The Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Worship Service

Jesus Is Risen! Bodily!

As We Gather -Ever since Pontius Pilate worried that someone would steal the body of the crucified Jesus and claim that He had risen from the dead, many have doubted and called the resurrection a lie. But Jesus is risen bodily from the dead. Today, the Holy Church throughout the world boldly testifies to the fact that Christ is risen. Still, this fact remains an article of faith. Such faith is not a result of mere imagination, however, but is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit by the mighty Word of God handed down to us by the testimony of many witnesses. The resurrection is the fact of God's love. He really is risen! Alleluia!

Offering and Registry of Worship Cards: Please fill out a Registry of Worship Card found in the pew racks. We ask that you print the names of every person in your family, indicating if they take communion. One side of the card is for members and the other side for guests. As the offering is collected, pass the cards to the center aisle so our ushers can gather them.

Saturday Worship: Offerings and Worship Cards will be received in the offering plates at the rear of the church either upon entering or when leaving. Thank you for your gift to the work of the Lord.

About Protecting the Healthy: To protect yourself and others from COVID-19 and other infectious respiratory diseases, individuals may choose to mask at any time. Appropriate hand washing by everyone is encouraged. People with symptoms of an infectious illness are highly encouraged to stay home. Symptoms include fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea. Thank you for helping to keep everyone healthy as we receive God's gifts in worship.

GENERALLY, BE MINDFUL, NOT FEARFUL.

Prelude and Meditation: Before worship we talk to God (see prayers on page 308 in the hymnal); during worship God talks to us; after worship we talk to one another.

Prelude:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
The Greeting and Sharing of Peace (stand)

PREPARATION

We gather in the presence of God to celebrate the most significant event in the history of the whole world: the fulfillment of God's own promise to mankind from the beginning, the undoing of the curse of death, and the defeat of the cause of death namely sin. It is the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from death. He did not die for Himself. He died the death of Adam and Eve and of all their descendants. He died your death. After three days in a cold tomb of death, He arose bodily and to this day lives and rules the universe. The fact of His resurrection is a celebration of faith. This victory is assured to all who believe. Though we still sin and though we die, by faith in Jesus, the living Lord, sin is forgiven and taken away, and death becomes but the gate to our own resurrection to eternal life.

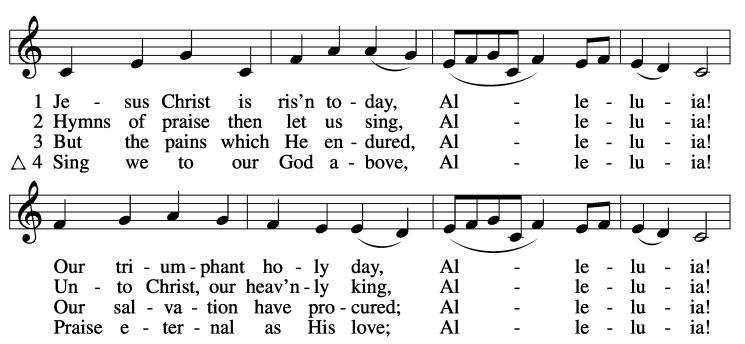
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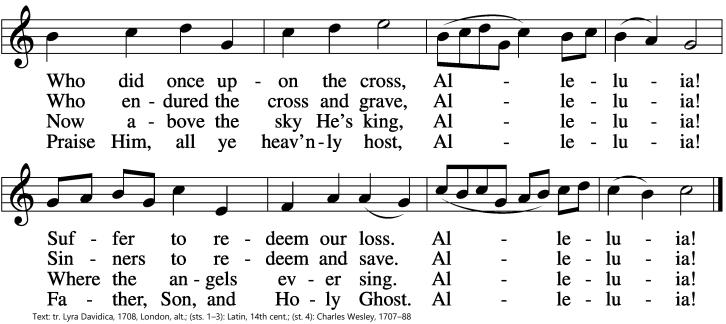
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn of Invocation: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

(Δ Please stand after a brief interlude)





