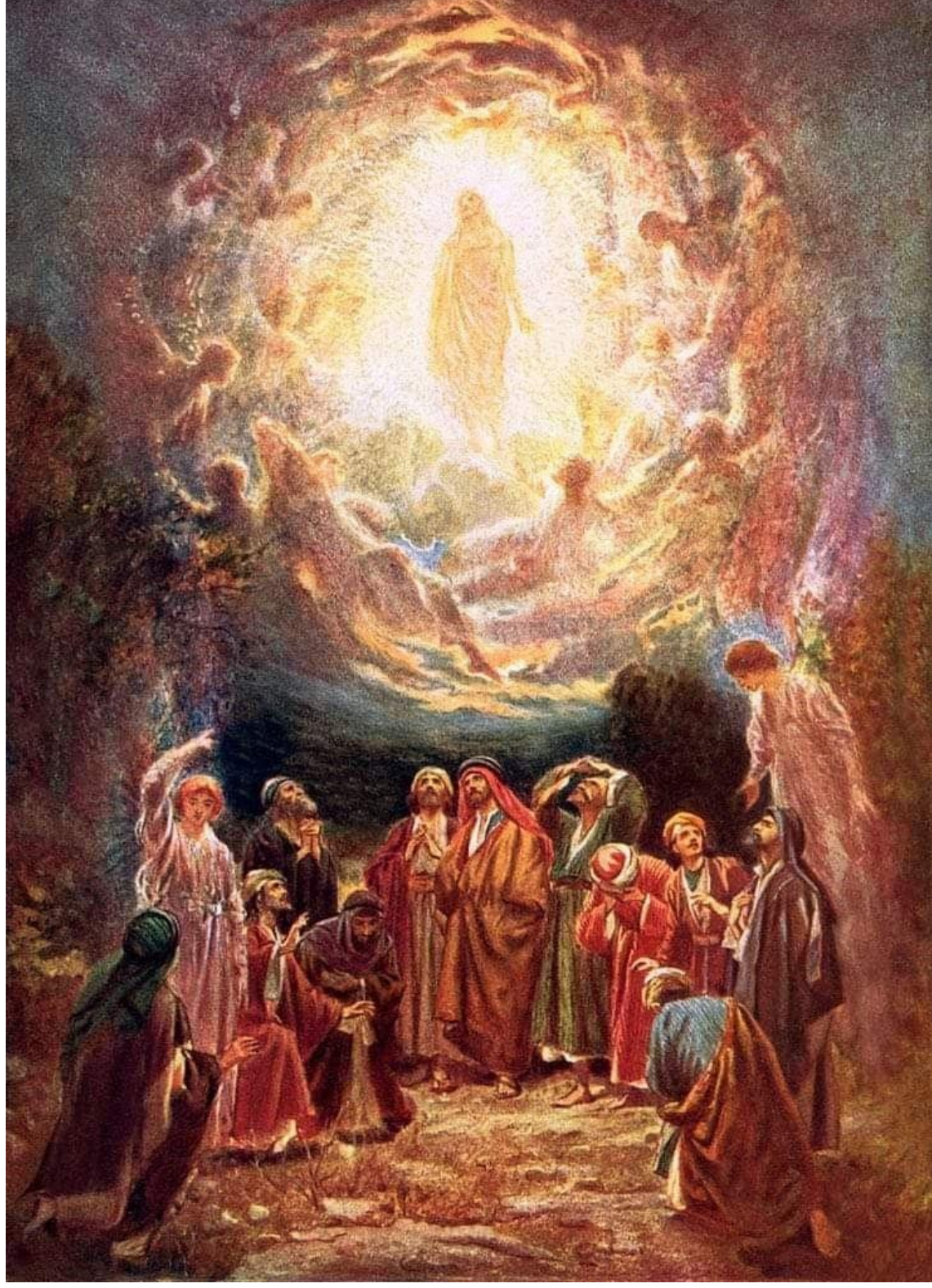


Easter tide

APRIL 21, 2024 • SUNDAY • 10:00 A.M.

