

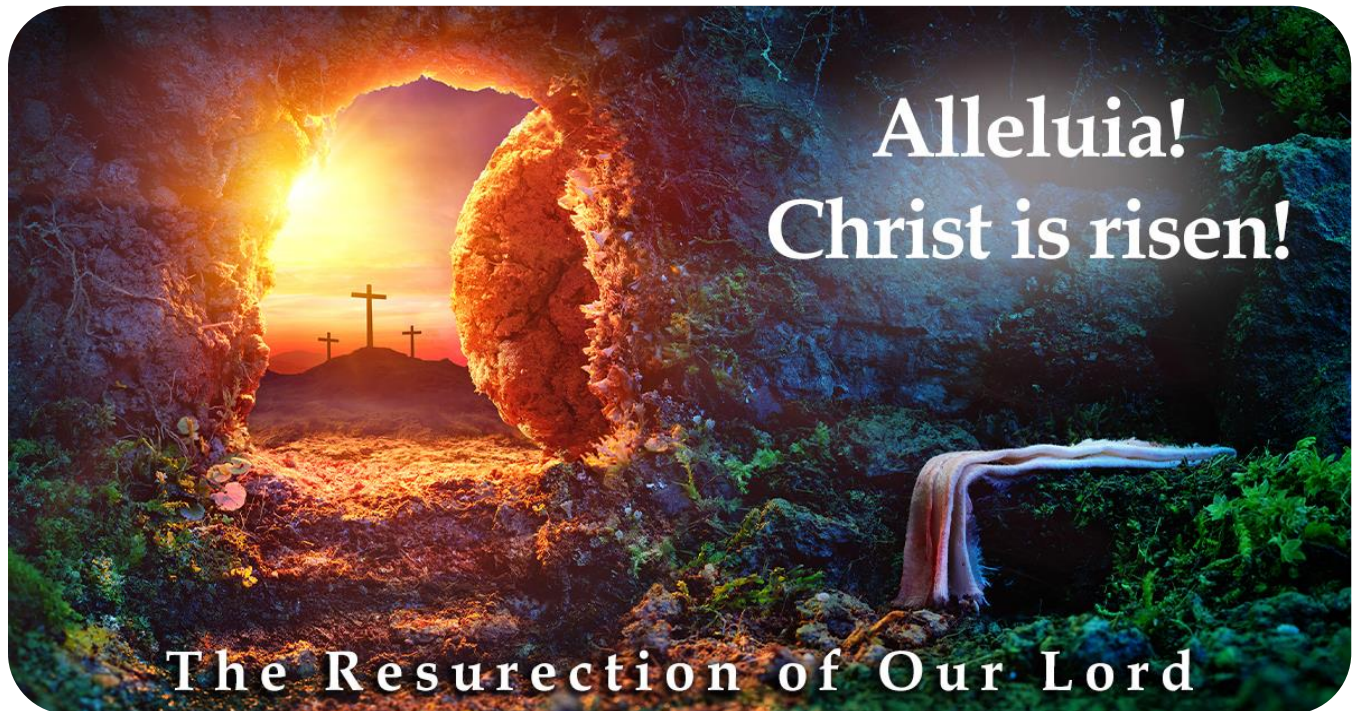


[Christ Jesus] has abolished death and brought
life and immortality to light through the gospel.

+ 2 Timothy 1:10b (NKJV)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 4, 2021



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Every year at Easter there is the sleepy hope of what we know is sure to come: resurrection, light, and life. As the early light seems to blaze and the fragrance of the Easter lilies fills the sanctuary, we hear the joyful cry, “The Lord is risen!” “He is risen indeed” our response.

On this day Jesus rose from the dead but delayed His return to His heavenly throne. First, His angelic messengers reminded the women at the tomb what He had said. And then our Lord appeared to several of His followers throughout the day (and the forty days to follow) so that they would know that He was truly alive.

Now He reminds us through Word and Sacrament that He is alive and with us each day. When we allow worldly troubles to overtake us, it is as if we are forget His gracious promises. But in fact, by grace for Jesus’ sake and our incorporation in the Body of Christ through Baptism, we are His new creation. Easter shouts that the past is forgiven and forgotten by God. The Kingdom of Heaven is here and we rejoice to be God’s reconciled children.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

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✠ DIVINE SERVICE, SETTING THREE ✠

HYMN OF INVOCATION: *Victimae Paschali / Christ Is Arisen*

LSB 460 / 459

- P** Christians, to the Paschal Victim / Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed: / Christ, who only is sinless, / Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended / In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died, / Reigns immortal.

