

salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to live in the startling reality that Christ is alive and with us each day until we join saints and angels around His banquet table; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26; pg. 202

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

CLOSING HYMN — *He's Risen, He's Risen*

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DISMISSAL

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

P Go in peace as you serve our living Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

POST-SERVICE MUSIC — HYMN TO JOY

Noel Rawsthorne

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and giving it to an usher or placing into the offering plate.*

In great love He was slain for us, and by His blood He ransomed us for God. As our substitute, carrying our sin, the Holy Lamb of God received the punishment that we deserved! And as He, Himself, cried out, "It is finished!" (John 19:30). As we marvel at the forgiveness He won for us at Calvary, we also give thanks for the means by which He brings it to us still today. To commune at our altar is to confess the Faith of this congregation and The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod. Therefore, the pastor offers regular instruction in the Christian Faith.

AS WE GATHER

When Isaiah wrote about God's plans in terms of a feast, people may have wondered, "Says who?" The prophecy wasn't clear, and the resurrection of Jesus was still centuries in the future. If the women at the tomb decided to tell someone later, they might not have been believed. But today's Epistle includes a list of those who did hear and see Jesus Himself, including Paul, who had persecuted the church. We are here because untold millions of our brothers and sisters heard God's Word, came to faith, and couldn't keep the news to themselves. Who told you? Whom will you tell? And if anyone asks, "Says who?" invite them to join us in worship to hear for themselves.

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC — *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* (TICFIELD) arr. William Barnett

[The pastor enters, bearing a lit torch, and lights the paschal candle. During the Opening Sentences lights are gradually turned on in the sanctuary throughout.]

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24

P The light of Christ!
C Thanks be to God!

P All of you choirs of angels and saints in heaven before us:
C Rejoice at Christ's victory over death.

P Now, heaven and earth, even all of creation:
C Rejoice, for the eternal darkness has been defeated.

P Rejoice, brothers and sisters in Christ both here and around the world!
C Our Lord has kept all God's promises!

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

P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia!

HYMN — *Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today*

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✠ SERVICE of the WORD ✠

GREETING

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray....O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C Amen. *(Sit)*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

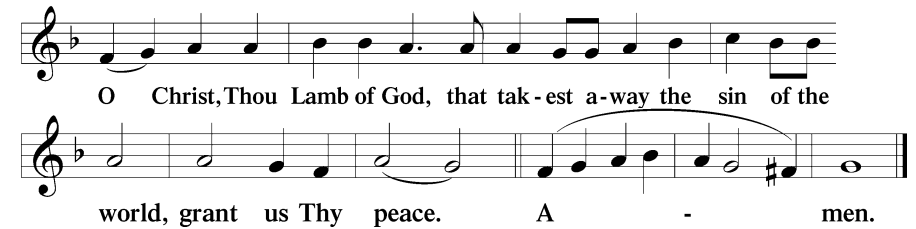
Isaiah 25:6-9

*(When the Lord swallows up death,
it will be like having the best feast ever prepared.)*

⁶On 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.

⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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.



DISTRIBUTION *(Sit)*

Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

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Your Table I Approach

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NUNC DIMITTIS *(Stand) ~ Song of Simeon*

Luke 2:29-32; pg. 199



POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P Let us pray....We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should in every time and place thank and praise You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But today we praise You especially for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He took our sins to the cross and yet arose, destroying death in the process and opening eternal life to us. 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:

HYMN — *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*

sts. 1, 4; # 940

LORD’S PRAYER

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PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

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:

LORD’S PRAYER

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PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29; pg. 198

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us.

⁹It 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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN — *Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious*

ss. 3; # 548

EPISTLE READING

(Paul, persecutor of Christians, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
is one of many people who saw Jesus alive after death.
The news is of primary importance for people of faith.)

L The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

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:

*Left Side: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,
Right Side: that He was buried,*

*Left Side: that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,
Right Side: and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

*Left Side: Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time,
most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.
Right Side: Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.*

L 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,

C **so we preach and so you believed.**

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN — *O Sons and Daughters of the King*

sts. 1, 9; # 570

ALLELUIA and VERSE (Stand)

2 Timothy 1:10b

P Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

C **and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.**

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St John, the 20th chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.'" ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY — *Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands* sts. 1-4; # 458

SERMON "Love that Ends Our Fears" - Mark 16:1-8

OFFERING — *I Know that My Redeemer Lives* Richard Wienhorst

OFFERTORY (Stand) *Psalm 116:12-13; 17-19; pg. 192*



C Cre - ate in me a clean ₄ heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
 tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION — *Oliver Webb* pg. 272

RECEPTION of MEMBERS by PROFESSION OF FAITH *George and Peggy Kiebach*

✠ **SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT** ✠

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- P** The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*



C And with thy spir - it.

- P** Lift up your hearts. *[Colossians 3:1]*



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *[Psalm 136]*



C It is meet and ₅right so to do.