

**THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD**

MARCH 31, 2024

**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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9:00 A.M.

Worship Service

10:30 A.M.

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1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday

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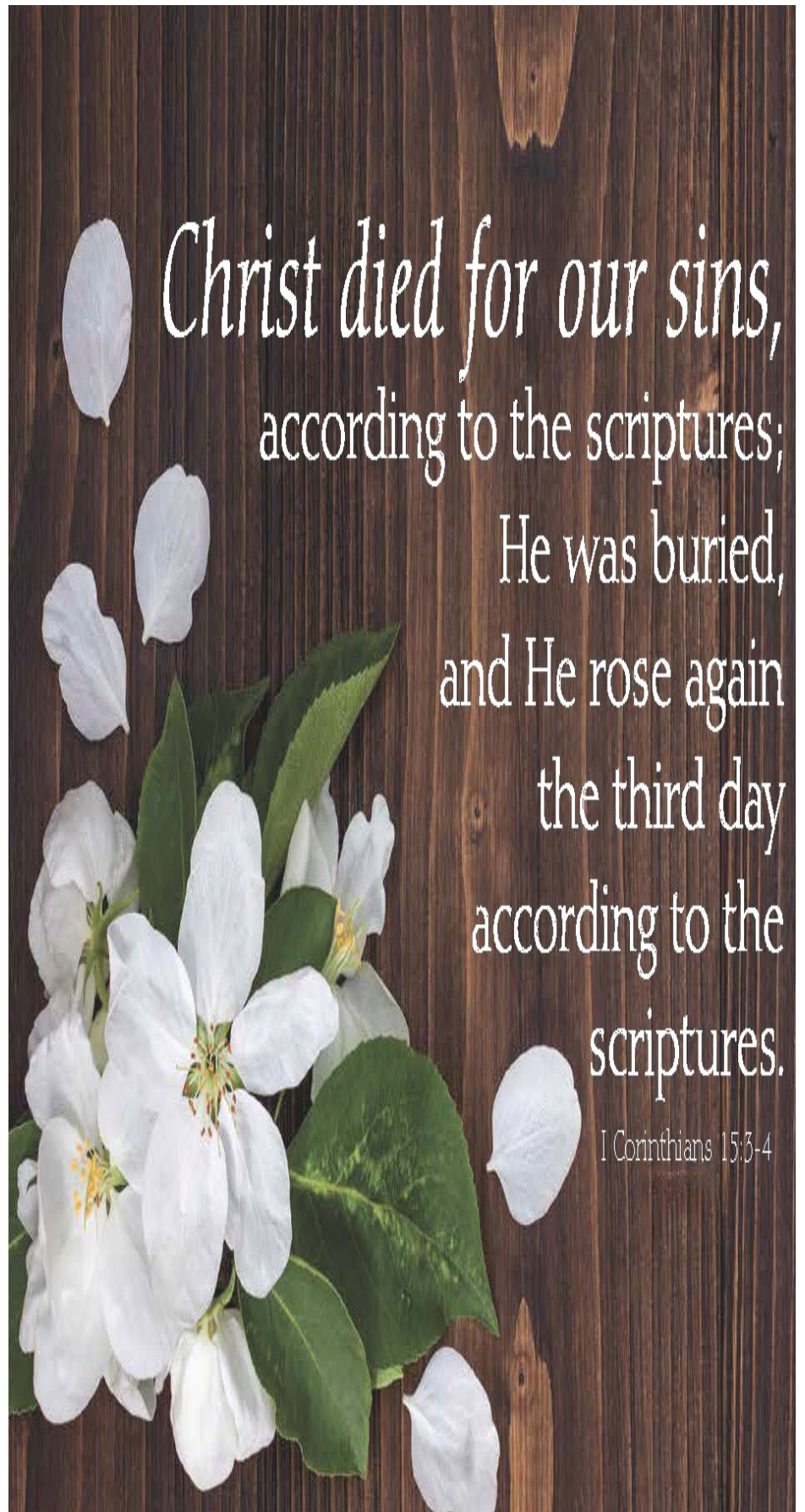
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I Corinthians 15:3-4

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon. We would greatly appreciate it if everyone would fill out an Attendance/Communion card so that we can keep track of our attendance. They are located in the pew racks in front of you.

This week we celebrate Holy Communion. We teach that in the receiving of the Lord's Supper each person receives the real presence of the Body and Blood of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins. If you are not a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and desire to partake of Communion, please ask to speak with Pastor Weber or one of the elders prior to the service.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - O God, for my redemption

You gave Your only begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered me from the power of the enemy. Grant that all my sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day I may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE

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PRELUDE

(A QUIET TIME FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION)

WELCOME

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!

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!

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Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. 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!



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 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!



