

MESSIAH LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are pleased to meet you and have you visit with us today! Please sign our Guest Book located in the church entryway (Narthex) as well as the attendance sheet located in the red folder in each pew. Let us know how we may be of service to you in any way.

- **RESTROOMS** are located in the Narthex.
- **QUIET BAGS** are available in the Narthex for older children. We also offer a children's bulletin for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.
- **QUIET/CALMING ROOM** and changing table is located near the Fellowship Hall (through the accordion doors behind the choir).
- **INVITATION TO COMMUNION** The Sacrament of Holy Communion is offered to all baptized and prepared Christians who believe Christ is truly present with us in this meal, and trusting in the promises of his

Word, “—given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,” intend to grow in faith by the power of the Holy Spirit working through this means of grace toward a more committed life with Jesus and His Church.

- **RECEIVING COMMUNION** Please extend your hand to receive the bread. Wine is offered from the Chalice or from individual cups. Grape juice (center ring, lighter color) is offered for those who choose not to receive wine. After the Communion Assistant follows with the Chalice, place your empty cup in the rack on the communion rail. Children not yet prepared for the Sacrament may come forward for a blessing “that, living in the covenant of their Baptism and in communion with the Church, they may lead godly lives until the day of Jesus Christ.”

- **OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN GROWTH**

Sunday – 9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study: **Studying “Revelation”** in the **Pine Tree House**.

Sunday – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: 4th & 5th Grades in the **Pine Tree House**.

Sunday – 9:15 a.m. Sunday School: 6th – 12th Grades in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesday – 10:00 a.m. Pastor’s Bible Study: **Studying “The Parables of Jesus”** in the **Pine Tree House**.

Tuesday – 6:00 p.m. Pastor’s Men’s Potluck Bible Study in the **Pine Tree House**.



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING FOUR

AS WE GATHER

“Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!” This Paschal Greeting is used by the Church in place of the common “hello!” And for good reason too, for on this day when Christians celebrate the resurrection of Christ Jesus, the common “hello” just doesn’t cut it! This is a new day, with a new hope, and a new beginning! He Lives! Shout “Alleluia!” with all your might!! He lives!!

PRELUDE

Stand

✠PREPARATION FOR EASTER WORSHIP✠

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P This is the day that the Lord has made.

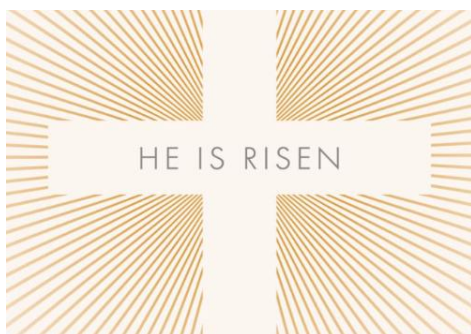
C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P The stone that the builders rejected

C has become the cornerstone. *Psalm 118:24,22*

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



ENTRANCE HYMN

457 - JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN TODAY



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!
 Δ 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!

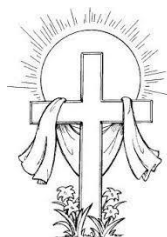


Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



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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✠ CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTIO ✠

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

EXHORTATION

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

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

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

CONFESSION OF SINS

LSB 151

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C 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.

ABSOLUTION

LSB 151

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Please extend the hand of fellowship to your neighbors with the words: “The peace of the Lord.”

+SERVICE OF THE WORD+

HYMN OF JOY

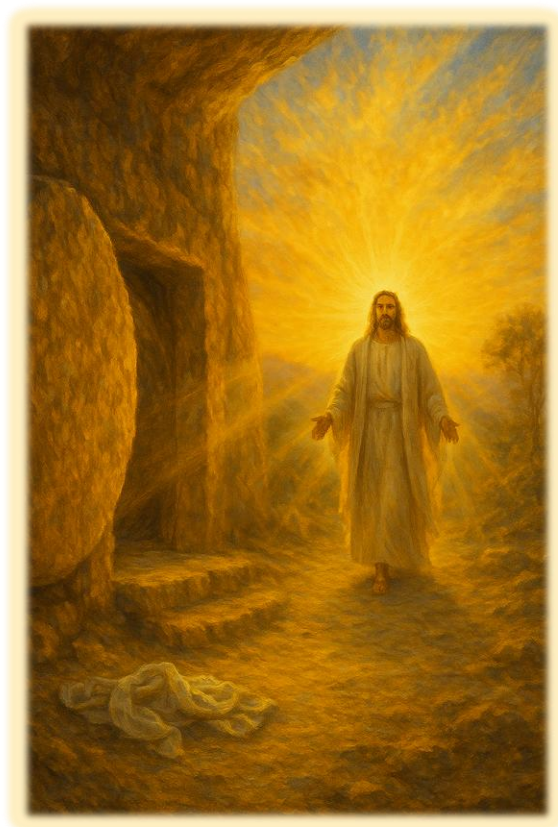
465 - NOW ALL THE VAULT OF HEAVEN RESOUNDS