JUBILATE ~ FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



BECAUSE, INDEED, FAITH BRINGS THE HOLY GHOST, AND PRODUCES IN HEARTS A NEW LIFE, IT IS NECESSARY THAT IT SHOULD PRODUCE SPIRITUAL MOVEMENTS IN HEARTS. AND WHAT THESE MOVEMENTS ARE, THE PROPHET, JER. 31:33 SHOWS, WHEN HE SAYS: I WILL PUT MY LAW INTO THEIR INWARD PARTS, AND WRITE IT IN THEIR HEARTS. THEREFORE, WHEN WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BY FAITH AND REGENERATED, WE BEGIN TO FEAR AND LOVE GOD, TO PRAY TO HIM, TO EXPECT FROM HIM AID, TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE HIM, AND TO OBEY HIM IN AFFLICTIONS. WE BEGIN ALSO TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS, BECAUSE OUR HEARTS HAVE SPIRITUAL AND HOLY MOVEMENTS [THERE IS NOW, THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST A NEW HEART, MIND, AND SPIRIT WITHIN].

-*APOLOGY*, ARTICLE V (III). OF LOVE AND THE FULFILLING OF THE LAW, 1-4.

DIVINE SERVICE – SETTING THREE

“Our churches are falsely accused of abolishing the Mass. The Mass is held among us and celebrated with the highest reverence. Nearly all the usual ceremonies are also preserved”. -*Augsburg Confession*, Article XXIV. The Mass, 1-2a.



PRELUDE

The Strife Is Over

Author Unknown

WELCOME

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Please stand and face the processional cross.

Lutheran Service Book 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

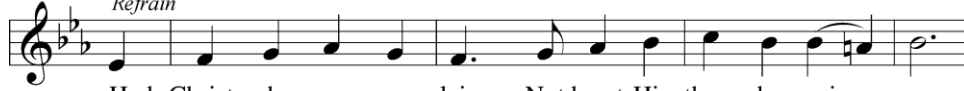


sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



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!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

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

Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

The Sixth Commandment

You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

Preparation for Confession and Absolution according to the Sixth Commandment:

- *Have I held in highest regard God's gift of sexuality or have I debased it in any way by my thoughts, words, or conduct?*
- *Am I guilty of lust, indecency, or the use of pornography?*
- *Have I reserved my sexual activity for the pleasure and consolation of my spouse, and when God wills, the procreation of children?*

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

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

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

[John 20:19-23]

C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

INTROIT

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8-9; antiphon: Psalm 66:1-2



L Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia,*
Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

L Say to God, How awesome | are your deeds!*
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

C Come and see what | God has done:*
he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

L Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,

C who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.



KYRIE ~ Lord, Have Mercy

Mark 10:47

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

HYMN OF PRAISE ~ This Is the Feast

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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.

P The Lord be with you.

C **And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sitting

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 40:25–31

A The Old Testament Reading for Jubilate is from Isaiah, chapter 40.

A Thus says the LORD God: "To whom will you liken Me, or to whom shall I be equal?" says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high, and see who has created these things, who brings out their host by number; He calls them all by name, by the greatness of His might and the strength of His power; not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The

everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, neither faints nor is weary. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall, but those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

- A** The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter two.
- A** Dearly Beloved: I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation. Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to

silence the ignorance of foolish men—as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

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

Standing

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Psalm 111:9a; Luke 24:26

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

- L** He sent redemption to his people.

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

- L** Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?

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

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



G Glo-ry be to Thee, O Lord.

P At that time Jesus said to His disciples: "A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me, because I go to the Father." Then some of His disciples said among themselves, "What is this that He says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'; and, 'because I go to the Father'?" They said therefore, "What is this that He says, 'A little while'? We do not know what He is saying." Now Jesus knew that they desired to ask Him, and He said to them, "Are you inquiring among yourselves about what I said, 'A

little while, and you will not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me'? Most assuredly, I say to you that you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice; and you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will be turned into joy. A woman, when she is in labor, has sorrow because her hour has come; but as soon as she has given birth to the child, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. Therefore you now have sorrow; but I will see you again and your heart will rejoice, and your joy no one will take from you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



G Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.

CATECHETICAL RECITATION

The Conclusion

P What is the Conclusion of the Lord's Prayer?

C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P What does this mean?

C This means that I should be certain that these petitions are pleasing to our Father in heaven, and are heard by Him; for He Himself has commanded us to pray in this way and has promised to hear us. Amen, amen means "yes, yes, it shall be so."

Sitting

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lutheran Service Book 483

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

SERMON



Standing

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.