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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INVOCATION

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

C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT *Psalm 118:1-2,13,21-22,24,26; antiphon, Matthew 28: 6a,7b*

P He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Behold, I have told you.”

C **Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.**

P Let Israel now say, “His mercy endures forever.”

C **You pushed me violently, that I might fall, but the Lord helped me.**

P I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.

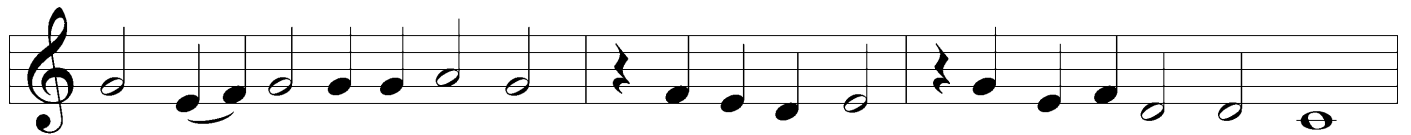
C **The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

P This is the day the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

C **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the house of the Lord.**

P He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Behold, I have told you.”

GLORIA PATRI



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;

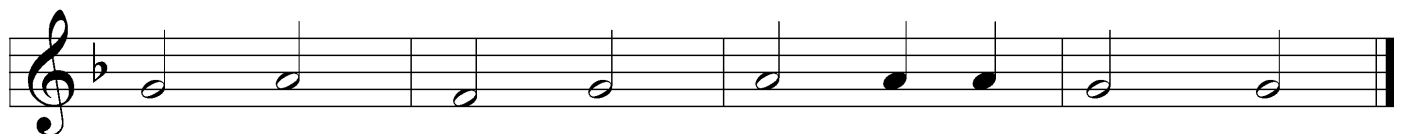


as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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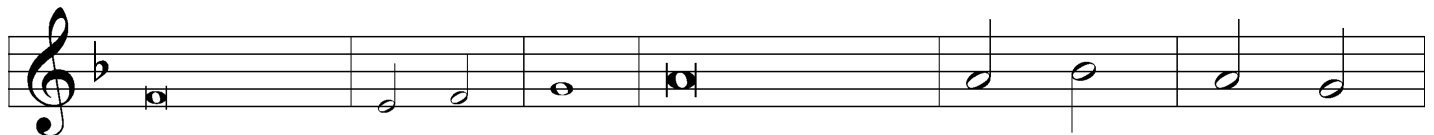


C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

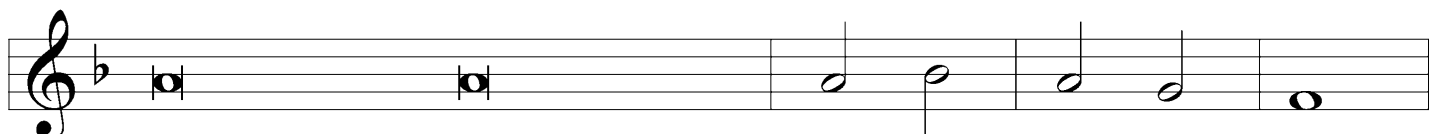
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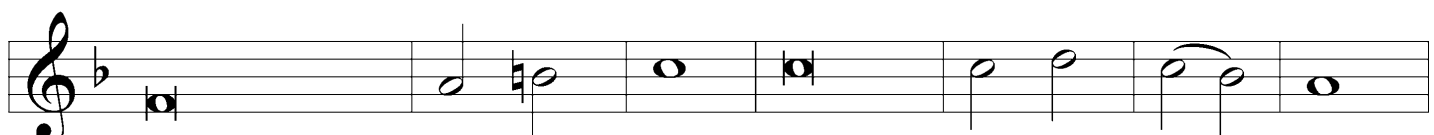
P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward



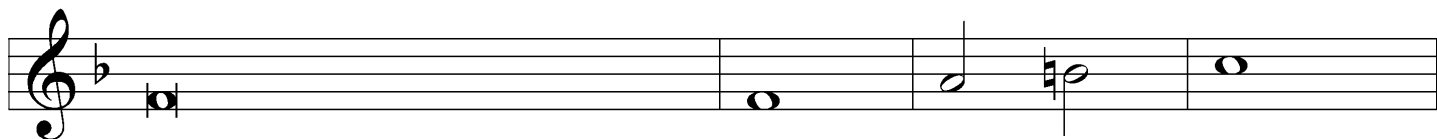
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



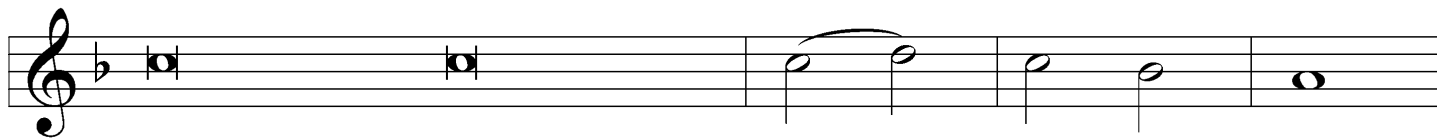
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



