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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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David H. Brooks, Pastor

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• Embrace Community

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WELCOME TO GRACE:

"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the LORD.'"

- Psalm 122:1

Worshiping with us the first time? Please fill out a guest card in the pew racks and tell us about yourself. If you have any questions, please ask an usher or any friendly face you see!

Copies of the week's eNews announcements are located in the Narthex.

We welcome children in worship services.

Age-appropriate activity bags are located in the Narthex.

PRELUDE: *"Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"*

..... CALL TO WORSHIP

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"Christ is Risen! Alleluia!" LBW 131*

1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;
Now has found a glo - rious mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.
Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.

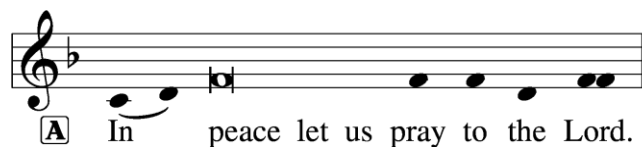
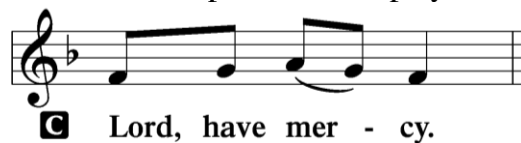
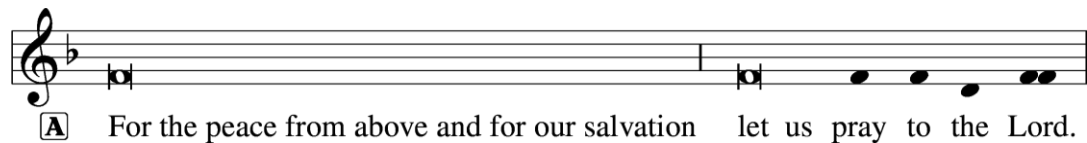
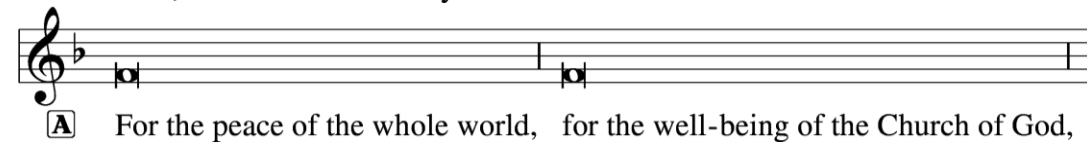
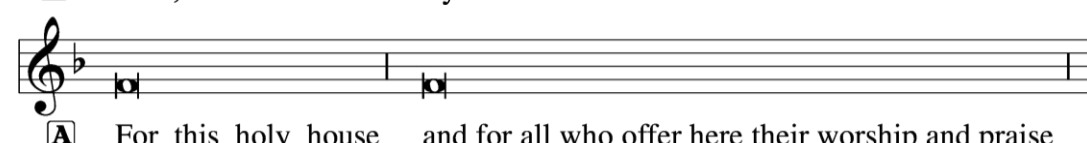
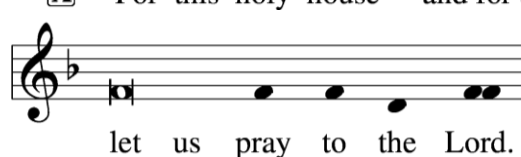
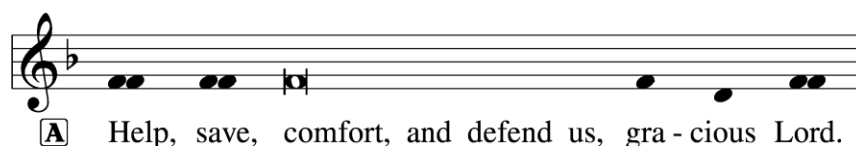
Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;
Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, Spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;

Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, Glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found.
Hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.