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Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 15:54b-57

- "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O death, where is your victory?
- O death, where is your sting?"
- The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. \mathbf{P}
- But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession and Absolution

- Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, let us confess our sins to God our Father.
- I confess to You, most merciful God, that I have sinned against You in my \mathbf{C} thoughts, words and deeds, those that I have done as well as the good I have failed to do. It is my own sin that condemns me. In Your mercy and according to Your promise, forgive me my sin, create a new heart in me, restore to me the joy of Your salvation for the sake of Jesus Christ, my Lord and my God. Amen.
- Upon this, your confession, I by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant \mathbf{P} of the Word announce the grace of God to you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

WORD

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.

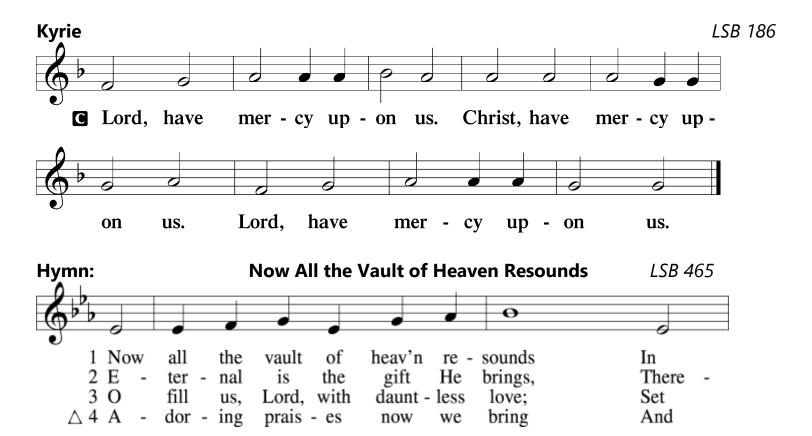
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

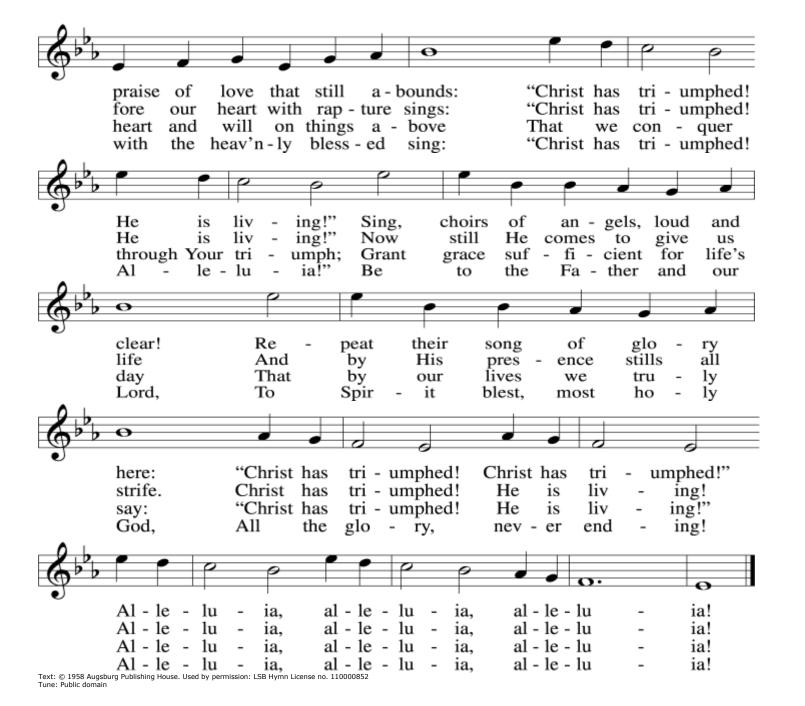
You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

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 established. 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.





Salutation LSB 201

 \mathbf{P} The Lord be with you.



Prayer of the Day

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.

G Amen.