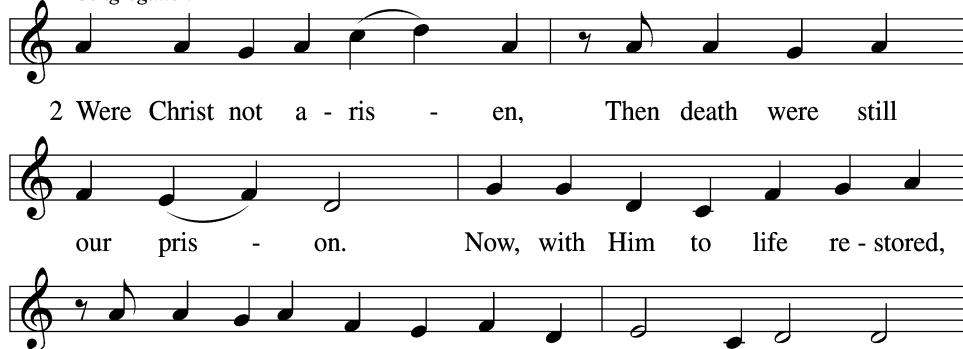
Congregation



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

- P** “Speak, Mary, declaring / What you saw when wayfaring.”
“The tomb of Christ, who is living, / The glory of Jesus’ resurrection;
Bright angels attesting, / The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; / To Galilee He goes before you.”

Congregation



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

- P** Christ indeed from death is risen, / Our new life obtaining. / Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

Congregation



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

LSB 184

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

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

[Hebrews 10:22]

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

Psalm 124:8

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalm 32:5

Kneel (or remain standing) — Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

Mark 16:16; John 1:12

C Amen.

Stand

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT: Song of Moses and Israel

LSB 925

The congregation sings the refrain and the pastor chants the verses. The congregation joins in chanting the Gloria Patri.

Refrain

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed glo - rious -
ly; the horse and his rid - er He has thrown in - to the sea.

Chant Tone

² The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and He has become my sal - | vation;
this is my God, and I will | praise Him,*
my father's God, and I will ex - | alt Him.

Refrain

³ The LORD is a | man of war;*
the LORD | is His name.

⁴ Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast in - | to the sea,*
and his chosen officers were sunk in the | Red Sea.

⁵ The floods | covered them;*
they went down into the depths | like a stone.

⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

Refrain

- 11 Who is like You, O LORD, a- | mong the gods?*
- Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing | wonders?
- 12 You stretched out Your | right hand;*
- the earth | swallowed them.
- 13 You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;*
- You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.
- 17 You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*
- the place, O LORD, which You have made for | Your abode,
- the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*
- 18 The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Refrain

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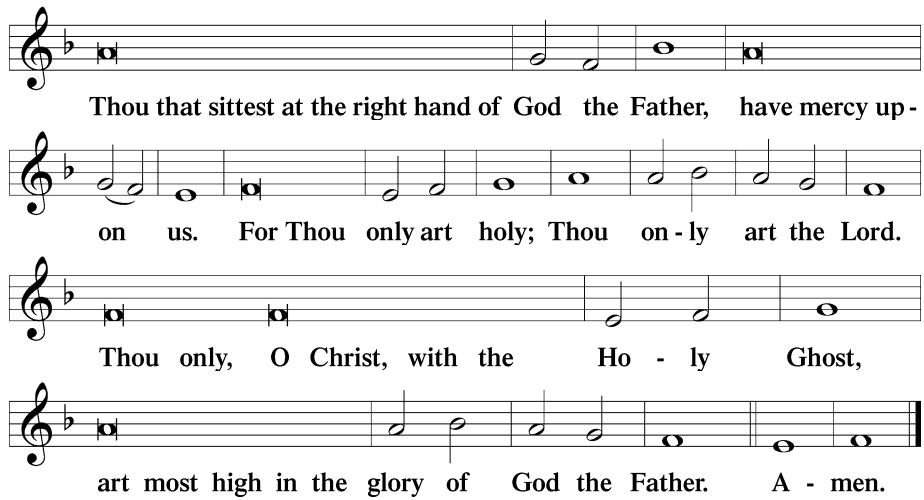
Mark 10:47

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

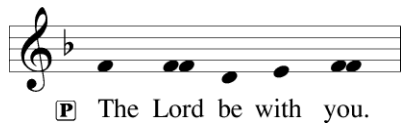
Luke 2:14; John 1:29

Glory be to God on high: 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 COLLECT OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



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 A - men.