Sitting

OFFERING

I Am Content

Johann J. Miller

Standing

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

[1 Timothy 2:1-4]

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

Brief silence

P Father of glory, Your power is great in heaven, and Your deeds of salvation resound in the earth. Bring Your enemies to repentance, that they may join the praises of the faithful. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, knit Your people young and old into one Church. Enrich our wisdom and strengthen our steps toward Your heavenly kingdom, where we will know as we are known and fully receive Your saving power. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Faithful God, You rested on the seventh day after Your work of creation, and Your Son fulfilled that day by His rest in the grave. Give us diligence in our daily labors and holy devotion to observe the day of His resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all, You have appointed the authorities of this world for our good. Direct their hearts and minds to rule according to Your will. Give us faith in Your heavenly authority, which will not permit the righteous to be moved. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Father in heaven, You promise strength in place of weakness and endurance to those who wait on You. Heal the ills of all Your servants, [*especially _____*], and bring us past all sorrow to Your heavenly glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Give joy in the midst of sorrow here at the Sacrament of the Altar. Grant us repentance, a firm faith and a united confession, that we may have honest fellowship in the blessings of Christ's testament. With consciences thus cleansed from evil and renewed in You, enable us to stand undaunted until the day of visitation. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord God, of Your fatherly goodness You allow Your children to come under Your chastening rod to conform us to Your only begotten Son here in suffering on earth and hereafter in glory. Comfort us by Your Holy Spirit in all temptations and afflictions, that we would not despair but trust continually in Your Son's promise that our trials will endure but a little while and then be followed by eternal joy. Grant that we would overcome all evil in patient hope and at last obtain eternal salvation; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3

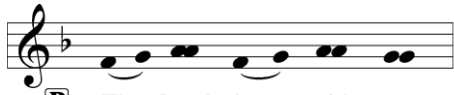
Following the prayers, please greet one another in the name of the Lord by saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of forgiveness and reconciliation in preparation for worthy reception of the Holy Supper.

Please remain standing.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]



P The Lord be with you.



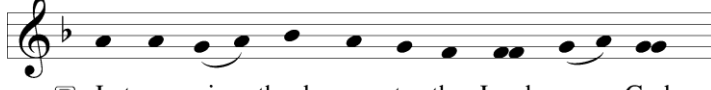
C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



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

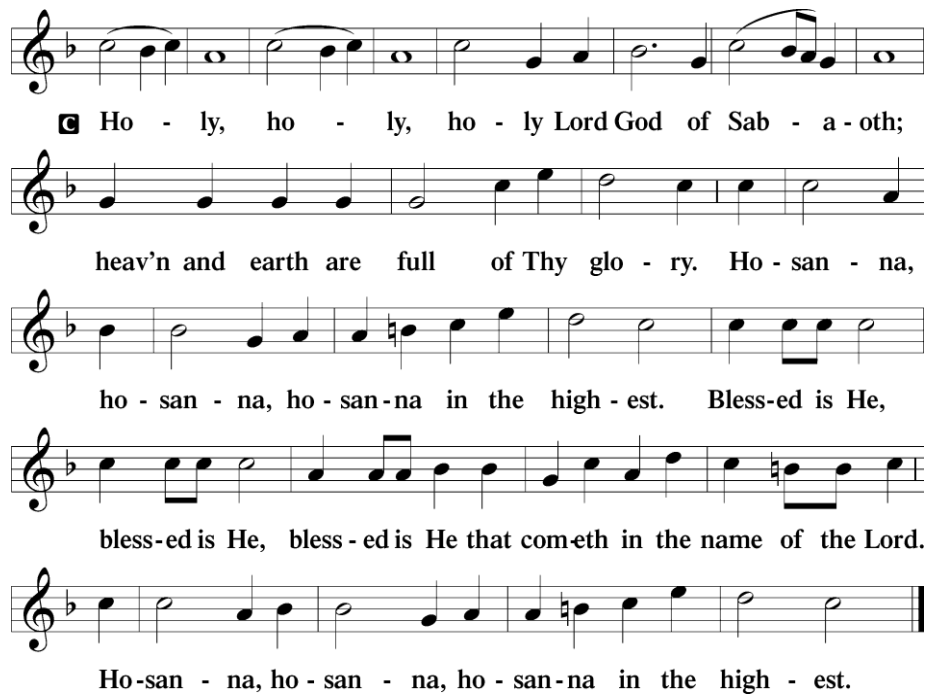


C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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 saying:

SANCTUS ~ *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Please remain standing upright during Eastertide in honor of our Lord's rising from the tomb.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Our Lord Je-sus Christ, on the night when He was be-trayed, took bread,
and when He had giv - en thanks, He broke it and gave it to the
dis-ci-ples and said: "Take, eat; this is My [†] bod - y, which is giv-en for you.
This do in re-mem - brance of Me." In the same way al - so
He took the cup after sup - per, and when He had giv-en thanks, He gave it
to them, say - ing: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in
My [†] blood, which is shed for you for the for-give-ness of sins.
This do, as often as you drink it, in re-mem-brance of Me."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

John 20:19

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

AGNUS DEI ~ *Lamb of God*

John 1:29



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

Sitting

About participation in the Lord's Supper:

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another. Our Lord invites to his table those who trust his words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as he forgives and loves us, that they may show forth his death until he comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor. [Those coming to the altar for a blessing rather than Holy Communion are asked to cross their arms over their chest.]

For further study, see Matthew 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 11:17-34.

(Above is the "Model Communion Card Statement" from Theology and Practice of the Lord's Supper, a 1983 report by the Commission on Theology and Church Relations (CTCR) of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.)

MUSIC DURING THE DISTRIBUTION

Lutheran Service Book 636

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, Leave the
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet Him, And with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure Nei - ther
4 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der O - ver



gloom - y haunts of sad - ness, Come in - to the day - light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet Him. For with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure; But the price - less gifts of
this sur - pass - ing won - der That the bread of life is



splen - dor, There with joy your prais - es ren - der.
mor - tal He is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
bound - less Though the souls it feeds are count - less:



Bless the One whose grace un - bound - ed This a - maz - ing
O - pen wide the gates be - fore Him, Say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, None could buy the
With the choic - est wine of heav - en Christ's own blood to



ban - quet found - ed; He, though heav'n - ly, high, and
there a - dore Him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious con - so -



ho - ly, Deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive You, That I nev - er - more will leave You.
riv - en, And His blood, for you once giv - en.
la - tion, Pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion!

- 5 **Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding;
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.**

- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
 Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,
 Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
 At Your feet I cry, my maker,
 Let me be a fit partaker
 Of this blessed food from heaven,
 For our good, Your glory, given.
- 7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
 You once left Your throne in heaven
 On the cross for me to languish
 And to die in bitter anguish,
 To forego all joy and gladness
 And to shed Your blood in sadness.
 By this blood redeemed and living,
 Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.
- 8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
 Let me gladly here obey You.
 By Your love I am invited,
 Be Your love with love requited;
 By this Supper let me measure,
 Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
 Through the gift of grace You give me
 As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

Lutheran Service Book 632


"O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee"

1 O Je - sus, bless - ed Lord, to Thee My heart - felt
 2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say: What wealth is
 thanks for - ev - er be, Who hast so lov - ing -
 come to me this day! My Sav - ior dwells with -
 ly be - stowed On me Thy bod - y and Thy blood.
 in my heart: How blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Standing.

NUNC DIMITTIS ~ *Song of Simeon*

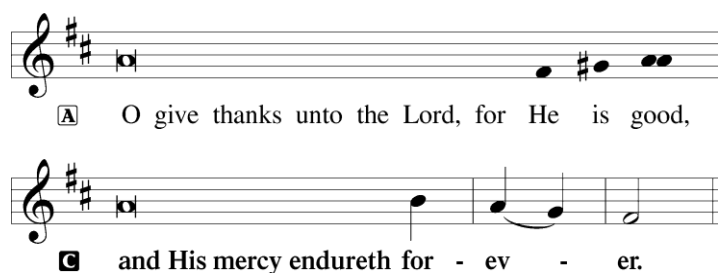
Luke 2:29-32



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

THANKSGIVING

Psalm 107:1



O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

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

C Amen.

SALUTATION AND BENEDICAMUS

2 Timothy 4:22, Psalm 103:1



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



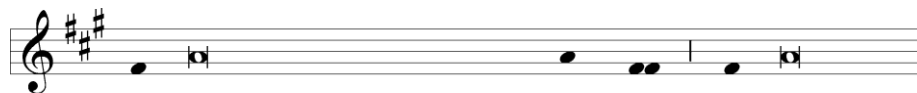
A Bless we the Lord.