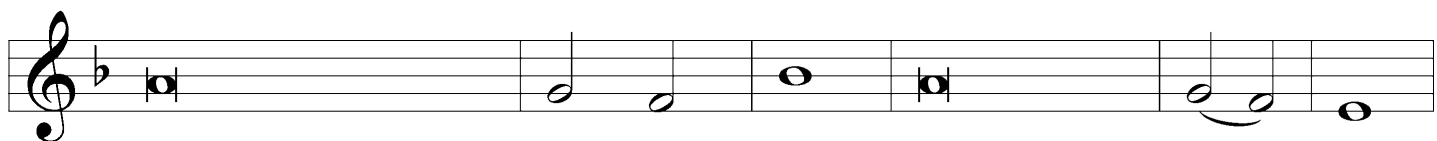
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



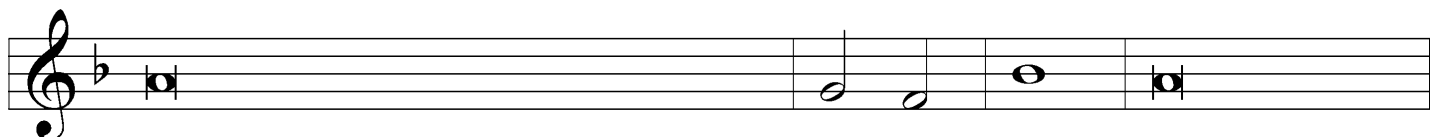
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



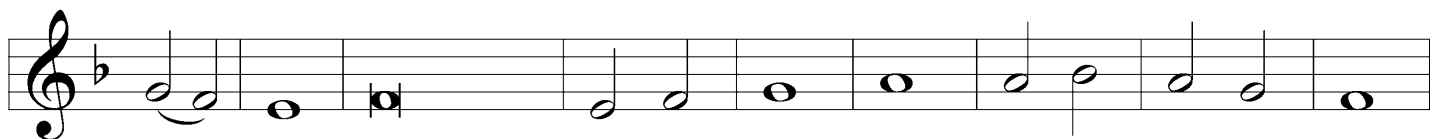
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



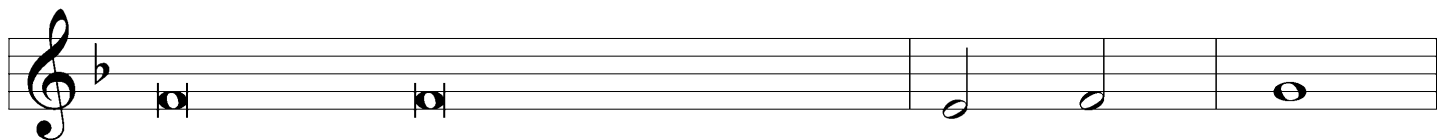
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

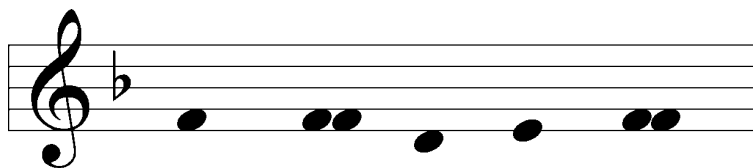


Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



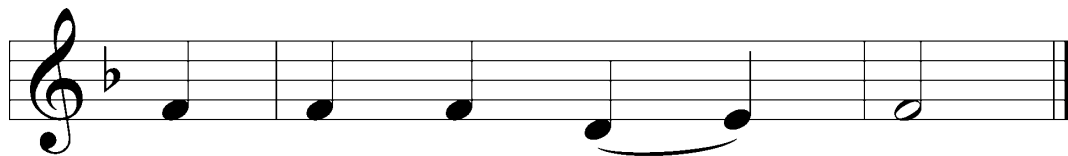
art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

SALUTATION and PRAYER OF THE DAY

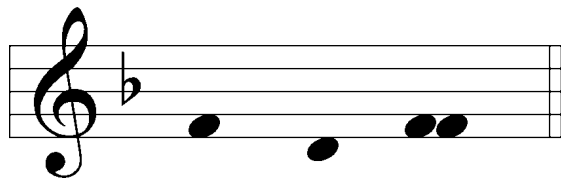


P The Lord be with you.

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C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P 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.



C A - men.

Please sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

6 And in this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all people a feast of choice pieces, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of well-refined wines on the lees. 7 And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for Him; we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C₈ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *Psalm 16*

P Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

C O my soul, you have said to the Lord, “You are my Lord, my goodness is nothing apart from You.”