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings,
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring

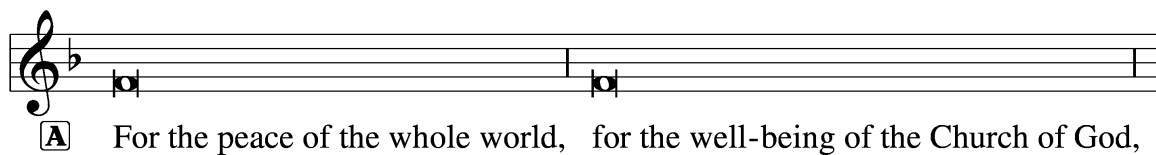
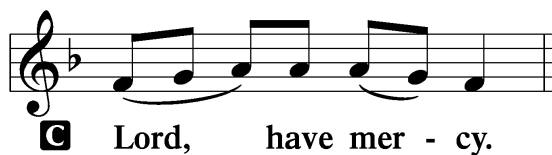
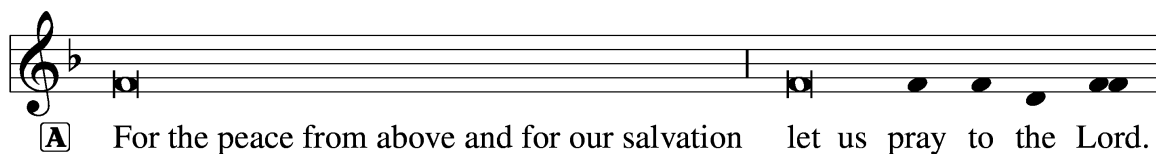
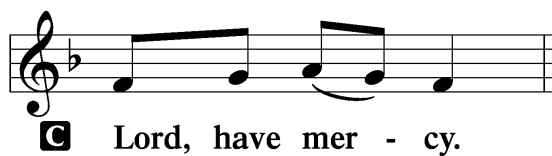
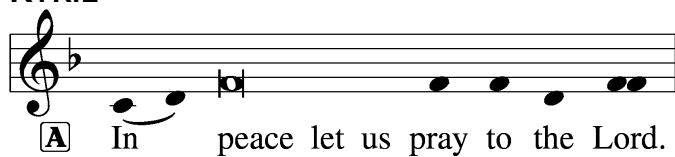
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And

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KYRIE

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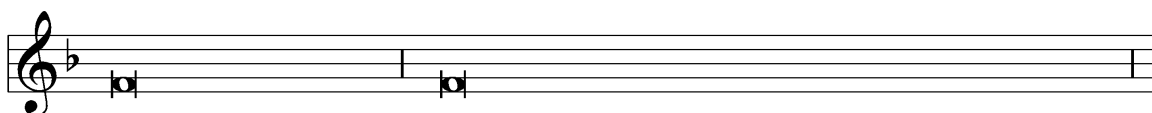




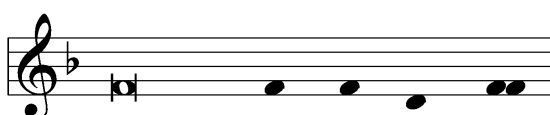
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



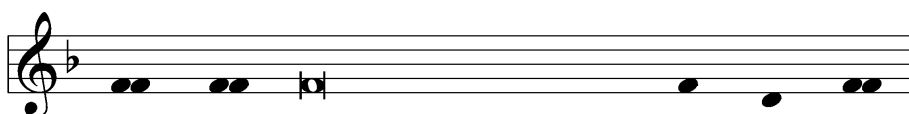
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST

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



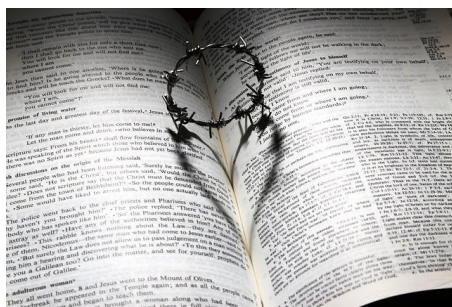
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And al - so with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 65:17–25

¹⁷“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them.