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 25:6-9

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 25.

- 6 On 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.
- 7 And 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.
- 9 It 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."

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

The pastor and congregation chant responsively by half-verse.



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned Him with glory and | honor.

He has given Him dominion over the works | of His hands;*

He has put all things un- | der His feet.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

P The Epistle is from First Corinthians, chapter 15.

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.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA & VERSE

2 Timothy 1:10b (NKJV)



C Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] has abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

The alleluias are repeated.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

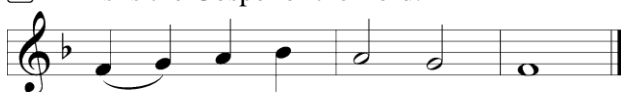
P The Holy Gospel according to Saint Mark, the sixteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

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.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Stand

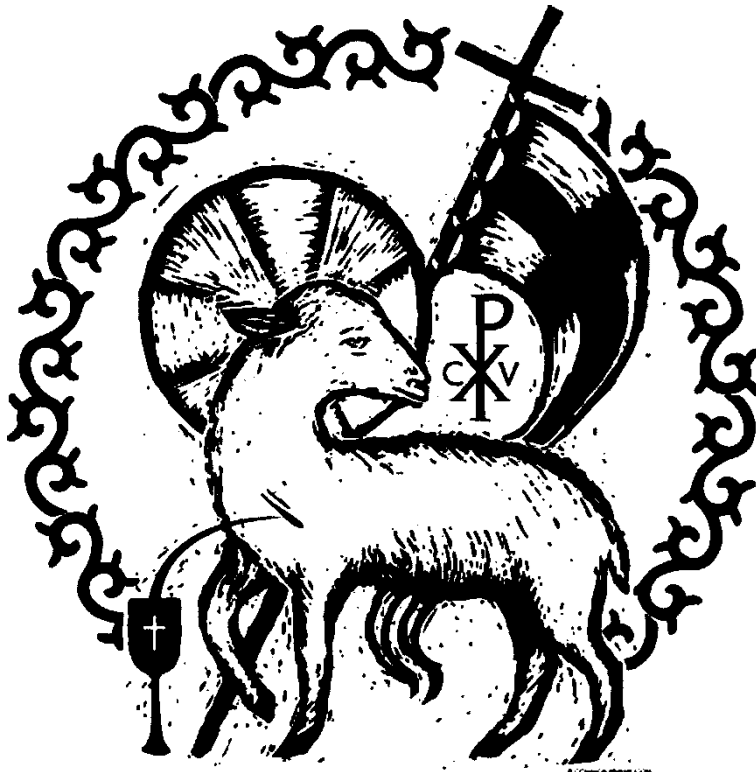
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C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

Sit



HYMN OF THE DAY: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



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 endured, 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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SERMON

Rev. Griebenaw

After the sermon, the pastor may say:

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Philippians 4:7

Stand

OFFERTORY

Psalm 51:10-12



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Kneel (or remain standing)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: The Litany of the Resurrection

(1 Timothy 2:1-4)

- P** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
P O Christ, **C** have mercy.
P O Lord, **C** have mercy.
- P** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **C** hear us.
- P** Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who foretold Your passion saying, “The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,”
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road
and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles,
and to Paul on the Damascus road,
C have mercy on us.
- P** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
C have mercy on us.
- P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, **C** good Lord, deliver us.
P By Your victory over sin and death, **C** good Lord, deliver us.
P By the majesty of Your risen body, **C** good Lord, deliver us.
- P** We poor sinners implore You **C** to hear us, Lord Jesus.
- P** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
C grant us, good Lord.
- P** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things,
serving others as we have been served by You,
C grant us, good Lord.
- P** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem,
together with all the saints,
C grant us, good Lord.
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C** have mercy.
P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C** have mercy.
P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, **C** grant us Your peace.
- P** O Lord, **C** have mercy.
P O Christ, **C** have mercy.
P O Lord, **C** have mercy. Amen.