P As for the saints who are on the earth, “They are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.”

C Their sorrows shall be multiplied who has ten after another god; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names on my lips.

P O Lord, You are the portion of my inheritance and my cup; You maintain my lot.

C The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.

P I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

C I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved.

P Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; my flesh also will rest in hope.

C For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

P You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1–11*

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

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you— unless you believed in vain.

3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and

that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.

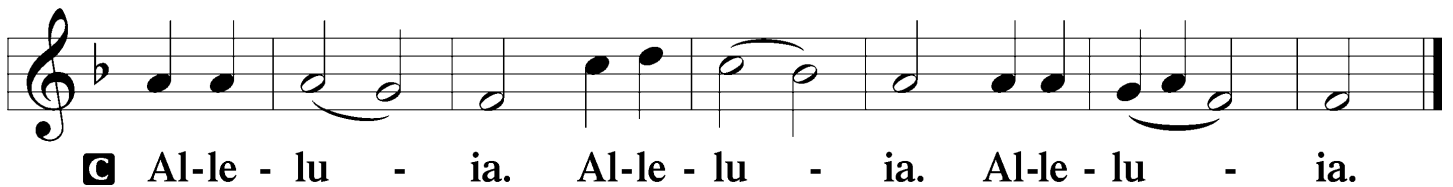
9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

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ALLELUIA

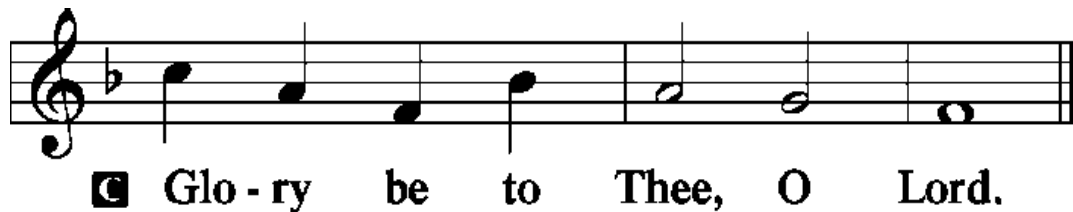


HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

(The women are so shocked by the news of the resurrection that they initially tell no one.)

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



1 Now when the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, that they might come and anoint Him.

2 Very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun had risen. 3 And they said among themselves, “Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb for us?” 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away—for

it was very large. 5 And entering the tomb, they saw a young man clothed in a long white robe sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed.

6 But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is 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 into Galilee; there you will see Him, as He said to you.” 8 So they went out quickly and fled from the tomb, for they trembled and were amazed. And they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



P Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

NICENE CREED

All: *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.

Please sit

HYMN OF THE DAY

He's Risen, He's Risen

LSB 480



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
△ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

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SERMON

“Hold fast to the Gospel of Jesus’ death and resurrection!”

(1 Corinthians 15:2)

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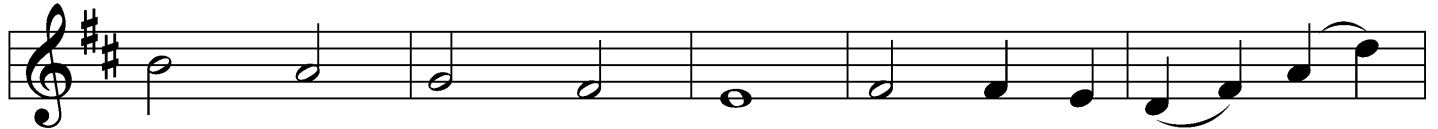
OFFERTORY

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 vs.1-4



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.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

"Peace be with you"

[through use of American Sign Language]

BAPTISM of Elaina Brielle Huerta

(Godparents: Anthony Huerta & Elexis Renee Huerta)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.

For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His

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resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [especially . . .], and all others we name in our hearts [silence], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, [especially . . .], that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

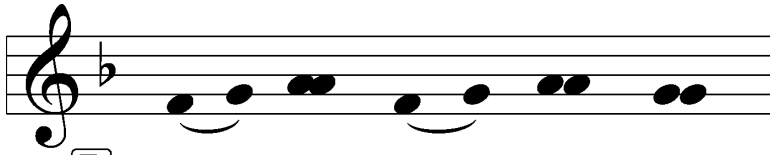
C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

