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#### AS WE GATHER

"Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!" That Easter greeting, proclaimed throughout the ages of the Church, takes root in our hearts so that we understand that the resurrected life is now our own. *Alleluia*, meaning "praise ye the Lord," infects our hymns and anthems as we tell others the Good News that our Lord is risen, risen indeed.



#### Holy Communion is offered today:

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift given to us by God. In the bread and wine, just as He says, Christ gives us His body and blood to forgive sins, renew faith, and cause Godly and brotherly love to grow. In this sacrament we proclaim Christ's death on the cross to atone for the sins of the world and His triumphant resurrection over the grave, to the glory and praise of God. To receive this means of God's grace properly we should be able to positively answer the following: "Do I need forgiveness for sin?" "Do I believe the pastor's forgiveness is God's forgiveness?" "Do I believe in Christ as my Savior?" "Do I trust that Christ is truly present in the bread and wine?" "Do I desire to live anew to God and others in love and service?" In our 'yes' to these questions we join in a close and holy communion – a fellowship of faith.

Out of Pastoral concern and care, and taking to heart God's Word in 1 Corinthians 11:28-29: "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without recognizing the body of the Lord eats and drinks judgment on himself" – if you are unsure of what it means to recognize the body of the Lord in the Lord's Supper and you cannot confess these beliefs, please feel free to remain seated or come forward with hands folded for a blessing or speak to the Pastor or an Elder prior to the service.

If you need to receive the Sacrament at your seat, please tell an usher. For those who so desire, the cups in the center have water infused with a drop of wine. Also, non-communing children and adults are welcome to come to the altar rail and receive a blessing (please keep your hands folded to indicate this choice.)

#### **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD** Divine Setting – Service One April 4, 2021 10:30 a.m.

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### + PREPARATION +

#### **Rise and face the Processional Cross**

#### + INVOCATION +

LSB 151

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

P We begin in the name into which we are baptized; In the name of the Father and of the ℜ
 Son and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19b

# **C** Amen.

## Litany of the Resurrection

#### (selected portions)

**P** Jesus, our Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and hast taken away the sins of the world:

**C** Have mercy upon us.

P Jesus, who by Thy death hast destroyed death and by Thy rising to life again hast restored to us everlasting life:

- **C** Have mercy upon us.
- **P** By Thy glorious resurrection;
- By Thy victory over death;
- By the glorious majesty of Thy risen body:
- **C** Good Lord deliver us.

**P** That we may walk in love, even as Thou didst walk in love;

That we may set our affections on things above, not on things on earth;

That we may dwell with Thee forever in the new heaven and earth, in the Holy city, the New Jerusalem:

**C** Grant us, good Lord.

**P** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world:

**C** Have mercy upon us.

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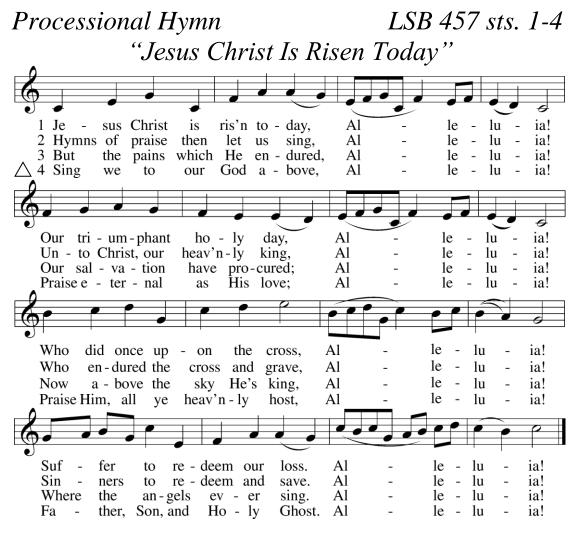
**C** Have mercy upon us.

P O God, who makest us glad by the yearly Festival of the Resurrection, mercifully grant that we who do now celebrate these joyous holy days on earth may attain hereafter to eternal joys in heaven; through Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** Amen.

## **Easter Response**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!
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- **C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!



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## **Confession and Forgiveness**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death, He is the ruler over all the kings of the earth.
  C He loves us, and by His blood He set us free from our sins.
- **P** Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(Silence for self-examination and confession to God in light of the Ten Commandments and reflection on God's Word)

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have

left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

PGod be merciful to you and strengthen your<br/>faith.LSB 292

**C** Amen.

P Do you believe that my forgiveness is God's forgiveness?
LSB 293

- **C** Yes.
- **P** Let it be done for you as you believe.
- P Almighty God in LSB 151

His mercy has given His Son

to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\bigstar$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

## **C** Amen.

## Alleluia

- **P** Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **C** He is risen indeed, alleluia!