The live-stream service concludes with the following:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

P Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

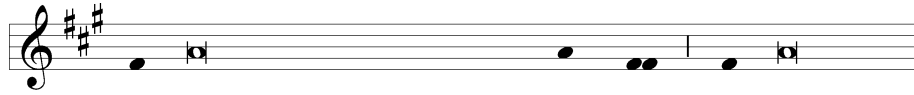
O God of all grace, You sent Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to bring life and immortality to light. We give You thanks that by His death He destroyed the power of death and by His glorious resurrection He opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Strengthen us in the confidence that because He lives we shall live also, and that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come will be able to separate us from Your love, which is in Christ Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

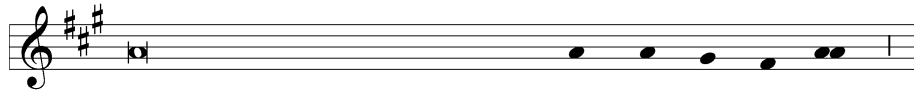
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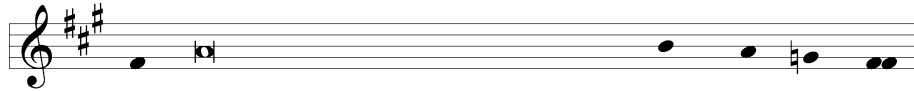
Numbers 6:24-26



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.

The Divine Service continues with the Lord's Supper for those at the church. For those viewing from home, please sing/read the closing hymn and rejoice: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Note: There is no Curbside Communion this Sunday. We will resume Curbside Communion next Sunday.

✠ SOLI DEO GLORIA ✠
(TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

CLOSING HYMN: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

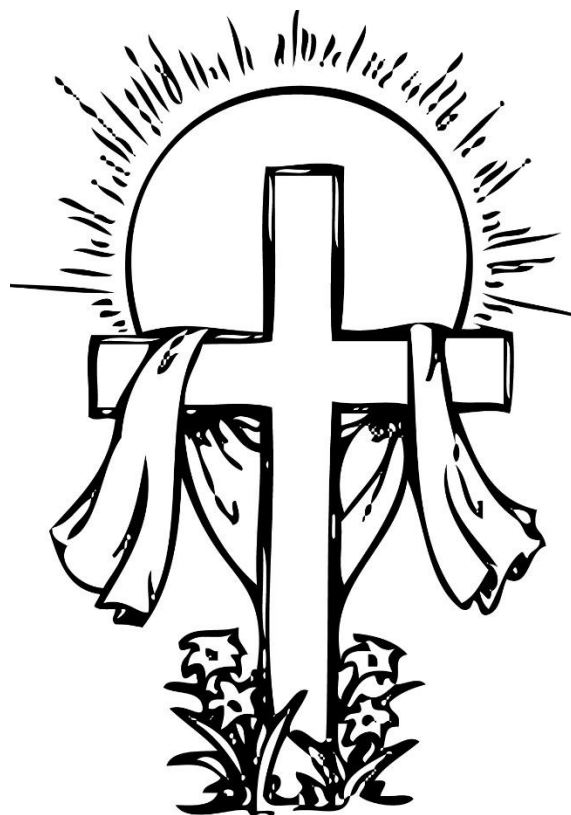


Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and Sisters,

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Happy Easter!

Now that our *alleluias* have returned, I want to share with you an *absolutely adorable* YouTube video and, best of all, it has a KITTEN in it! It's a kids' Bible song titled "Praise Ye the Lord. Hallelujah!" based on Psalm 148 from a group called *Listener Kids*. Trust me, this video is so fun! I know you'll love it, too!

So look it up and sing "Praise ye the Lord. Alleluia!"—<https://youtu.be/WuODF9Kbgw>

And while I'm thinking of it, you might have noticed that I've used two different spellings of the Hebrew word meaning "Praise ye the Lord"—Alleluia and Hallelujah. Both are valid transliterations of the Hebrew letters, the former coming from Latin and the latter from Greek.

No matter which spelling you prefer, give your family and friends a call today (or if you'll see them in-person, all the better) and tell them that you love them; tell them that Jesus loves them; and tell them "Alleluia/Hallelujah!" I can't think of a finer day that Resurrection Sunday to "Praise ye the Lord!"

And you know what would make me say, "Alleluia"? If you would join me this week for our "Zoom" Bible Study on Tuesday at Noon. I would love to see/hear you as we resume our study of the psalms, continuing with Psalm 37. And then tune-in or come by in-person on Wednesday night at 7:00pm for our short prayer service.

- To join the study on your computer, go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7603525715>
- To join the study by phone, call either "669-900-9128" or "346-248-7799" and enter 7603525715#
- The password for both (computer or telephone) is "12345"

Lastly, please continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box: Grace Evangelical-Lutheran Church, PO Box 1530, El Centro, CA 92244-1530.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
+Pastor Griebenaw