²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear.

²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

16; *ANTIPHON: v.10*

P ¹Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C ²**I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”**

P ³As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

C ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

P ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

C ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

P ⁷I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

C ⁸I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

P ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

C ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

P ¹¹You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

C ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.

MESSIAH SINGERS

“Jubilate! Alleluia!”



EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

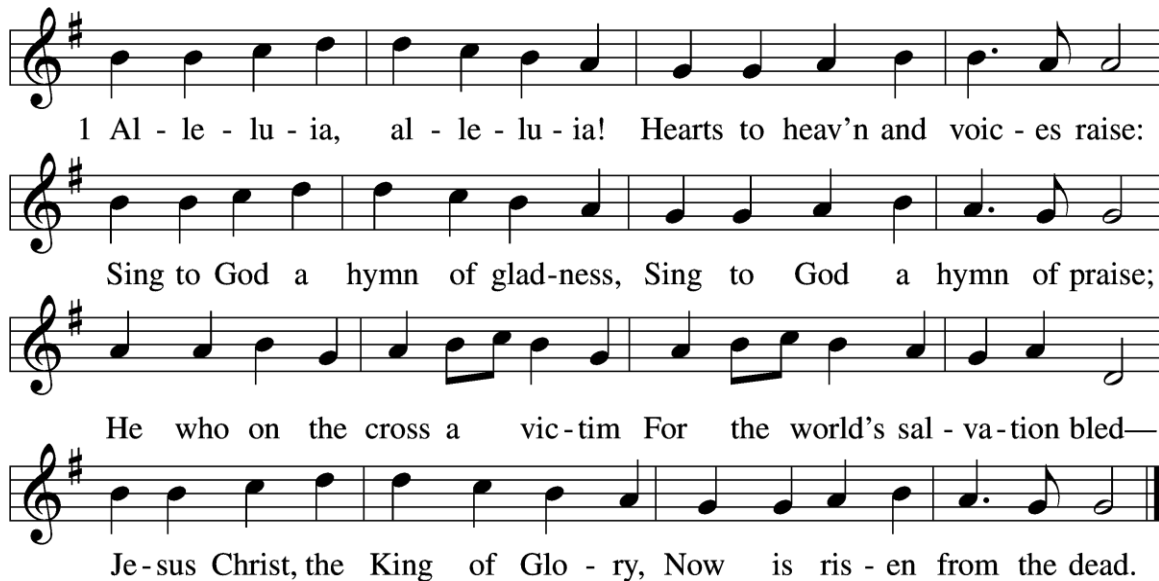
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

477 - ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

ST. 1



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

477 - ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! HEARTS TO HEAVEN

STS. 2-3

2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat;
3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:
See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;
Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!
Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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SERMON

"Making Sense Out of Nonsense" **Reverend Dr. Richard Lohmeyer**

Stand

NICENE CREED

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Almighty God, You kept Your promise and delivered up Your own Son to be our Savior. By His sacrificial death, our sins are forgiven, and by His rising again, we have the hope of everlasting life. Keep us in this holy joy throughout the Easter season and all our daily lives, that we may not fear our enemies nor give in to the temptation of despair in our days of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Be with Matthew, our Synod president; James, our district president; and all our pastors. Keep them faithful to deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Let us hold fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws. Frustrate the forces of evil, and do not let our leaders cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad. Let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Have mercy on the sick and those in any need [especially]. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Give us joy in Your Son's great victory feast as He shares it with us from this altar. In the eating of His true body and the drinking of His precious blood in faith, overcome our sin by His forgiveness and swallow up our death in His life, that we may be glad and rejoice in His salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We praise Your holy name, O Lord, for all Your servants who have departed this life in faith. We pray that You will not abandon us to Sheol but that, when we awake in the resurrection of all flesh, Your presence will give us joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

Stand

OFFERTORY

955 - LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, And fill to the brim our
cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, That we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the
hopes and the dreams of all; U - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with Your pres - ence, and
give us A fore - taste of the feast to come.