#### Sit

+ CONFIRMATION + LSB 272 (The pastor addresses the candidates for confirmation saying:)

P Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said,

"Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

- **P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- **R** Yes, I do.
- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- **R** Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works and all his ways?
- **R** Yes, I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, The Father Almighty and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord and in the Holy Spirit as confessed in the Apostles Creed?
R Yes, I confess and believe in God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic
Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?
R I do.

Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?
I do.

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and to receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.* 

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** I do, by the grace of God.

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.* 

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** Amen.

(The catechumens receive the confirmation blessing and passage of Holy Scripture. The pastor places his hand over the head of the catechumens and makes the sign of the cross while saying:)

**P** Dennis & Kim, the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life  $\clubsuit$  everlasting.

▶ Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your son and daughter to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



P Peace ➡ be with you.C Amen.

(The confirmed are welcomed into fellowship in the congregation as they return to their seats)

Stand

Introit

LSB 152

*Ex.* 15:2*a*, *6*, 13, 17-18; *antiphon: Ex.* 15:1*b* 

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

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

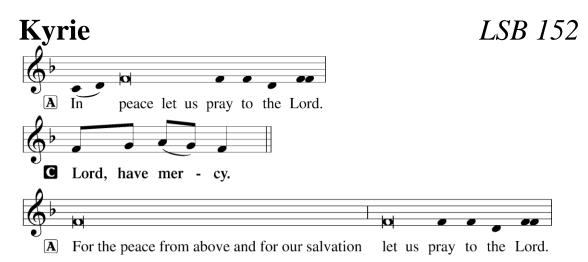
P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

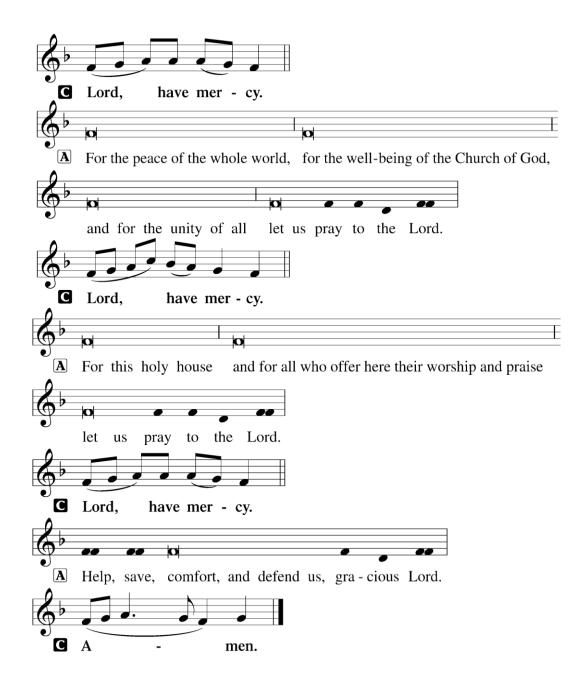
**C** You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

P You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

C the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

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







## **Collect of the Day**

## LSB 156

**P** The Lord be with you.

#### **C** And also with you.

 P Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### **C** Amen.

#### Sit

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD + LSB 156
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 25:6-9
6 On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine - the best of meats and the finest of wines.

7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations;

8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

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

Gradual adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6 **A C** 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 under his feet.

Epistle Reading1 Corinthians 15:1-111 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the<br/>gospel I preached to you, which you received and<br/>on which you have taken your stand. 2 By this<br/>gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the<br/>word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have<br/>believed in vain.3 For what I received I passed on to you as of

3 For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. 6 After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. 7 Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, 8 and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. 9 For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.

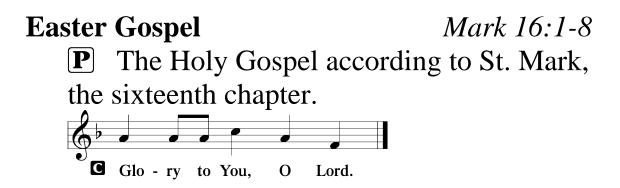
10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them - yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. 11 Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse2 Tim. 1:10b, LSB 156PAlleluia.

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



1 When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. 2 Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb 3 and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" 4 But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. 5 As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

6 "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 7 But go, tell his disciples andPeter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee.There you will see him, just as he told you.'"8 Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.



#### Sit

*Hymn of the Day* LSB 463 sts. 1-4 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al le - lu ia! le -2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled. A1 lu ia! the vic - tim un - de - filed. A1 3 Hail. le lu ia! 4 Chris - tians, on this Al ho - lv day, le lu ia! Chris-tians, has - ten your way; Al le - lu ia! on le -Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al lu ia! God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al le \_ lu ia! your grate - ful Al All hom - age pay; le lu ia!