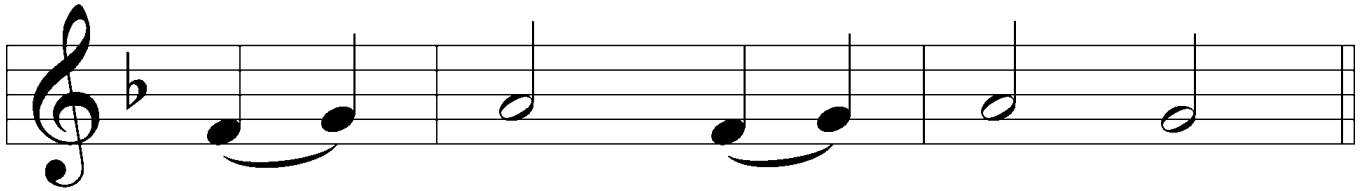
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

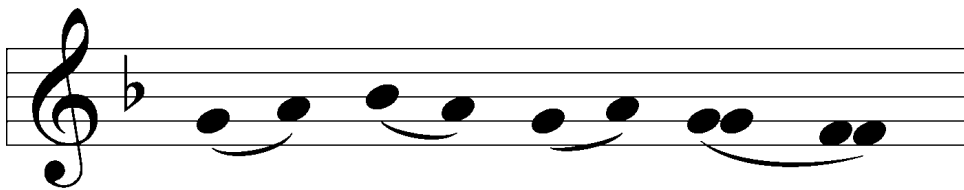
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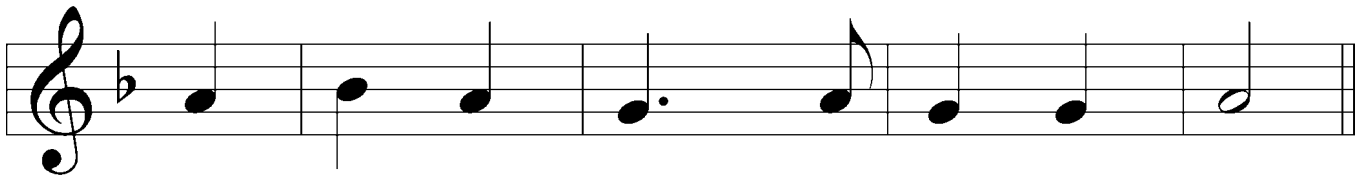
P The Lord be with you.



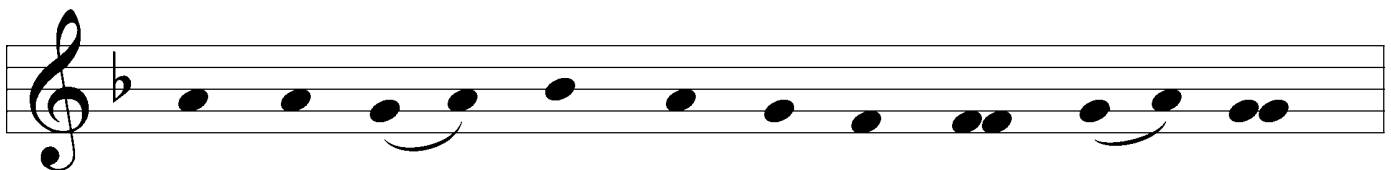
C And with thy spir - it.



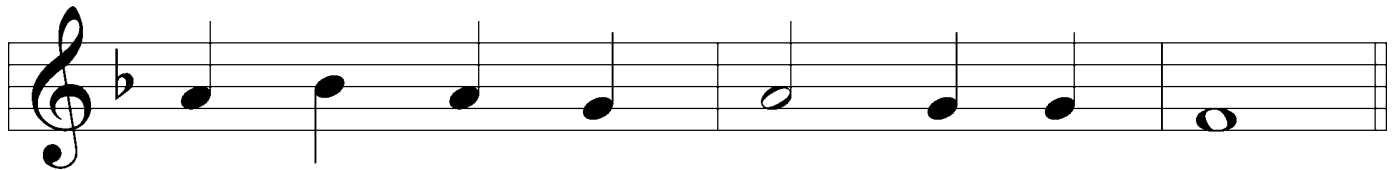
P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

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

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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



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

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.

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the
 glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

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 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 blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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

C A - men.

AGNUS DEI

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.
 O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the
 world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Please sit

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SILENT PRAYER before COMMUNING

Heavenly Father, in my Holy Baptism you have called me to be Your own possession. Prepare my heart to receive the most holy body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of all my sins. Strengthen my faith, increase my love and hope, and assure me a place at Your heavenly table, where I will eat eternal manna and drink of the river of the water of life freely, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN *At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing* **LSB 633**

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!

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!

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!

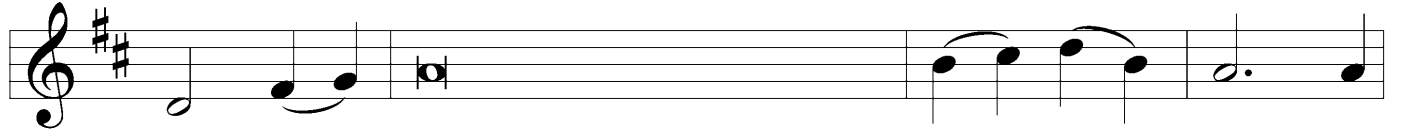
7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
 This alone can sin destroy;
 From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
 Newborn souls in You to be.
 Alleluia!