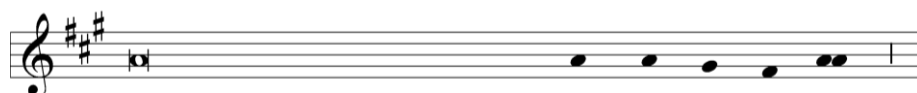
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

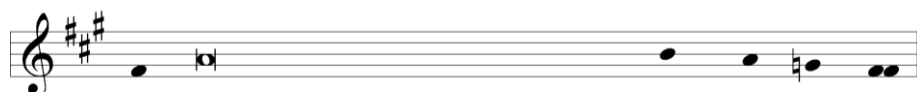
Numbers 6:24-26



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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lutheran Service Book 803

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All Thy works with joy sur-round Thee, Earth and heav'n re - flect Thy rays,
△ 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless-ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Prais-ing Thee, their sun a - bove.
Stars and an-gels sing a-round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro-ken praise.
Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean-depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, Flow - 'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it, Foun - tain - head of love di-vine:



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant-ing bird, and flow - ing foun-tain Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful, we Thy heav'n in - her - it! Joy - ful, we by grace are Thine!

POSTLUDE

Awake, My Heart with Gladness

Paul Gerhardt

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OVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. THIS IS THE GREATEST AND MOST IMPORTANT
COMMANDMENT. THE SECOND IS LIKE IT: LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS
YOURSELF.”

-JESUS CHRIST (MT. 22:37-39)

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sunday 4/21	Jubilate ~ Fourth Sunday of Easter Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Fellowship Hour	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass
Monday 4/22	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday 4/23	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday 4/24	Open Arms LCDC Church Office Open Arms LCDC Chapel	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM 10:00 AM
Thursday 4/25	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Friday 4/26	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	7:00 AM – 6:30 PM 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Saturday 4/27	Open Arms LCDC Church Office	Closed Closed
Sunday 4/28	Cantate ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter Nursery available Children's Sunday School Adult Bible Study: <i>The History of the Nation of Israel</i> Holy Mass Congregational Potluck Book Club: <i>Gone with the Wind</i>	8:30 – 11:30 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 9:00 – 9:45 AM 10:00 AM Following Mass 3:30 PM

LOVING THE LORD

✝ **Adult Bible Study: *The History of the Nation of Israel***

Sundays at 9:00 A.M.
Church fellowship hall

A barren woman's miraculous pregnancy. God passed over for a human king. The wicked sons of a righteous prophet. A king's crimes of murder and adultery. A son's coup against his father's throne. A prophet's persecution. The Word of God lost and found again. These are just a handful of what you will encounter in this provocative Bible study covering the history of the nation of Israel. Beginning with 1 Samuel then moving on to the Books of Kings, Chronicles, and beyond, we will take a tour of the turbulent history of God's people, and His faithfulness despite it all, after their establishment as a nation.

✝ **Bethany Lutheran College Choir Concert**

Tuesday May 14, at 7:00 P.M.
Church sanctuary

The student choir of Bethany Lutheran College (ELS) in Mankato, MN has included our congregation as a stop on their choral tour. They have prepared a concert of sacred choral music, and everyone is invited. Please join us in showing good hospitality, as well as to enjoy a wonderful evening of musical praise to the Lord! There is no cost to attend, but an offering will be taken up to help support the choir and defray costs.

✝ **Sermons on YouTube**

Missed a sermon? Had to walk out halfway through? Want to hear it again? No problem! Most sermons are now being recorded and posted to an official YouTube channel for you to watch at your leisure. Simply type in <https://www.youtube.com/@lcaatlanta> and you will be directed to the YouTube page where you have access to Pastor Miller's sermons online. Sermons are posted in the order of the date they were preached.

✝ **1-1-1 Mission Campaign**

1-1-1 is a campaign of the English District to raise \$1/per person/per week. That means that by giving \$4 each month, just \$52 a year, everyone can give toward the district's mission efforts. Just think what could happen if every person in the English District did this! Right now, those missions are focusing on district ministries on college campuses. Please consider playing a part in this special mission! Dollars may be contributed in the designated 1-1-1 Mission box located in the narthex.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBOR

✝ Potluck Fellowship

Sunday April 28, following Mass

Join the Ascension family for a potluck on the last Sunday of every month! It's a great time to not only feast on good food, but to get better acquainted over good conversation. Please consider bringing a main dish, side, salad, and/or dessert to share.

