resurrection at our Savior's return! Today we profess and possess the gifts of Christ's resurrection.

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P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation

Welcome

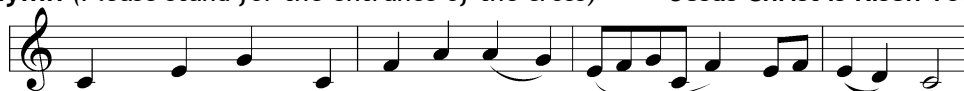
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen! C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Hymn (Please stand for the entrance of the cross)

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

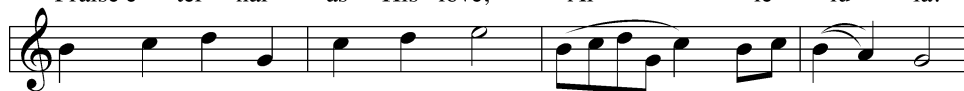
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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



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!

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Easter Call to Worship

1 Corinthians 15:56-57

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: For the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

C: **But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!**

P: For in our baptism God has made us one in Christ, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen!**

Our Confession of Sin & the Announcement of Forgiveness

- P: The transformation of our lives begins by confessing that Jesus Christ has defeated sin and death. Trusting in God's desire to restore us, let us confess our need of His grace.
- C: **We confess, O Lord, that we have not always remembered the new life You have given to us in Jesus. We are trapped in tombs of self-centeredness and have not always sought what pleases You. Roll the stone away from our self-inflicted condition, that we may rise today to new life and faith in You. Amen.**
- P: Jesus carried our sins to the cross, freeing us from the burden of guilt. 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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Go in peace! Christ has set you free!
- C: **Alleluia! Amen!**

Hymn of Praise

"This is the Feast"

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Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al-le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

Gradual

"This is the Day" *(Healey Willan 1880-1968)*

Calvary Chorale

This is the day which the Lord hath made:

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:

for His mercy endureth forever.

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ, our Passover is sacrificed for us:

Let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

New Testament

"For I delivered what I also received"

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

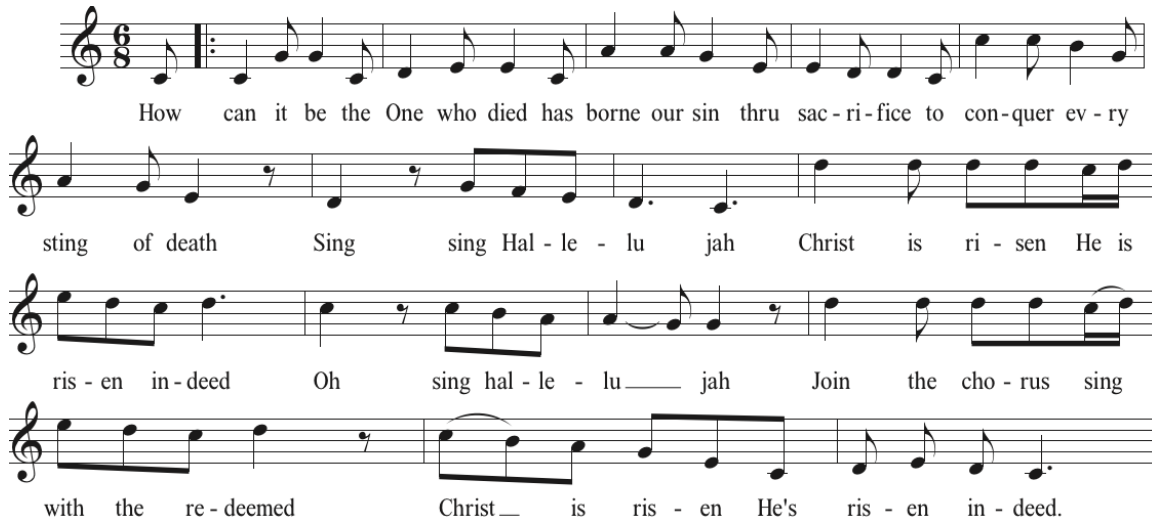
¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Procession & Song *(Please stand)* **“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”** *Getty*
(The Gospel is read from the center of the congregation to symbolize the risen Jesus standing among us with the good news of His victory over death and the grave. He is alive. Alleluia!)