Refrain
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -
to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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KYRIE:



THIS IS THE FEAST:

Refrain



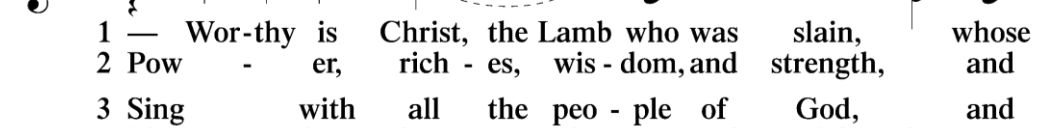
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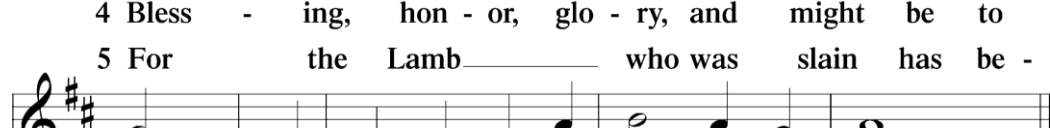
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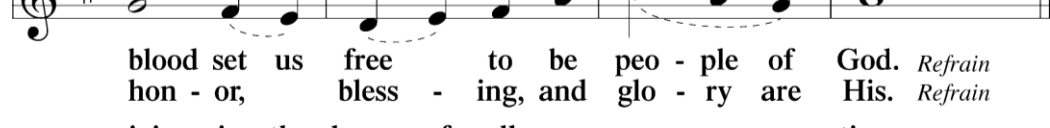
1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



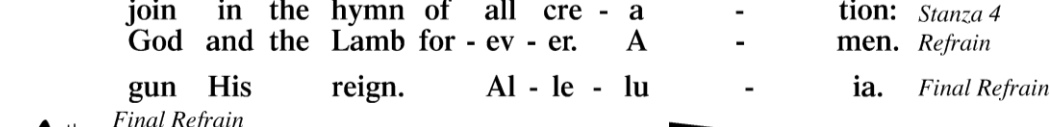
blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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.

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SALUTATION AND COLLECT FOR THE DAY:

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . .

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

THE FIRST LESSON:

Acts 3:11–21 (*Pew Bible, pg. 911*)

The First Lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of Acts.

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded.

¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?"

¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His servant Jesus, Whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release Him.

¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, Whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

¹⁶And His name—by faith in His name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.

¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled.

¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,

²¹Whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets long ago."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4: “Let Your Face Shine upon Us” Gather Comp. 19

Refrain



Verses

1. Listen to my song, hear me when I call, Oh Lord, my God, be gracious,
hear my prayer.
2. You have called my name, set your seal upon my heart,
you hear me when I call.
3. Fill me with your joy, grant to me your peaceful rest,
to dwell in safety with my Lord.

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EPISTLE LESSON:

1 John 3:1–7 (*Pew Bible, pg. 1022*)

The Epistle Lesson is from the 3rd Chapter of First John.

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him.

²Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.

³And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. ⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also

practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.

⁵You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin.

⁶No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him.

⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE:



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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL:

Luke 24:36–49 (*Pew Bible, pg. 885*)

³⁶*As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!”*

³⁷*But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit.*

³⁸*And He said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”*

³⁹*See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Touch Me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”*

⁴⁰*And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet.*

⁴¹*And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”*

⁴²*They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and He took it and ate before them.*

⁴⁴*Then He said to them, “These are My words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about Me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.”*

⁴⁵*Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.*

⁴⁸*You are witnesses of these things.*

⁴⁹*And behold, I am sending the promise of My Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”*

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 482 "This Joyful Eastertide"**



1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west

Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

Refrain
Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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NICENE CREED:

☩ 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. . .
- 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).

OFFERTORY: **Choir 8:30 AM - “Come and Be Joyful”; 11:00 AM – “I Bind Unto Myself Today”**

OFFERTORY:

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

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.