✝ Book Club: *Gone with the Wind*

Sunday April 28, at 3:30 P.M.

Pastor Miller's home

Margaret Mitchell's page-turning, sweeping American epic has been a classic for over eighty years. Beloved and thought by many to be the greatest of the American novels, *Gone with the Wind* is a story of love, hope and loss set against the tense historical background of the American Civil War.

The lovers at the novel's centre – the selfish, privileged Scarlett O'Hara and rakish Rhett Butler – are magnetic: pulling readers into the tangled narrative of a struggle to survive that cannot be forgotten.

WINNER OF NATIONAL BOOK AWARD AND PULITZER PRIZE

'For sheer readability I can think of nothing it must give way before' *The New Yorker*

'What makes some people come through catastrophes and others, apparently just as able, strong, and brave, go under?' Margaret Mitchell

✝ Adopt a Seminarian: Charles Schnell

Deadline for donations: Sunday, July 28

A former son of the congregation, Charles Schnell, will be attending Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in the fall. He is studying to become a pastor in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. His education will include three academic years and one year of hands-on training as a vicar at a sister congregation. While seminary tuition is prepaid for students at this time, Charles will still require money for room and board, as well as his textbooks. Please consider adopting Charles and supporting his studies. You may do so as a one-time gift or an ongoing donation of a set amount per month. It's all up to you. You may coordinate with the Business Manager, Darlene Beckman. Please be sure to mention "Charles Schnell" in the memo line to distinguish your gift from regular plate offerings. We are accepting donations through the end of the summer so that we, as a congregation, may give a donation that matches the total sum of private donations. Thank you for supporting Charles!

LIFTING HOLY HANDS

Celebrations

Birthdays:

- ✝ John Kateen, 4/26

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries):

- ✝ Lauren Morr, 4/22

Wedding Anniversaries:

- ✝ Richard & Jill Drachenberg, 4/21

Membership Anniversaries:

- ✝ Brian, Darlene, Isaac, & Grayson Beckman, 4/23

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

- ✝ Australia

For comfort, health, and recovery:

- ✝ Barbara Collins-Hopkins (Director of Open Arms LCDC)
- ✝ Millie & Vincent Kelly (parents of Lori Vester)
- ✝ Cameron McClain and family (relatives of the Woolerys)
- ✝ Patrice Merkerson-Moore (Open Arms teacher)
- ✝ Jean Meyers
- ✝ Michelle Noel
- ✝ Claire Pak (friend of Laura Darden)
- ✝ Nancy Reichmann (wife of John Reichmann)
- ✝ Jason Schoellen
- ✝ Bill Vester

For those requesting special prayers:

- ✝ Gainful employment for all those in this congregation who are actively seeking meaningful work and a fair wage.

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

- ✝ David Abee (brother of Nancy Grossberg)
- ✝ Brian Beckman
- ✝ Ruth Henry
- ✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

For the leaders of Church and state:

- ✝ Director Barbara Collins-Hopkins & Open Arms Board
- ✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials
- ✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials
- ✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension
- ✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic
- ✝ President Joseph Biden & all U.S. government officials

MAN'S WILL IN HIS CONVERSION IS PURELY PASSIVE, THAT IS, THAT IT DOES NOTHING WHATEVER, IS TO BE UNDERSTOOD RESPECTU DIVINAE GRATIAE IN ACCENDENDIS NOVIS MOTIBUS, THAT IS, WHEN GOD'S SPIRIT, THROUGH THE WORD HEARD OR THE USE OF THE HOLY SACRAMENTS, LAYS HOLD UPON MAN'S WILL, AND WORKS [IN MAN] THE NEW BIRTH AND CONVERSION. FOR WHEN [AFTER] THE HOLY GHOST HAS WROUGHT AND ACCOMPLISHED THIS, AND MAN'S WILL HAS BEEN CHANGED AND RENEWED BY HIS DIVINE POWER AND WORKING ALONE, THEN THE NEW WILL OF MAN IS AN INSTRUMENT AND ORGAN OF GOD THE HOLY GHOST, SO THAT HE NOT ONLY ACCEPTS GRACE, BUT ALSO COOPERATES WITH THE HOLY GHOST IN THE WORKS WHICH FOLLOW.

-*EPITOME*. II. FREE WILL, 18.



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