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First Reading Acts 10:34–43

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 16; antiphon: v. 10

- P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.
- Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.
- I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
 I have no good apart from You."
- As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

- The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.
- The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.
- You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

Epistle Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

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Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

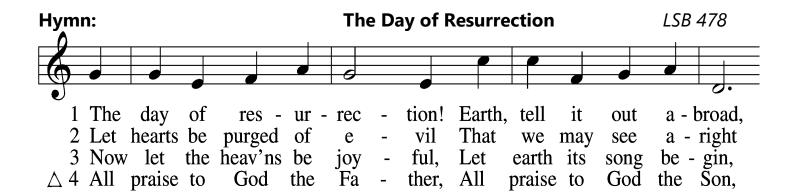
¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

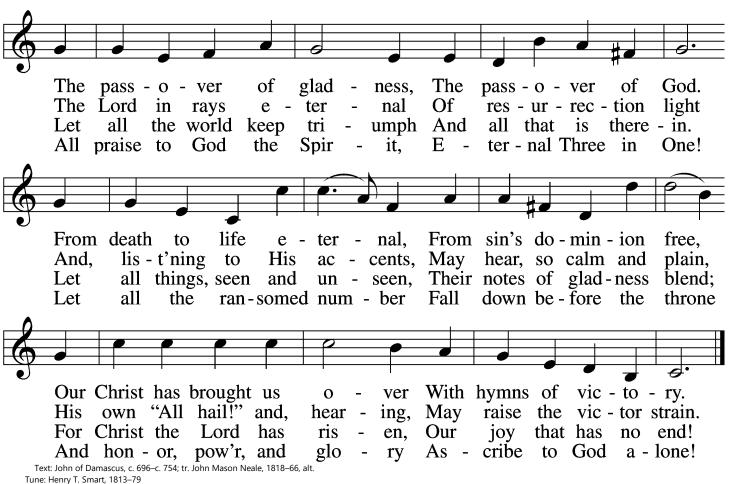
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Sermon: "Witnesses to the Resurrection
Acts 10:34-43

(Stand)

Nicene Creed

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 \pm of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- **P** Let us pray.
 - Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayer of thanksgiving for giving us life in this world, but most of all for Your gift of new, eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins by faith in our risen and living Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to live in the certainty and awareness of His resurrection from the dead and the promise of ours in the life of the world to come. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- For Your whole Church throughout the world and for our own parish, inspire in us the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all who confess Your holy name to agree in the truth of Your Holy Word and to live in unity and godly love. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Heavenly Father, save and defend our country. Grant to all in civil authority wisdom and strength to know and do Your will. Direct the hearts of all rulers throughout the world that they may minister justice and provide for the maintenance of peace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P By Your goodness, O Lord, mercifully consider all assembled here in Your name to celebrate the remembrance of the most glorious death and resurrection of Your Son. Comfort and help all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity, and all who request our prayers. By Your healing grace, defend them from every evil to body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- We commend to Your mercy, O Lord, all Your servants who have departed with the sign of faith and now rest in the sleep of peace. On the day of the resurrection of all flesh, grant that we and all Your servants of the mystical Body of Your Son may altogether be set on His right hand and hear His most joyful voice saying, "Come, You blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

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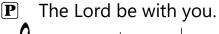
Gathering of Our Tithes and Offerings

Registry of Worship Cards – *Please pass your completed cards to the center aisle.*



SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 194





Lift up your hearts.



Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.



Proper Preface

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:





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 cometh in the name of the Lord.



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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

G Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ 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."