How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev-ry
 sting of death Sing sing Hal-le-lu-jah Christ is ri-sen He is
 ris-en in-deed Oh sing hal-le-lu-jah Join the cho-rus sing
 with the re-deemed Christ is ris-en He's ris-en in-deed.

Holy Gospel **“Unexpected tidings at the tomb”** *Mark 16:1-8*

¹ When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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.” ⁸ 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Gospel Procession & Song

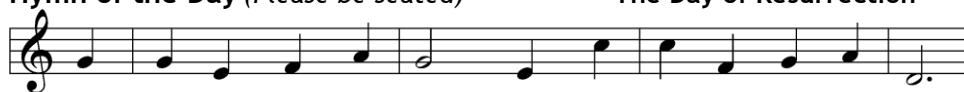
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| <p>1 The power that raised Him from the grave
 Now works in us to powerfully save
 He frees our hearts to live His grace
 Go tell of His goodness</p> | <p>2 Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
 Oh, sing hallelujah
 Join the chorus sing with the redeemed
 Christ is risen, He is risen indeed</p> |
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Prayer

Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

“The Day of Resurrection”

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!

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Announcements

Our Confession of Faith *(Please stand)*

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the Church & Lord's Prayer

- L: Let us pray.
- L: Lord of Grace, bless Your Church with the power it needs to meet the challenges in our world today. May we boldly offer hope and peace in all that we do. This is the day the Lord has made;
- C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L: Lord of healing, watch over all who are in medical need. Supply them Your strength as they continue their journey under Your watchful eye. This is the day the Lord has made;
- C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- L: Lord of life, in Christ You showed how You are able to bring hope and life where there is despair and death. Comfort those who weep over the deaths of loved ones. This is the day the Lord has made;
- C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P: Lord of hope, be with all who are downcast and downtrodden. Lift their eyes to the cross and the empty tomb that you may shine in their lives. Grant them the needed joy for these wearisome days. We especially pray for (...*special petitions*). This is the day the Lord has made;
- C: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**
- P: Teach us, O Lord, to rely fully upon Your Word of promise. All this we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, as we join all our prayers together using the words of the Lord's Prayer.
- All: **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.

✝ Holy Communion ✝

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward ways and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

When invited forward, please line up in front of the communion rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.

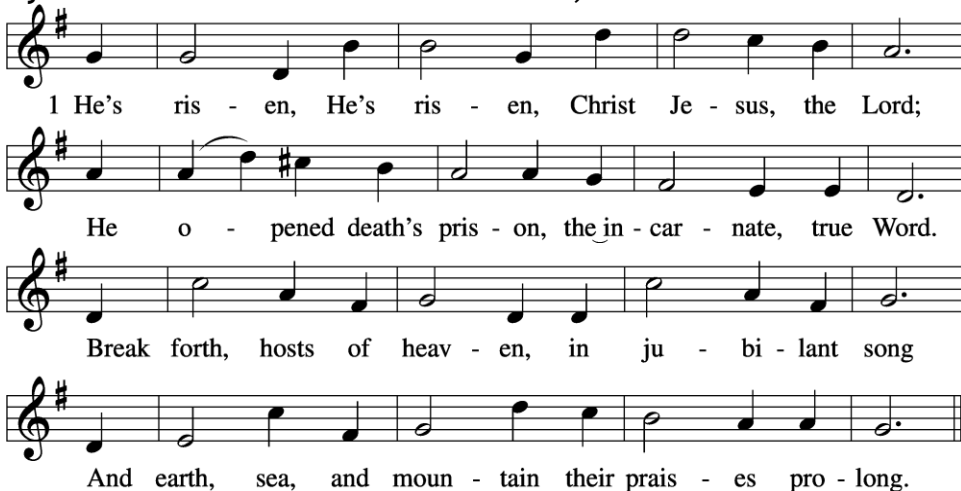
Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.

After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.

Hymn

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

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1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.