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|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Of - fer praise with  | love re - plete,  | Al -         | le - lu - ia! |
| Christ the Lord is    | ris'n on high;    | Al -         | le - lu - ia! |
| When con - tend - ing | death and life,   | Al -         | le - lu - ia! |
| Christ the Lord is    | ris'n on high;    | Al -         | le - lu - ia! |
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|                       |                   |              |               |
| At the pas - chal     | vic - tim's feet. | Al -         | e - lu - ia!  |
| Now He lives, no      | more to die.      | Al -<br>Al - | le - lu - ia! |
| Now He lives, no      |                   | Al -         |               |

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#### Sermon

#### Pastor Tom Rhodes "Easter! At Last!"

#### Stand

Together We Confess our Common Faith Usingthe Nicene CreedLSB 158P C I believe in one God, the FatherAlmighty, maker of heaven and earth and ofall 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

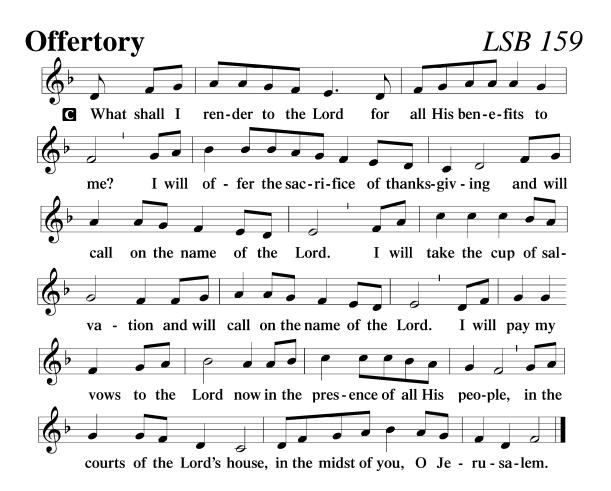
came down from heaven

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.

## Offering

In quiet devotion and responding in personal stewardship of God's abundant provision to you, please use the offering plates in the back as you enter or exit. (This is just as it says: An offering to God through His church. As a reassurance to those in worship today, especially our guests - this is not an obligation - the good news of Jesus is free to all!)



Prayer of the ChurchLSB 159PLet us pray to the Lord, our God and Father,<br/>who raised Jesus from the dead.

Brief silence

 P Lord God, heavenly Father, on this glorious day fill Your people with a holy joy at the resurrection of Your Son, that they might tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live now in the truth of Your almighty pardon, peace, and reconciliation. Lord, in Your mercy:

## **C** hear our prayer.

 P Let Your grace be with Matthew, our Synod president; Lee, our district president; and all our pastors, so that they may faithfully deliver to Your people the apostolic Gospel of Your Son's death, burial and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy:

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Let we, and all Your people hold fast to the Word that is preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all those who would sow doubt in You, the only triune God, in people's hearts, and grant

## Your people courage to confess this singular truth in our daily lives. Lord, in Your mercy: **C** hear our prayer.

P Help all those who suffer for the sake of Christ to hold fast to Him, that rejoicing in the glory of His resurrected might they would fear no other. Have mercy on their persecutors as You had mercy on St. Paul, and grant them to know the love of the One that they now persecute in hate. Lord, in Your mercy:

#### **C** hear our prayer.

P Bless Joseph, our president, and all who make and administer our laws, that they may frustrate the forces of evil and not cooperate with them or further their goals. Guard our armed forces as they stand watch for us at home and abroad; let them serve with honor and integrity. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

P Have mercy on the sick, remembering before You all who we know suffer; let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with Your will, grant them renewed health as a foretaste of their eternal healing in Him. Lord, in Your mercy:
C hear our prayer.

P Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they might abide in the hope of His resurrection; uphold them in faith as they await the day when You will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in Your mercy:

**C** hear our prayer.

P Rejoicing to join in the eternal alleluias of the innumerable angels and the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven and the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lay these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in

Your mercy through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C Amen.

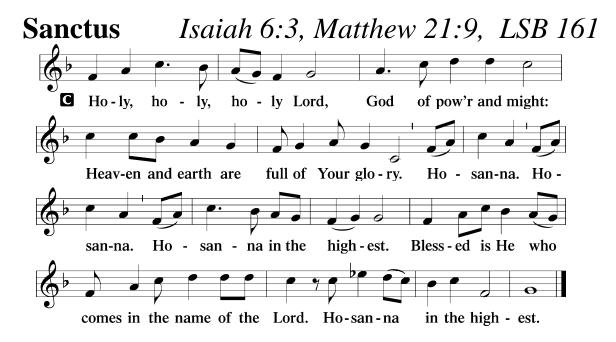
# + SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### Preface

LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **C** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- 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, 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:



#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

#### LSB 161

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.