Proclamation of Christ

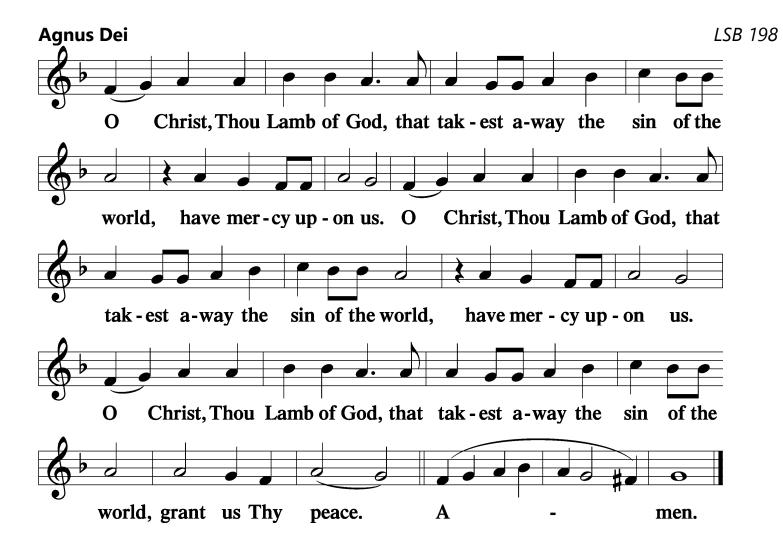
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

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.

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- \mathbf{P} The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



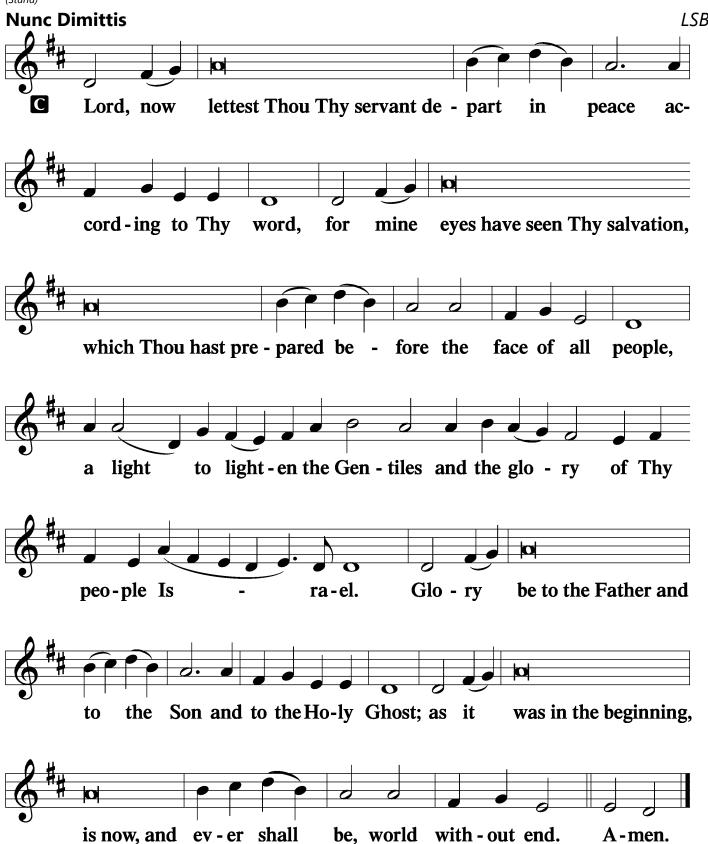
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Distribution:

Distribution Hymns

LSB 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives LSB 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen LSB 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (Stand)

LSB 199



Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- **P** Let us pray.
 - Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- **G** Amen.

Benediction LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

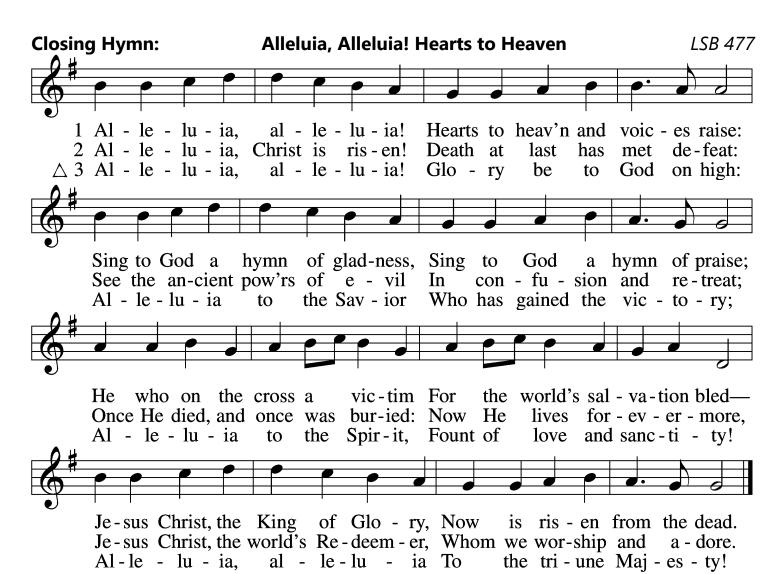
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