OUR LORD GIVES HIMSELF TO US

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

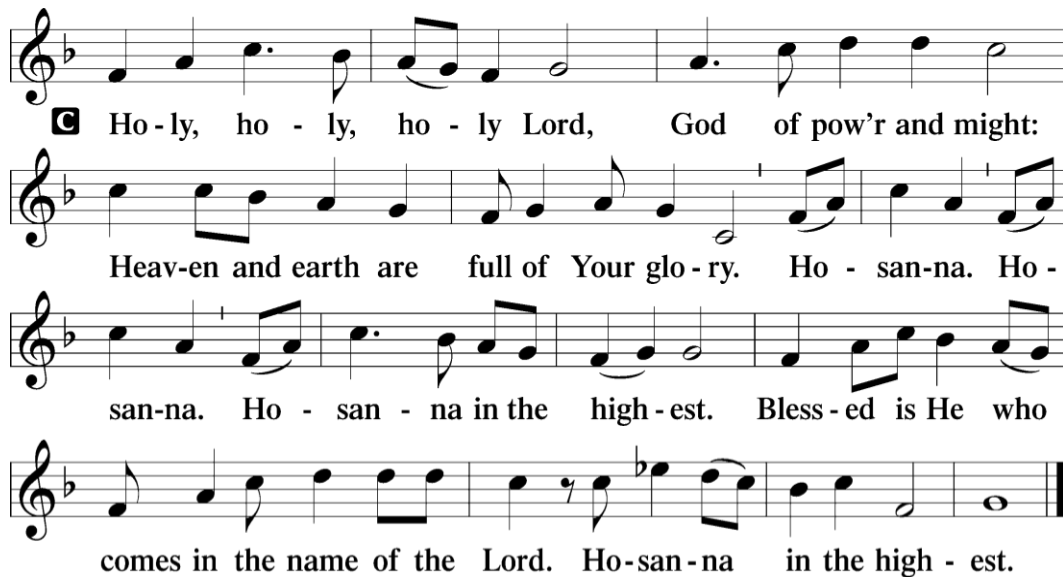
PREFACE:

The Lord be with you.
And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



- 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:



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

- P** You are indeed Holy, O God, the Fountain of all holiness; You bring light from darkness, life from death, speech from silence . . .

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 the incarnation of Your Son . . . with us the great and promised feast.

- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

- P** Send now, we pray, Your Holy Spirit, that we and all who share in this bread and cup may be united in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, may enter the

fullness of the Kingdom of Heaven, and may receive our inheritance with all Your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of Your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our Great High Priest until He comes as victorious Lord of all. Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are Yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

C Amen.

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

LORD'S PRAYER:

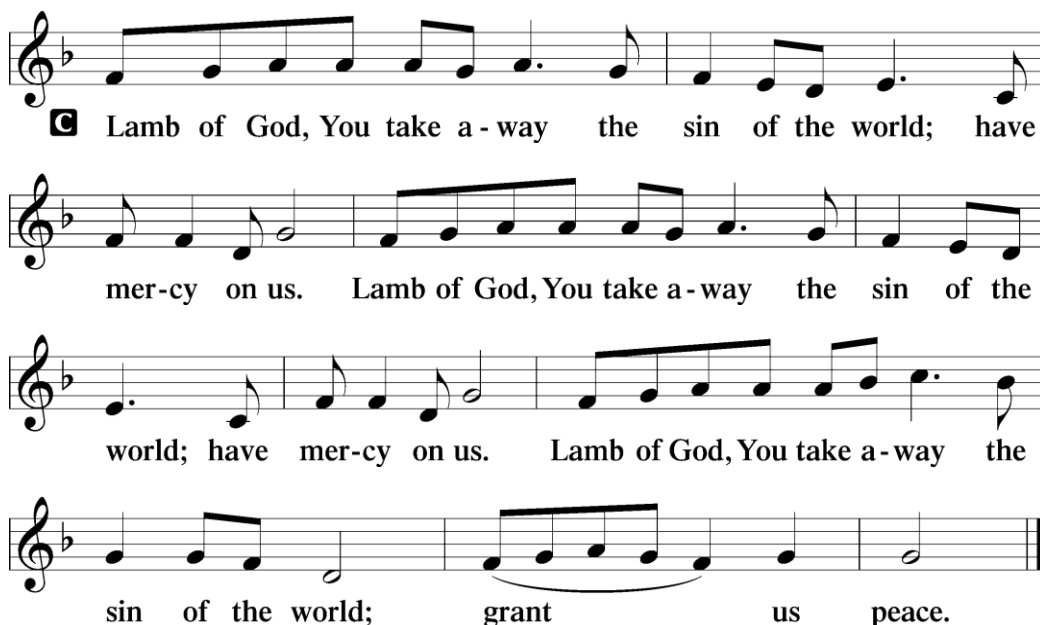
C Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the 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.

