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 - congregation stands.  - congregation sits.  - congregation kneels.
 - congregation sings. Congregation responds in **bold print**.

Prelude 10:30 Handbells: “The Day of Resurrection” - arr. Frances Callahan

 **HYMN:** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” - *LSB #465*

INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;
Death no longer has dominion over Him. *Romans 6:9*

Christ has risen from the dead
God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
He has put all things under His feet. *Matthew 28:7, Hebrews 2:7*

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"

verse 1 - women; verse 2 - men;
verse 3 - women (double verse; no refrain between); verse 4 - men



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



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



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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.
Amen.

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21

Now Peter and John were going up to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a man lame from birth was being carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple that is called the Beautiful Gate to ask alms of those entering the temple. Seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked to receive alms. And Peter directed his gaze at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." And he fixed his attention on them, expecting to receive something from them.

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold, but what I do have I give to you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!" And he took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong. And leaping up he stood and began to walk, and entered the temple with them, walking and leaping and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God, and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, asking for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.

While he clung to Peter and John, all the people, utterly astounded, ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's. 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."

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7

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.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL VERSE "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" - LSB #488



He is a-ris-en! Glo-rious word! Now re-con-ciled is God, my Lord;



The gates of heav'n are o-pen. My Je-sus did tri-um-phat die,



and Sa-tan's ar-rows bro-ken lie, De-stroyed hell's fierc-est wea-pon.



Oh, hear what cheer! Christ vic-to-rious, Ris-ing glo-rious, Life is giv-ing.



He was dead but now is liv - ing!

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 24:36-49

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 he 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 he 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."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

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.

Sunday Children's Lesson Alex Wright - *Director of Christian Education*

HYMN: "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands" - LSB #458, stanzas 1, 4, 5, 7



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands For our of - fens - es
2 It was a strange and dread - ful strife When life and death con -



giv - en; But now at God's right hand He stands And brings us life
tend-ed; The vic - to - ry re - mained with life, The reign of death



from heav-en. There-fore let us joy - ful be And sing to God right
was end-ed. Ho - ly Scrip - ture plain - ly says That death is swal-lowed



thank - ful - ly Loud songs of al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!
up by death, Its sting is lost for - ev - er. Al-le - lu - ia!

5. Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursed tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks the door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us.
Alleluia!
7. Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other!
Alleluia!

SERMON: Sunday: Rev. Dr. James Baneck
Monday: Pastor Joshua Error

Gathering of the Offering 10:30 Handbells - "The Strife is O'er"

PRAYERS

+ SACRAMENT +
(adapted from Divine Service, Setting Two in *Lutheran Service Book*, p. 177)

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

C And al-so 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.

PROPER PREFACE

SANCTUS

C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PAX DOMINI

P The peace of the Lord be with you al-ways.

C A-men.

AGNUS DEI



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of
 pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name
 of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

In accordance with the historic practice of the Christian Church, our congregation practices close communion, meaning that normally our members and members of our sister (LCMS) congregations commune here. Please speak to the pastor about exceptions to this general practice. Please also note that this practice in no way intends to comment on the state of anyone else's faith; we simply understand our communing together as also a public profession of unity in doctrine, which not everyone shares. Those who do not commune here may come forward for a blessing (simply fold your arms over your heart to indicate that you are not communing) or remain in the pew during communion and pray, particularly for visible unity in the Christian Church.

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the individual cups. It is the clear wine in the cups at the center of the tray. Note: If you prefer to receive from the chalice, simply do not take one of the individual cups. The pastor will follow with the chalice.



COMMUNION HYMNS:

"Draw Us to Thee" - LSB #701

10:30 Handbells: "Ode to Joy" - Beethoven, arr. Michael Keller

"This Joyful Eastertide" - LSB #482

"Sing With All the Saints in Glory" - LSB #671

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION
Amen

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!
He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Announcements

HYMN: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" - LSB #477

1. **Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled-
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**
2. **Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**
3. **Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

Postlude *Sinfonia and Chorale* from Cantata No. 4, (Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands) - J. S. Bach

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