△ 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!

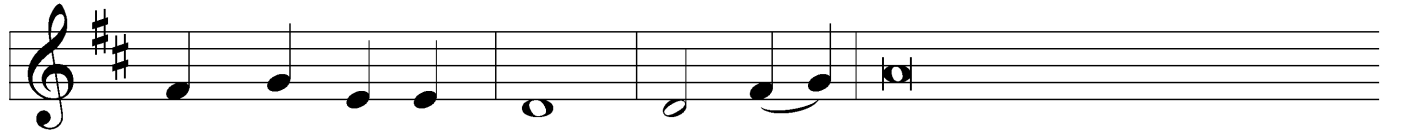
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Please stand

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C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and



to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

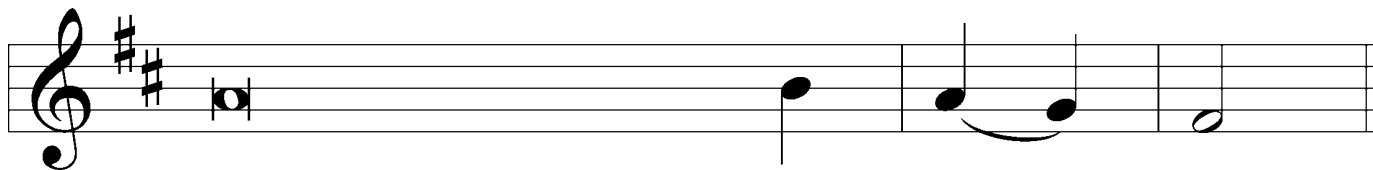


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

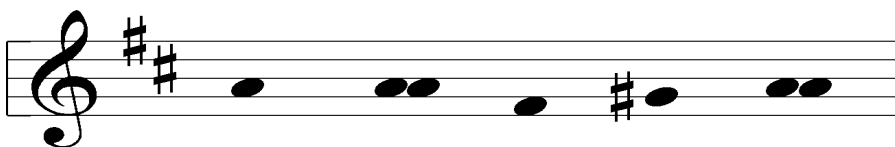


C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

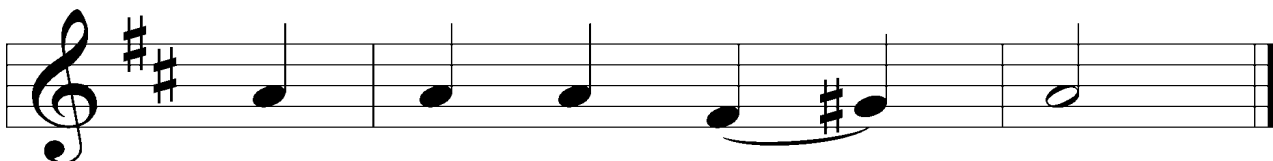
P Let us pray. We give thanks, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, that You have refreshed us through this gift of life, forgiveness, and salvation. Strengthen us by this Sacrament to announce this gracious Good News so that many may join us at the Lamb's high feast; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



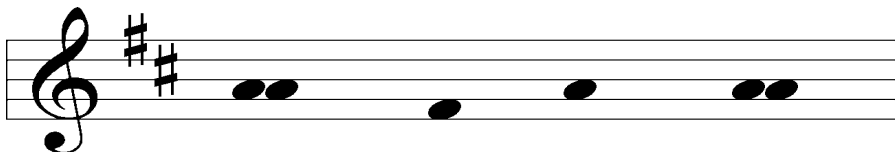
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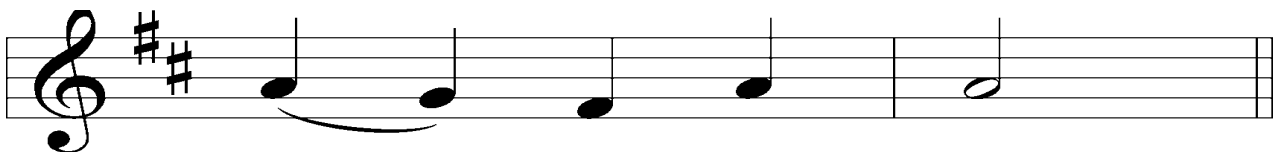
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.