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



Easter Acclamation

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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Elder	Steve Rosane
Lector	P.J. Nunez
Greeter	
Audio	Maria Hazzard
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	GFX/ Stream: Robin Fox
Altar Guild	Charlene Rosane and Cheryl Erwin

LEADING AND ASSISTING IN WORSHIP NEXT SUNDAY

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Greeter	Beverly Roberge
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFE THOUGHTS IN THE CHURCH- Resurrection of Our Lord – "Do not be afraid," both the Easter angels and the risen Savior assure us (Matthew 28:4, 10). His everlasting and overcoming love (Jeremiah 31:3) means our whole being, body and soul, may rest secure (Psalm 16:9). We need fear neither surprise pregnancy nor terminal diagnosis, suffering nor death, because Christ Jesus mysteriously but mightily safeguards every human life (Colossians 3:3).

FLOWER SPONSOR– Diane Hill, in loving memory of Bob Hill.

BULLETIN SPONSOR – Diane Hill, in loving memory of Bob Hill.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR (SUNDAY) – No Fellowship after Service today, team 2 will serve next week.

BIBLE STUDY CANCELLED @11:15 TODAY – No Bible Study today at 11:15. It will resume next week.

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD MEETING – The Communications Board will meet next Sunday, April 16, after service.

YARN DONATIONS – Mary Martha is in need of cotton yarn. If you have any cotton yarn you would like to donate, please leave it outside the Quilters Room or contact Belinda Freer at 863-602-5159.

DREAM CENTER VOLUNTEERS – Volunteers are needed to help check- in and sort items here at Christ Lutheran for the Dream Center. Please see or contact Robin Fox at 863-513-4774 to schedule a day and time to volunteer.

RECIPES WANTED - Mary Martha is collecting favorite recipes for the Church Cookbook. If you have a favorite recipe and would be willing to share it, please write it legibly, sign your name on it and put it in the box located in the Narthex. There is no limit to number of recipes you can submit.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP – If you are a seasonal visitor and would be interested in an Associate Membership with Christ Lutheran, please see an Elder.

CHURCH DIRECTORY – For those that are not aware, our church member directory is now available online. Please see the flyer sheets in the narthex for more information or email Kim Kaniecki at stewardship@clclakeland.org.

GREETERS NEEDED – Volunteers are needed to be Greeters in the Narthex to welcome guest and members as they enter for service. If you are interested, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the Bulletin Board.

TRUSTEE VOLUNTEER DAY – If you are interested in volunteering to help with maintenance around the church, please contact Sandy Spanier at 863-665-5572.

NAMETAGS – We would like to encourage all our members to please wear their nametags to church. If you can't find your nametag or don't have one, please sign-up for one on the bulletin board in the Narthex of the church.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER- John 20:16 – "Jesus said to her, 'Mary." Jesus is risen from the dead, is the Victor over sin, and even calls us by name. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to join Him in His resurrection. Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST LUTHERAN

Monday	Council Meeting @ 6:30 pm
Tuesday	Trustee Workday @ 9 am
	Quilters @ 10 am
Wednesday	Dream Center @ Christ Lutheran
	Bible Study @ Noon
	Private Communion @ 1:30 – 2:30 pm
	Choir @ 7:30 pm
Friday	
Saturday	Worship @ 5:30 pm
Sunday	Bible Study @ 8:30 am
	Worship Service @ 10 am
	Bible Study @ 11:15 am
	Communications Board Meeting