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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

EASTER SUNDAY

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Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In Word and Feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRELUDE: *"Messiah Aria" – Handel; Gail Glifort, flute; Erin Hodge, piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN: *LBW 128 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"*



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!

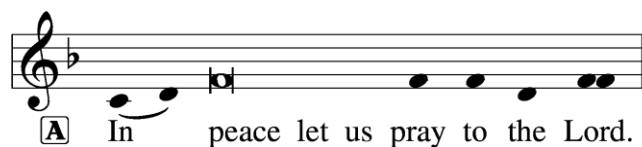
Chris-tians, has-ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
 God and sin-ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All your grate-ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!

Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
 When con-tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!

At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

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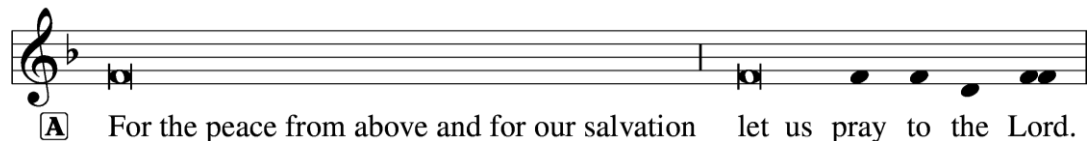
KYRIE:



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



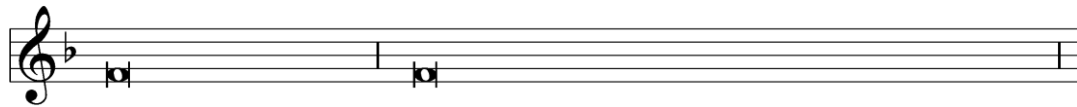
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



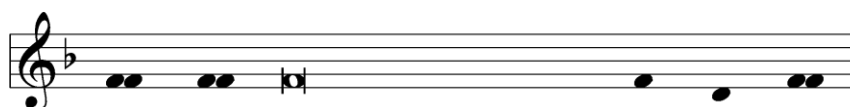
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



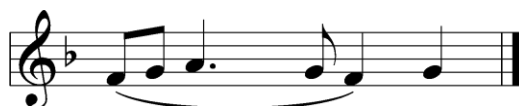
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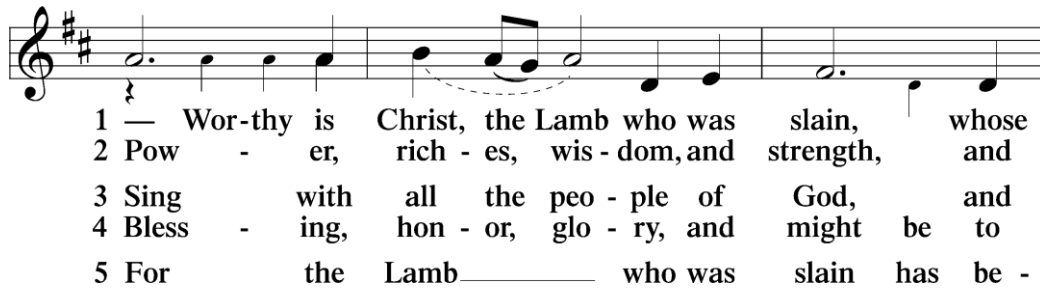
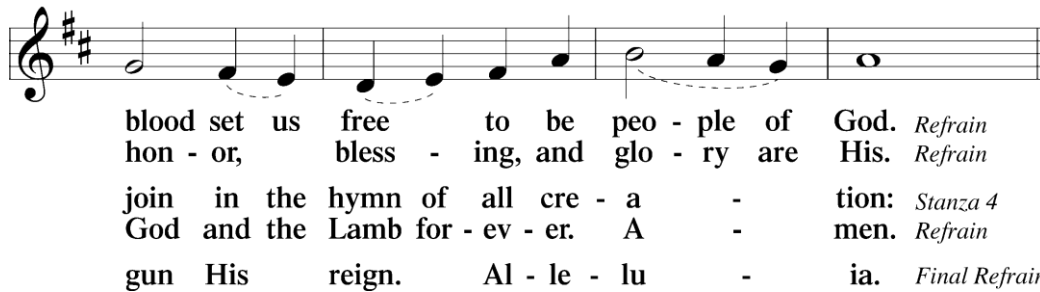


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

THIS IS THE FEAST:



SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also 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.