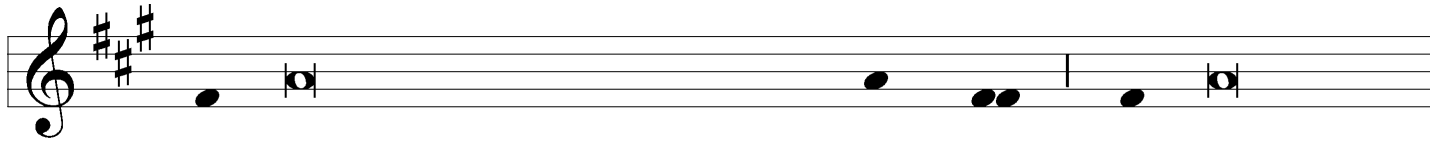


A Bless we the Lord.

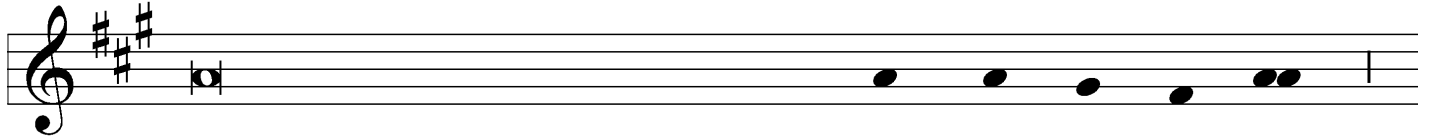


C Thanks be to God.

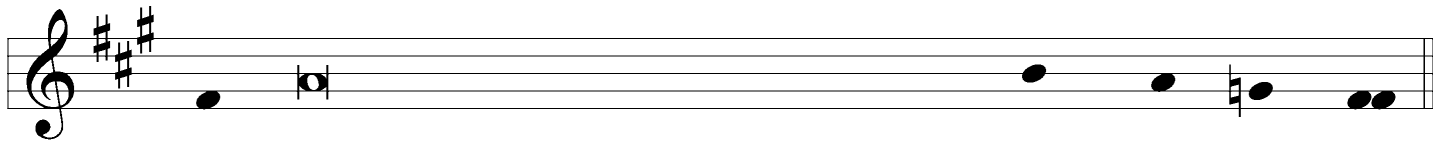
BENEDICTION



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



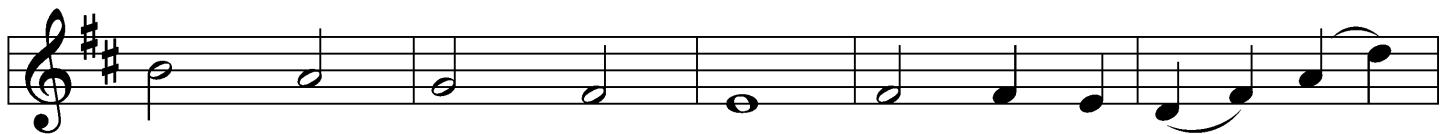
C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Please sit

SENDING HYMN *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* LSB 461, vs. 5-8



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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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.**

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Portals of Prayer for April to June 2024 are available in the Narthex or office.

Join us for **Sunday School and Bible Study**
at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
Rev. Weber is leading the class.

April's Activities

Youth Confirmation Class
Thursdays @ 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
(starting April 18th)

LWML Spring Rally- RGV Zone
April 6, 2024

St. Paul Lutheran, McAllen, TX
(Corner of Pecan and 2nd [Nikki Rowe])

10:30 Registration begins
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Lunch and Refreshments will be provided
(see flyer on door for further notice on Ingathering items needed)

Rev. Goetz will be leading worship and Bible Class on
April 7th and 14th.