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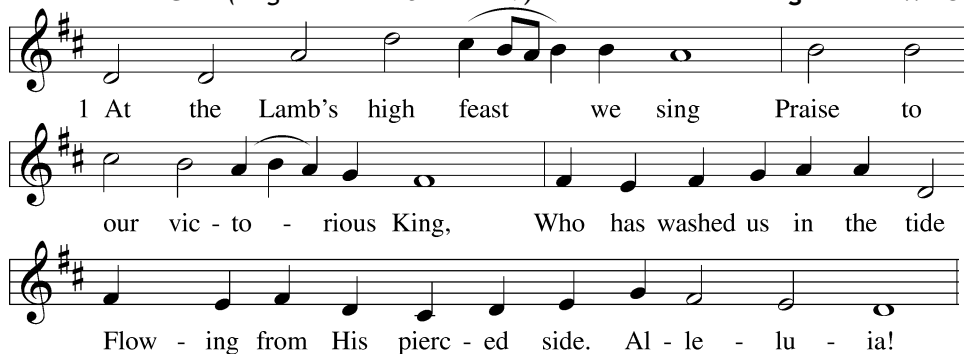
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The Words of Institution

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

C: Amen.

The Lamb of God (“Agnus Dei” - John 1:29) “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” LSB 633



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Communion Distribution *(Please be seated)*

The Lord's Supper is received in **continuous** lines today.

Ushers will guide you forward from the back of the sanctuary in two lines using the center aisle.

Two stations for bread and wine are available with a glass bowl to deposit your individual cups.

If you desire to take a moment for personal prayer, you are welcome to go to the communion rail.

If you do not wish to go to the rail, continue in your line and return to your seat.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the stand at the front of the center aisle.

Special Music “Arisen is Our Blessed Lord” (*Melchior Vulpus 1570-1615*) *Calvary Chorale*

Arisen is our blessed Lord, alleluia!

who comforts all with grace outpoured. Alleluia!

But now that Christ arose from sleep, alleluia!

with praise and thanks our voices leap. Alleluia!

Had He not burst the bonds of hell, alleluia!

the world would bend under death's spell. Alleluia!

Christ has arisen from the grave, alleluia!

this holy day our souls to save. Alleluia!

Let all our joy rise full and free, Alleluia!

Our comfort Christ will ever be. Alleluia!

Hymn

"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!

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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.

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For Prayer & Personal Reflection during Communion Distribution

"And [the young man] 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." Mark 16:6

Why does the young man invite them to inspect the place where they laid him?

Why is God inviting you to investigate for yourself the testimony of the eyewitness of the crucifixion and resurrection?

"And [the women] went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them..." Mark 16:8a

In every circumstance of life, there is a question that hangs over us, 'Do we have fear or do we have faith?' Which one is winning out in your life? Why?

"And [the women] said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid." Mark 16:8b

Where is Jesus inviting you to "work out" the implications of his resurrection for your everyday trust and faith in him? Where is he inviting you to go and tell of your faith?

Post-Communion Hymn *(Please stand)*

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

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Post-Communion Blessing

Easter Affirmation & Blessing

Based on Mark 16:6-7

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
P: Do not be afraid, for the Lord is risen, he is not here.
C: **Go quickly and proclaim the resurrection of Christ to all the world.**
P: The blessing of almighty God: Father, T Son, and Holy Spirit go with you always.
C: **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

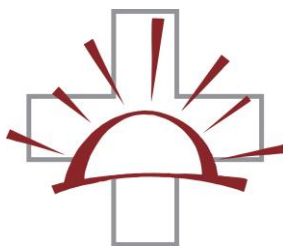
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

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 -
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

Preacher: Pastor Kurt Ebert

Worship Leader: Steve Rensner

Organist: Tony Spelde

Musicians: Calvary Chorale, Calvary Handbells, Paula Honebrink

Acolyte: Jane Bolden

Easter Breakfast Sunday, March 31st from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Please join us for a light breakfast in the gym.

A freewill offering will take place to support our youth attending the senior high mission trip to St. Louis, MO this summer.



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