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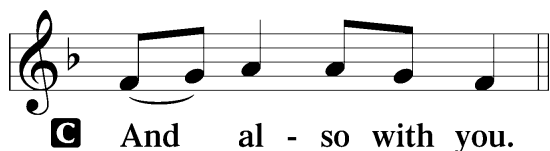


+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

PREFACE

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P The Lord be with you.



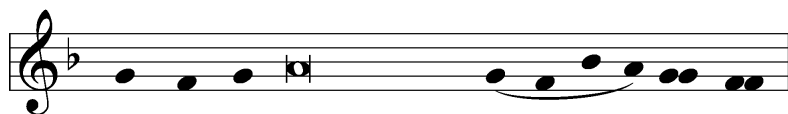
C And al - so with you.



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

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. 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:

SANCTUS

LSB 161



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 161

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C **Amen.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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

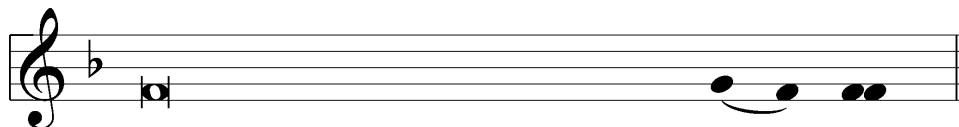
into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

C *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.*

PAX DOMINI

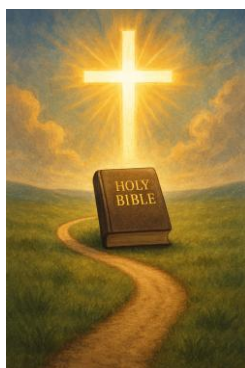
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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

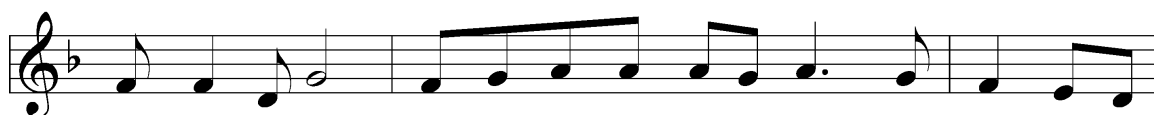


AGNUS DEI

LSB 163



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



Sit

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

633 - AT THE LAMB'S HIGH FEAST WE SING



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
 an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phant go
 vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

Verse 5

**Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce
 pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight,
 You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!**

Verse 6

**Now no more can death appall, Now no
 more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!**

Verse 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!**

Verse 8

**Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by
 whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days:
 Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!**

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461 - I KNOW THAT MY REDEEMER LIVES



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

Verse 5

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to
 wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my
 troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

Verse 6

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives,
 I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

Verse 7

**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and
 I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to
 prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

Verse 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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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

THANK THE LORD

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

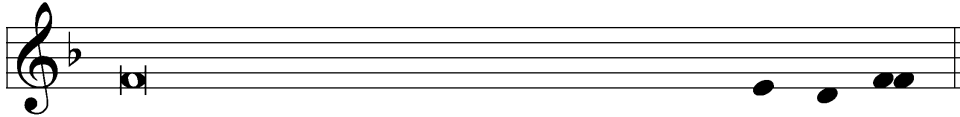
A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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

LSB 166



[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



[C] A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

475 - GOOD CHRISTIAN FRIENDS, REJOICE AND SING



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
 can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

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!

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DISMISSAL

P Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

THIS WEEK AT MESSIAH LUTHERAN

Wednesday	11 – 3	Food Pantry
Thursday	9 – Noon	Quilting Group with Devotions & Lunch

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 5:12-20; Revelation 1:4-18; John 20:19-31

SAINT DAYS, FEAST DAYS, & COMMEMORATIONS THIS WEEK

April 20 - Johannes Bugenhagen - Pastor
 April 21 - Anselm of Canterbury - Theologian
 April 24 - Johann Walter - Kantor
 April 25 - St. Mark - Evangelist

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.”

Hebrews 12:1

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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Mark 16:6

“And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here.” Jesus is risen, but is that Good news? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no

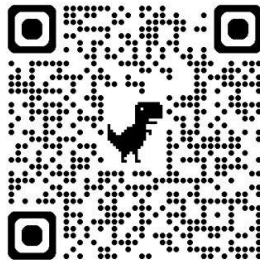
need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well.

The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!

An Invitation for YMCA's Spring Concert:

Come celebrate an evening of music with us at the YMCA on May 12 at 7 p.m. with the Azalea Winds Concert Band!

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