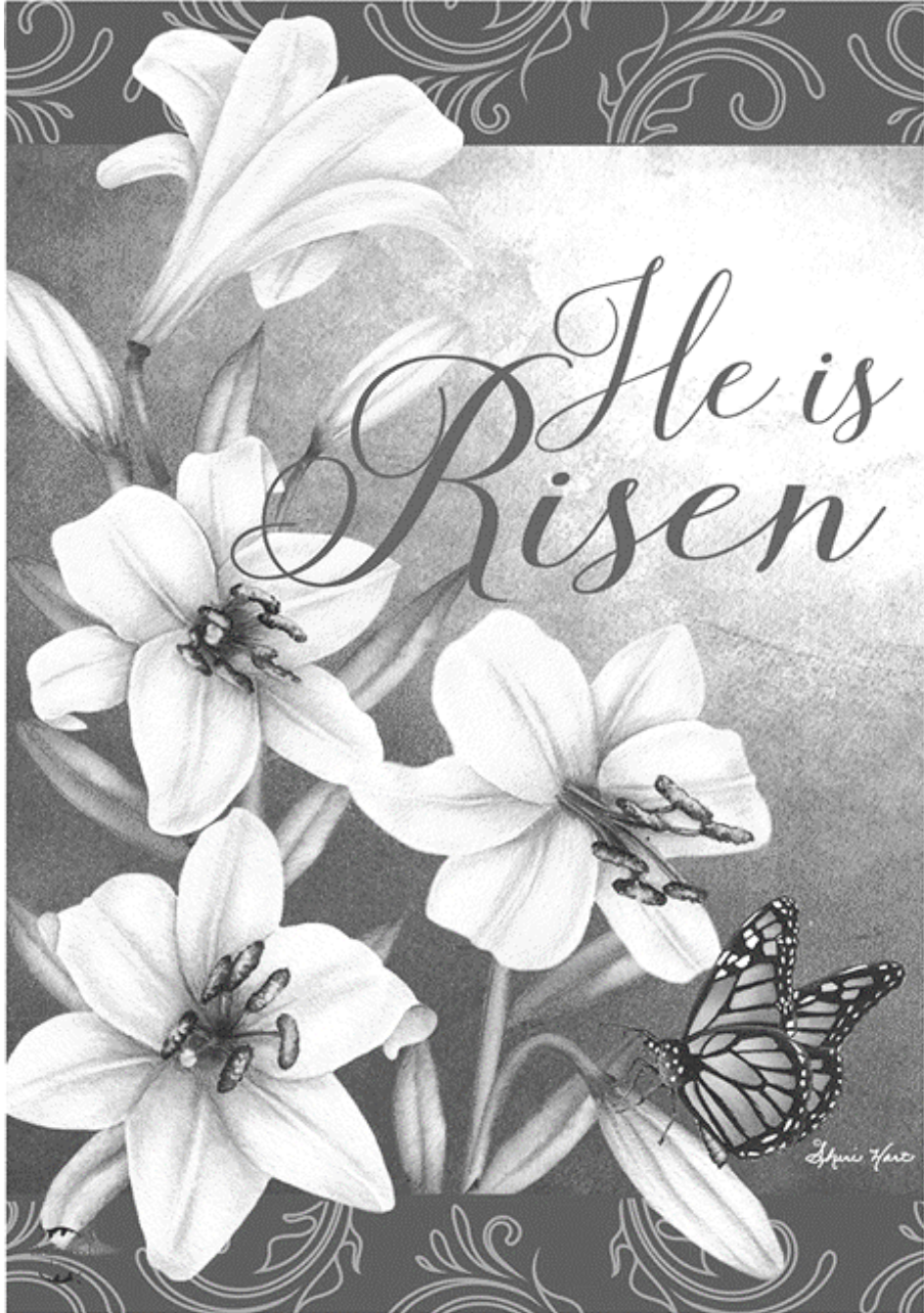
For pastoral care, you may call him @ 320-533-0756.

Thank you Rev. Goetz and Karen!

Memory Verse Challenge

This week's memory verse: ***1 Corinthians 15:55***

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?



***Second Sunday of Easter
Readings:***

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 148
1 John 1:1-22
John 20:19-31

3/24/2024

Sunday Worship	83	
Plate:		\$ 352.00
Envelopes:		\$ 1,658.00
Envelopes-Other: School		\$ 50.00
Donations: Bunk Beds		\$ 20.00
	Total:	\$ 2,080.00
Bible Class:	33	\$ 25.00

3/20/2024

Mid-week 6 Lent Service	29	
Plate:		\$ 148.00
Envelopes:		\$ 115.00
	Total:	\$ 263.00

The Risen Christ Has Swallowed Up Death Forever!

The entire fallen world is veiled in a funeral shroud “that is spread over all nations” and “cast over all peoples” (Is. 25:7). But the Lord of hosts, in the Person of the incarnate Son, Jesus Christ, has removed that terrible pall and swallowed up death forever. By submitting Himself to death, He burst it apart from the inside out. Now He wipes away all tears from our faces, and He invites us to “be glad and rejoice in his salvation” (Is. 25:9). His body and His blood, crucified and risen, are given and poured out for us as a feast “of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined” (Is. 25:6). We enter that feast through Holy Baptism, whereby our old man is buried with Jesus Christ, and we are raised up in Him, “dressed in a white robe” of His perfect righteousness (Mark 16:5). What St. Paul and the other apostles received “by the grace of God” is also “delivered to you” by the preaching of Christ, “in which you stand, and by which you are being saved” (1 Cor. 15:1–11).

Bi-Weekly Church Activity Schedule		
	March Sunday Servants:	April Sunday Servants:
Elder:	Dan Wehling	Ken Eilers
Altar Guild:	S Wehling/Rose Cisneros/ Perez	Same Group from March
Music:	Doris Pickering	
This Week	<i>The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday</i>	
Usher:	Don Vogel	
Sunday:	Holy Communion Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am
Next Week	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
Usher:	Earl Neuhaus	
Sunday:	Worship Service	9:00 am
	Sunday School & Adult Bible Study	10:30 am