C Amen.

..... OUR LORD SPEAKS TO US

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:

Isaiah 25:6–9 (*Pew Bible, pg. 586*)

The First Lesson is from the 25th Chapter of Isaiah.

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.

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.

PSALM 16: “Keep Me Safe, O God” (Gather Comprehensive 23)



- 1 I say to God, “You are my only God,
I have not good except in You.” **Refrain.**
- 2 I find in God always my cup of joy;
And God will keep my life secure. **Refrain.**
- 3 I bless my God: God Who has counseled me.
At night my hear gives counsel too. **Refrain.**
- 4 I keep my God always before my eyes;
- 5 And so my heart always is glad in God;
My body too shall dwell secure. **Refrain.**
- 6 For You will not ever abandon me,
Or let Your servant lose the path. **Refrain.**
- 7 The path of life You have revealed to me,
And in Your presence is my joy. **Refrain.**

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EPISTLE LESSON:

1 Corinthians 15:1–11 (Pew Bible, pg. 961)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 15th Chapter of First Corinthians.

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep.

⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles.

⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

¹⁰But 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.

¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Mark 16:1–8 (*Pew Bible, pg. 853*)

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him.

²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”

⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large.

⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side,

dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed.

⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him.

⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”

⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON: **The Rev. Dr. David H. Brooks**

HYMN OF THE DAY: **LSB 466 "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"**



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;

Re - joice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain
Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;
Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.
Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!
Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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CELEBRATING THE NEWLY BAPTIZED (8:30 Service):

Franklin Robinson (Baptized on 1/28/24)

NICENE CREED:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He
came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became
incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death
and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with
the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right
hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His
kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds
from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is
worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic[†] and apostolic Church. We acknowledge
one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of
the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

..... **WE OFFER OURSELVES TO THE LORD**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people
according to their needs. . .

[†]meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of the Christian doctrine

P Lord in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

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

C Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE:

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, with the 'hand wave of peace', as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matthew 5:22–24; Ephesians 4:1–3).

CHORAL ATHEM: *"Alleluia Round"*

(Choir singing at 8:30 and 11AM)

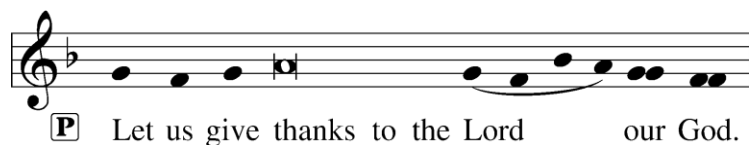
OFFERTORY:



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

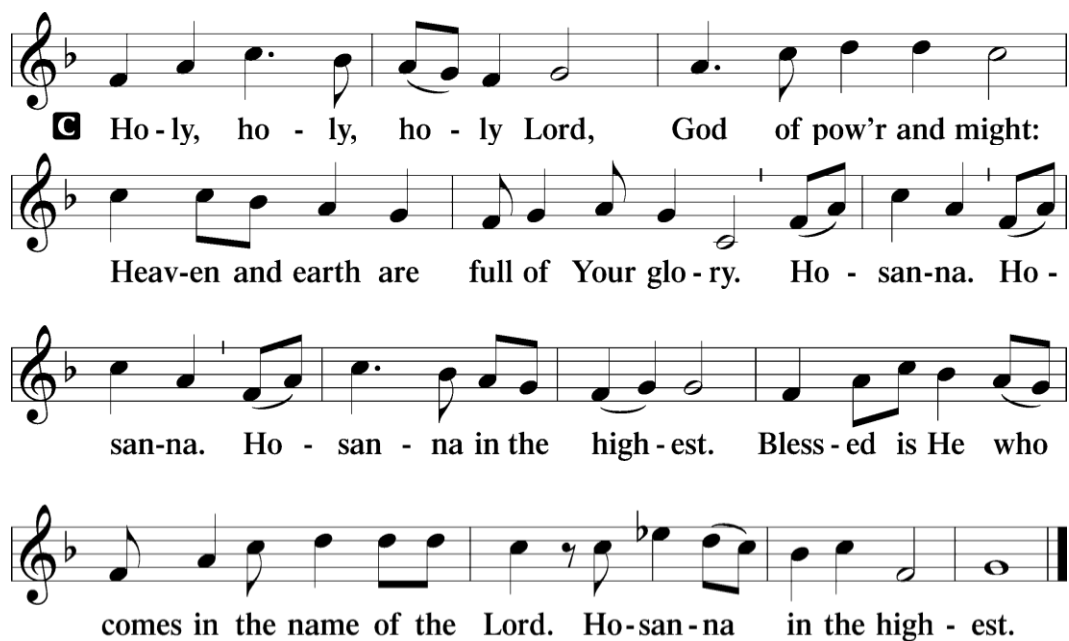
SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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, . . . and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS:



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
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness. . .

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember . . . to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit. . . our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants . . . almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

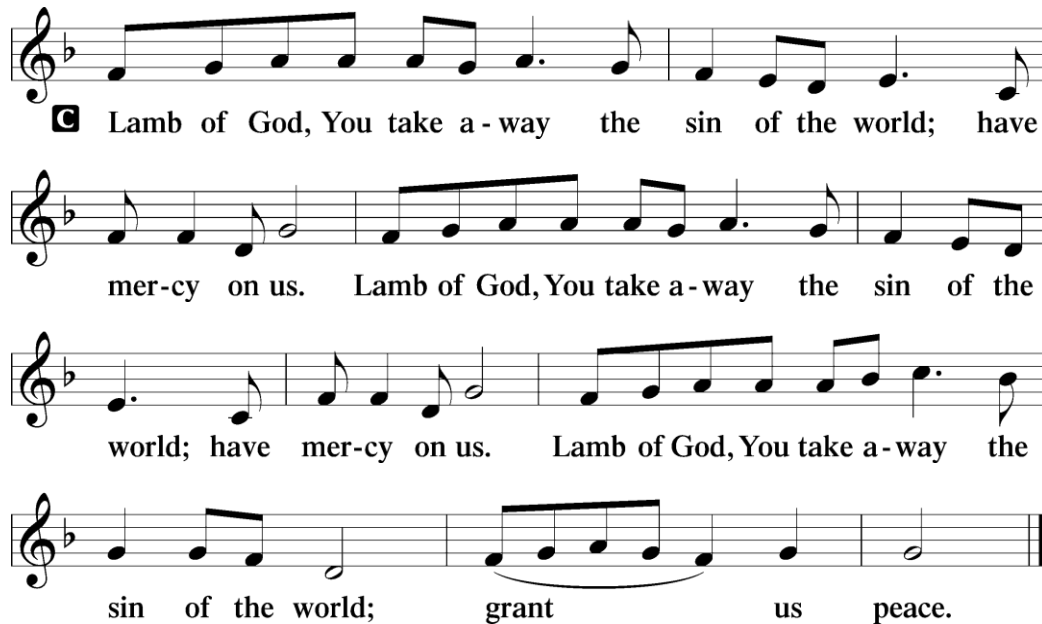
LORD'S PRAYER:

- 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:

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

AGNUS DEI:



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.

HOLY COMMUNION:

Receiving Holy Communion

As Lutheran Christians, we believe, teach, and confess that Jesus Christ gives us His own true Body and Blood via the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 10:16). We trust His promise that this Supper is for the forgiveness of our sins, the increase of our faith, and the strengthening of our life as the Church. Baptized Christians who share our confession, repent of their sins, and seek the Lord's blessing are welcome to receive. *First time guests are kindly asked to speak to our pastor or an usher before receiving communion.* Those not communing are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing.

[For silent prayer before communing]

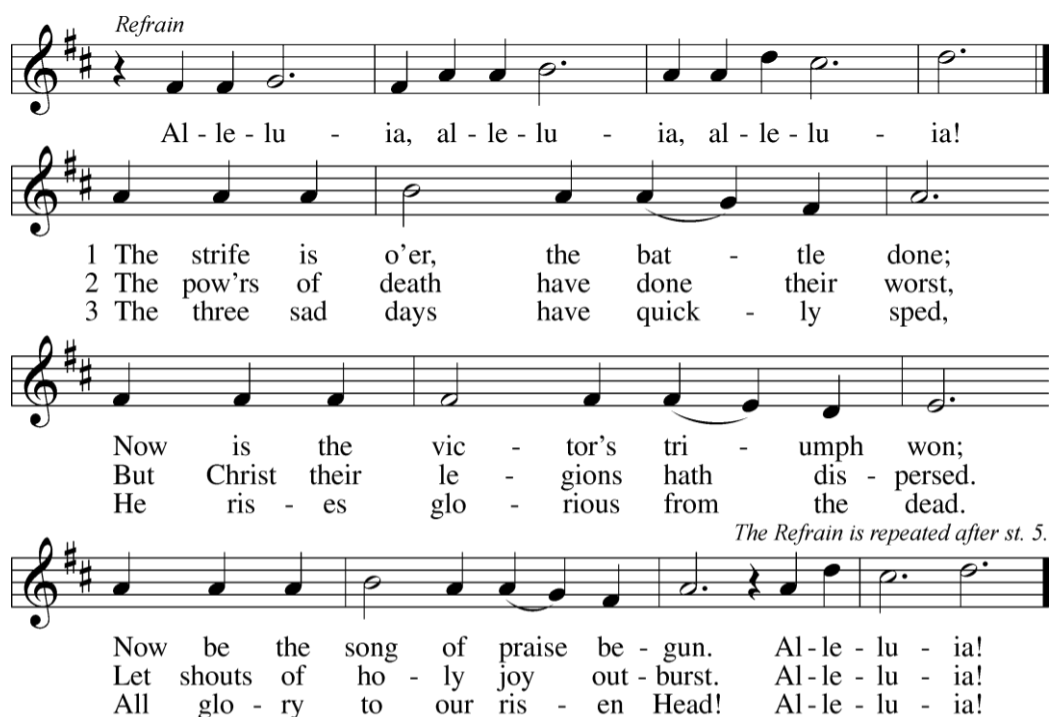
Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

[For silent prayer after receiving the Sacrament]

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: **LSB 464 “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done”**

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,

Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.

Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!

5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.
Alleluia! **Refrain.**

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LBW 148 "Now the Green Blade Rises"

1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain, Wheat that in
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain, Think - ing that
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter, like the ris - en grain, He that for
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain, Your touch can

dark earth man - y days has lain; Love lives a - gain, that
he would nev - er wake a - gain, Laid in the earth like
three days in the grave had lain; Raised from the dead, my
call us back to life a - gain, Fields of our hearts that

with the dead has been;
grain that sleeps un - seen; Love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.
liv - ing Lord is seen;
dead and bare have been;

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THANK THE LORD:

C 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:

P 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.

..... GOD BLESSES US AND SENDS US OUT

BENEDICTION:

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 Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: *LSB 837 "Lift High the Cross"*

Refrain



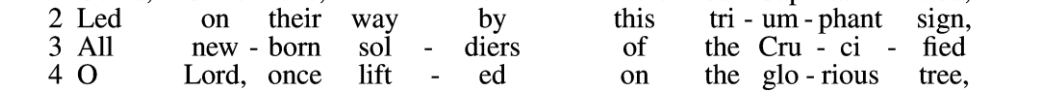
Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro-claim Till



all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.



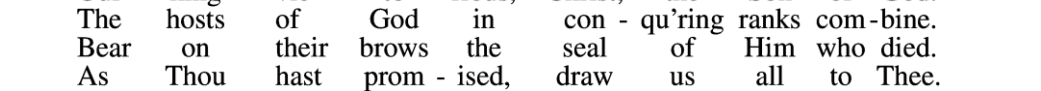
1 Come, Chris-tians, fol - low where our Cap - tain trod,



2 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,

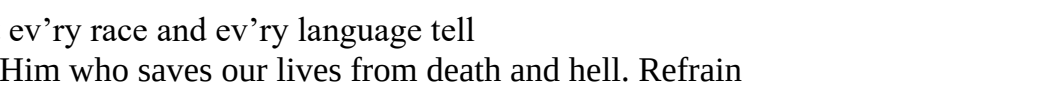


3 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied tree,



4 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,

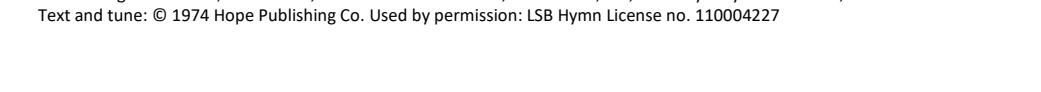
Refrain



Our king vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.



The hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.



Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died.



As Thou hast prom - ised, draw us all to Thee.

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

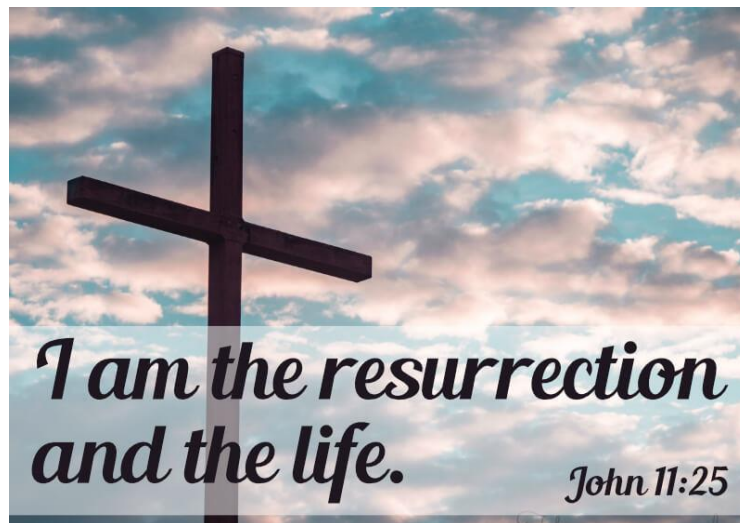
6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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DISMISSAL:

- P** We go in the strength and joy of God! Let us not forget the things that our eyes have seen or let them fade from our hearts as long as we live (Deut 4:9). So let us recall what the Lord has set before us.
- P** What is Baptism?
- C** **Baptism is not just plain water, but it is the water included in God's command and combined with God's word.**
- P** Which is that word of God?
- C** **Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE



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By Judy Ferren

In Memory of all my loved ones

By Jan & Dean Kolba

In Memory of Jan's Parents,
Mary & Jim DeMoss

In Memory of Dean's Parents,
Delores & Verne Kolba

By Betty Newman

In Memory of husband Frank Newman

In Memory of son Paul Newman

In Memory of parents
Paul & Frieda Engel

By Dave & Kathy Pittman

In Memory of our parents
and son, Douglas

By Amy & Fergus Robertson

In Memory of Sheila Robertson
In Memory of Dan Jones

By Pr. Brooks, Sharon & Molly

In Memory of R. Michael Holcombe
In Memory of Wm. David Brooks, Sr.

By Kathy Peterson

In Memory of Pete Peterson

By the Choir

In Honor of Erin Hodge

By Judy Barnes

In Memory of parents Stan & Vivian Valley
In Memory of Dale & Lou Turske

By Gail Glifort

In Memory of Arnold, Frieda, Arnie, Ginny,
Herb & Dotty Glifort

In Memory of Carl, Helen, Carole, &
Edward Haje

By Denese Lee

In Memory of brother Steve Gornto

In Honor of Rubie Hecht

In Memory of parents
Mildred & JR Gornto

By Roy Anne Gornto

In Memory of husband Steve Gornto

In Memory of JR & Mildred Gornto

In Memory of Michael Gornto

In Memory of Herman Hecht

In Honor of Rubie Hecht

In Honor of Judy Barnes

In Honor of Jan Graham

By Kaye Nichols

In Honor of Jean Pochert

In Memory of grandson
Joshua Nichols

By Joyce Eckart

In Memory of husband Don

By Mike & Nancy Hunike

In Memory John & Lucia Shearen

In Memory of
Carl & Shirleyanne Hunike

By Kent & Barbara Silvernail

..... INSIGHT INTO TODAY'S READINGS

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).

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Geoff Heintzelman & Tom McGill* <u>Greeter:</u> Joyce Eckart	Judy Ferren	Geoff Heintzelman
11:00 AM	Frank Oruwari & TBD <u>Greeter:</u> Chris Wethman	Marie Hammond <u>Acolyte:</u> Molly Brooks	Gary Stuhlmiller
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> Dede Crosmer, <u>A/V Operator:</u> Barb Tippin Setup; Dede Crosmer & Amy Robertson, between Services; Vivian Harris, clean up		

*Acolyte

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