Lord's Prayer Matthew 6:9-13, LSB 162 **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

LSB 162

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

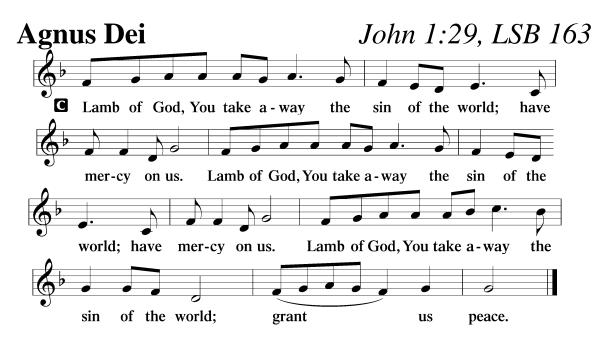
P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My 承 body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

▶ 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."

Pax Domini

John 20:19, LSB 163

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



Sit

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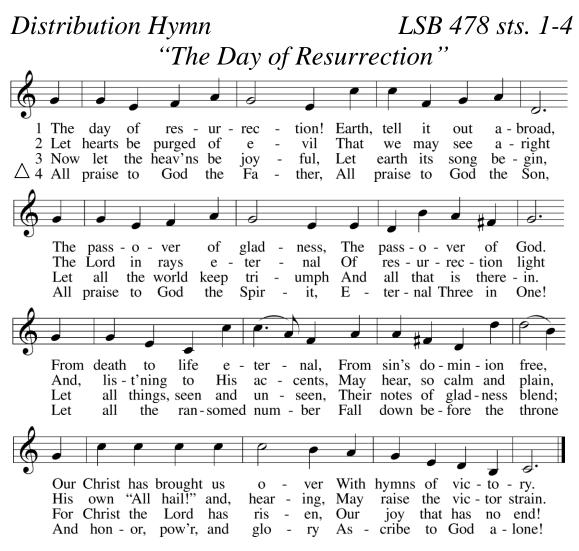
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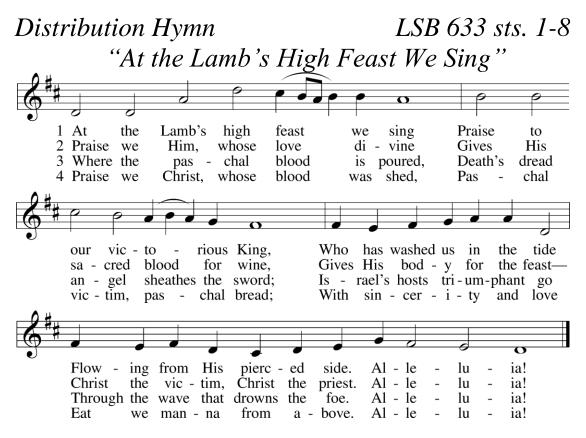
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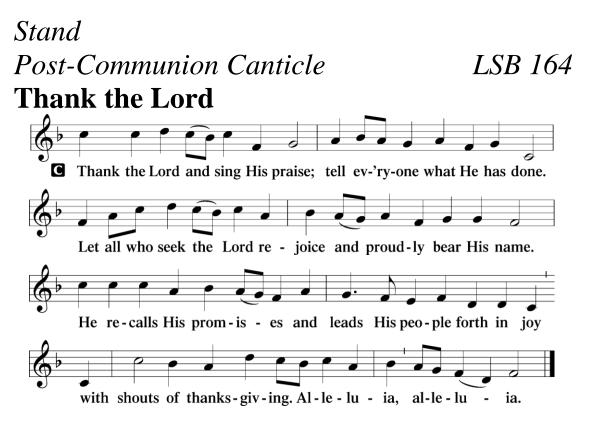
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- Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

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- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!
- ▲8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!



# Post-Communion CollectLSB 166

**P** Let us pray.

P Almighty God, since You have called Your Church to witness that in Christ You have reconciled us unto Yourself, grant that by Your Holy Spirit we may proclaim the Good News of Your salvation that all who hear may receive the gift of salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.



#### **Blessing And Benediction**

LSB 166

▶ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21* 

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and  $\bigstar$  give you peace.

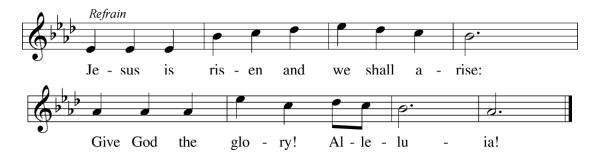
## **C** Amen.

# P Alleluia! Christ is risen.C He is risen indeed, alleluia!

#### Sit Closing Hymn

#### LSB 474 sts. 1-5 "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"





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(As the acolyte leaves the chancel with the light from the altar, reminding us that the light of Christ's word is among us and goes with us; so we are reminded that we take the mark of our baptism, the light of the cross of Christ, with us to a dark, broken and hurting world, where we go **Hearing**, Sharing and Living the Gospel)



#### The Easter Lilies on the Altar were given by the Ladies Guild and members of the congregation