SERVING YOU TODAY:

Organist: Erin Hodge

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Communion Assistants</u>
8:30 AM	Tom McGill* & Leonard Hango <u>Greeter:</u> Jan Kolba	Joe Milko	Dean Kolba
11:00 AM	Dede & Walt* Crosmer <u>Greeter:</u> Chris Wethman	Joyce Rea	Joe Wethman
	<u>Altar Guild:</u> John Kolba, Setup; Frank Oruwari, between Services & Clean up	<u>A/V Operator:</u> John Kolba	
		*Acolyte	



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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: *LSB 686 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb-en-e-zer, Hith-er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt-or Dai-ly I'm con-
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin-ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea-sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet-ter
 love-ly face; Clothed then in the blood-washed lin-en,

Call for songs of loud-est praise. While the hope of end-less
 Safe-ly to ar-rive at home. Je-sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan-der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long-er

glo-ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang-er, Wan-d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar-ry; Take my ran-som'd soul a-way; Send Thine

ev-er to a-dore Thee; May I still Thy good-ness prove.
 res-cue me from dan-ger, In-ter-posed His pre-cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a-bove.
 an-gels soon to car-ry Me to realms of end-less day.

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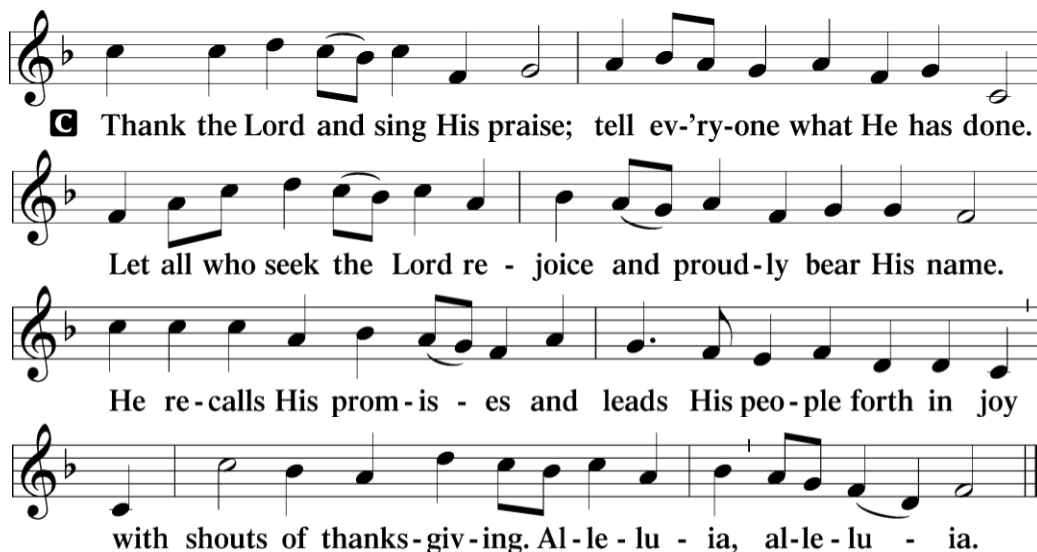
WOV 675 "We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight"

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and
 4 That, when our life of faith is done, in

gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol-low where you trod; but in your prom-ise
 may our faith a-bound to call on you when
 realms of clear-er light we may be-hold you

none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re-joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 as you are, with full and end-less sight.

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.

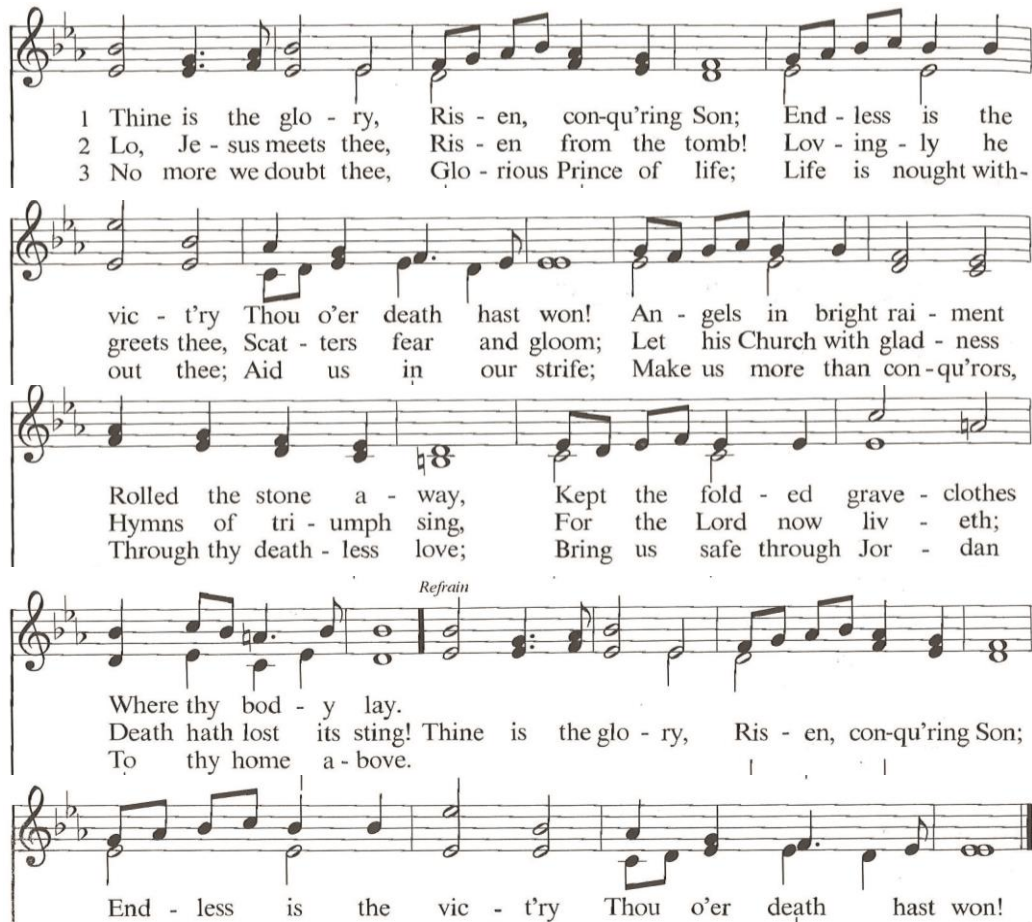
C Amen.

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CLOSING HYMN: *LBW 145 "Thine Is the Glory"*



1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-
vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness
out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,
Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;
Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan
Refrain
Where thy bod - y lay.
Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;
To thy home a - bove.
End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

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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** In Baptism, how can water do such great things?
- C** **Certainly not just water, but the word of God in and with the water does these things, along with the faith which trusts this word of God in the water. For without God's word the water is plain water and no Baptism. But with the word of God it is a Baptism, that is, a life-giving water, rich in grace, and a washing of the new birth in the Holy Spirit, as St. Paul says in Titus, chapter three: "He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. This is a trustworthy saying." (Titus 3:5–8)**
- P** So go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE