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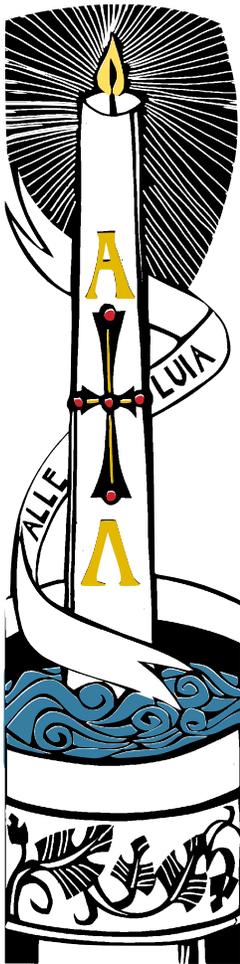
of our
LORD

*The Festival of the Resurrection of our Lord — Easter
Sunday, April 1, 2018
Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church
Kearney, Nebraska*

THE HIGH FESTIVAL OF EASTER

“Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed” (1 Cor. 5:7). By the shed blood of Christ, the Lamb of God, eternal death has passed over us. Now we pass with Christ through death into life everlasting. For Christ the crucified One is risen! The stone has been rolled away from the tomb, revealing that the tomb could not hold Him (Mk. 16:1–8). Now our Redeemer lives eternally to save us from sin and Satan and the grave, and we can live in the sure hope of our own bodily resurrection with Christ. “After my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God” (Job 19:26). Feasting on the living Christ, who is our meat and drink indeed, we boldly say: “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?...But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 15:54–55, 57).

THE PASCHAL CANDLE



The Paschal Candle is a special candle used at every service during the Easter season and at baptisms and funerals year-round. The Paschal Candle—rededicated last evening in our Easter Vigil service—symbolizes the resurrection victory over the darkness of sin and death. It emphasizes the presence of the resurrected Christ and the link between a believer’s baptism and the resurrection (Romans 6).

The name *Paschal* comes from the Greek, *pascha*. Before the time of Christ, this word was used for Passover; after Christ, Christians took to using the word when referring to the Festival of the Resurrection (The term *Easter* came into use in later centuries). On the Paschal Candle are *nails*, symbolizing the wounds of Christ; a *cross*, the means by which we are saved through our baptism; two Greek letters, an *Alpha* [Α] and an

Omega [Ω], which remind us of Jesus’ words in St. John’s Revelation (1:8; 22:13), and that he is the beginning and the end; and finally, the candle has the *current year*, the year of our Lord (“*anno domini*”; A.D.) 2017.

Throughout the fifty days of Easter, the Paschal Candle traditionally stands near or in front of the altar as a symbol of resurrection. It is lighted for each service and is traditionally extinguished after the reading of the Gospel on Ascension. The Paschal Candle is of substantial size so its important symbolism speaks clearly. Even the stand in which it sits is of great size. As the Advent candles bring wonderful meaning to the celebration of Advent, so the Paschal Candle is intended to add meaningful symbolism to our celebration of Easter, Baptisms, and Christian funerals.

HOLY COMMUNION

As Christians who believe that the Bible is inspired by God and that every word written in it is God's holy Word, we believe that we receive the body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine. While this is something that goes beyond our human understanding, our faith allows us to accept this as true. God warns us in the Bible that anyone who doesn't understand this teaching or who denies this real presence of Christ's body and blood will do damage to his or her soul if not properly taught first (1 Corinthians 11:27-29).

As a congregation we care about people and about the spiritual well-being of individuals,

especially those attending the Lord's Table today. This is why we observe the practice of a Closed Communion. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are not under church discipline in another congregation, and are members of our congregation, one of our sister congregations in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod [WELS], or a member of our sister synod, the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS].

SERVING US TODAY

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ORDER OF SERVICE

HYMN OF THE DAY ✠ *Welcome, Happy Morning*

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1 “Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!” Age to age shall say;
 2 Mak - er and Re - deem - er, Life and Health of all,
 3 He, of life the au - thor, Death did un - der - go,
 4 Free the souls long pris - oned, Bound with Sa - tan’s chain;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav’n is won to - day!”
 God from heav’n be - hold - ing Hu - man na - ture’s fall,
 Trod the path of dark - ness, Sav - ing strength to show.
 All that now is fall - en Raise to life a - gain.



Lo, the Dead is liv - ing, God for - ev - er - more!
 Of the Fa - ther’s God - head You, the on - ly Son,
 Come, then, True and Faith - ful, Now ful - fill your word;
 Show your face in bright - ness; Shine in ev - ’ry land



Him, their true Cre - a - tor, All his works a - dore.
 Man - kind to de - liv - er Man - hood did put on.
 This is your third morn - ing— Rise, O bur - ied Lord!
 As in E - den’s gar - den When the world be - gan.

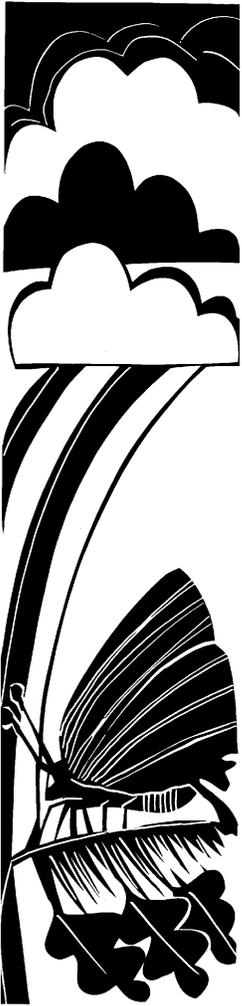
Refrain



“Wel-come, hap - py morn - ing!” Age to age shall say;



“Hell to - day is van - quished; Heav’n is won to - day!”



Written 1500 years ago, we sing with all the saints who have went before and who will go ahead of us. Because of Christ’s victory over the grave, year after year, century after century, God’s people can sing: “WELCOME, HAPPY MORNING! Age to age shall say; Hell today is vanquished; Heav’n is won today!”

¶ Please stand.

M In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

¶ Silence for meditation on God's Word and for self-examination as you consider your thoughts, words, and actions according to the Ten Commandments.

M Holy and merciful Father, **C** **I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Are you a father, mother, son, daughter, husband, wife, or worker? Have you been disobedient, unfaithful, or lazy?

Have you been hot-tempered, rude, or quarrelsome?

Have you hurt someone by your words or deeds?

Have you stolen, been negligent, wasted anything, or done any harm?

— Small Catechism Confession III

ABSOLUTION

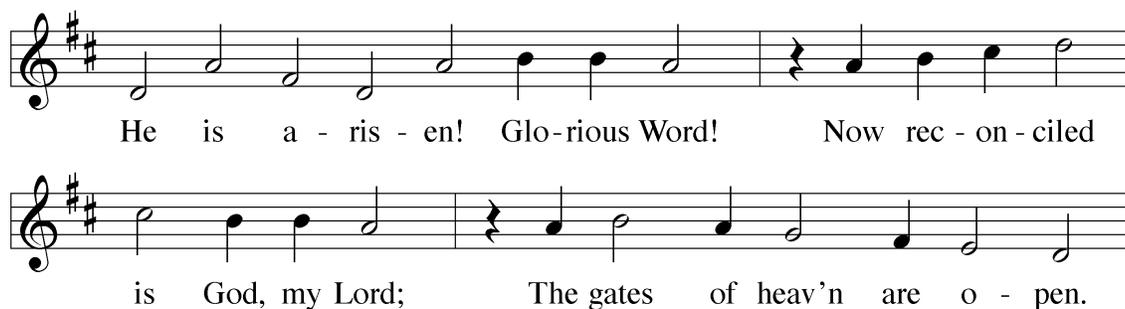
M Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ☩ and of the Holy Spirit.

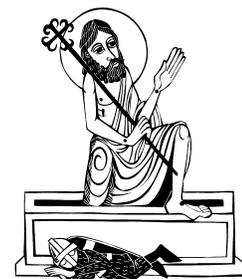
C Amen.

HYMN ☩ *He Is Arisen! Glorious Word*

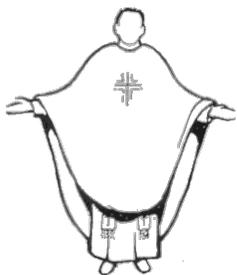
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He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!



You may notice Pastor wearing a vestment today with which you are not familiar. The CHASUBLE is a poncho-shaped garment that is the principal vestment for the celebrant (the minister who speaks the Words of Institution in the service) of the Communion service. Like all vestments, its purpose is to cover the person of the minister and to give glory to Christ. It is adorned with the colors of the season of the Church Year.

My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

SALUTATION

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22

- M** The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

EASTER GREETING

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

EASTER DIALOGUE

- M** This is the day that the LORD has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
M I shall not die, but I shall live,
C and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Psalm 118:24

Psalm 118:7



The EASTER GREETING, used as early as the 1st century A.D., is more than an empty tradition. The resurrection of Christ gives us hope for salvation and for our own resurrection and eternal life. Easter eggs, dyed with bright pastels, reflect our confidence of the empty tomb. (see page 12)

M Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries. *Exodus 15:5-6a*

C “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

M “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

C **The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.** *1 Corinthians 15:55-57*

M I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. *Job 19:25*

C **“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!”** *Revelation 5:12*

PRAYER OF THE DAY ☩ Collect

M Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C Amen.

☩ *Be seated.*

FIRST LESSON ☩ *Job 19:23-27*



H THAT MY WORDS WERE WRITTEN!

Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

²⁴ Oh that with an iron pen and lead
they were engraved in the rock forever!

²⁵ For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.

²⁶ And after my skin has been thus destroyed,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷ whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!



“We affirm that no one but God alone can separate human nature and this corruption of human nature from each other. This will fully come to pass through death, in the blessed resurrection. At that time our nature, which we now bear, will rise and live eternally without original sin and be separated and divided from it.”

— *Formula of Concord*

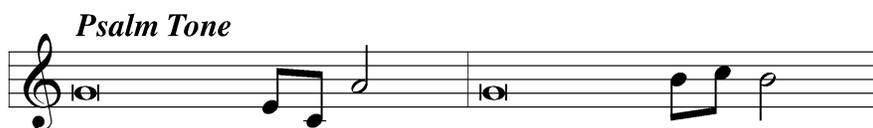
M The Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

PSALM OF THE DAY ✠ *Psalm 30*

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♩ *The Pastor will sing the refrain first. The congregation is asked to repeat the refrain and sing it as indicated. The Psalm will be sung responsively by the verse. The congregation is invited to sing the bolded verses of the psalm.*



M Refrain

C Refrain

Sing to the LORD, you | saints of his;
praise his | holy name.

**For his anger lasts only a | moment,
but his favor lasts a | lifetime;**

weeping may remain | for a night,
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.

Refrain

To you, O | LORD, I called;
to the LORD I cried for | mercy:

**“Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me;
O LORD, | be my help.”**

You turned my wailing into | dancing,
that my heart may sing to you and not be | silent.

**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

*“Awake, my heart, with
gladness! SEE WHAT
TODAY IS DONE; Now,
after gloom and
sadness, Comes forth the
glorious sun. My Savior
there was laid Where our
bed must be made When
to the realms of light Our
spirit wings its flight.”*

— Paul Gerhardt
CW 156:1



LOOK, I TELL YOU A MYSTERY. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the blink of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But once this perishable body has put on imperishability, and this mortal body has put on immortality, then what is written will be fulfilled:

Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵Death, where is your sting?

Grave, where is your victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

M The Word of the Lord.

C Alleluia! Thanks be to God!

VERSE OF THE DAY ✠ I Corinthians 15:57

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to God. He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.*

HOLY GOSPEL ✠ Mark 16:1-8

¶ Please stand.

M The Holy Easter Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter sixteen.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



WHEN THE SABBATH WAS PAST, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.

³ And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the

“For us, [the blessed resurrection] is pure joy, because we hear that our greatest Treasure, over which we rejoice, is already in heaven above, and that only the most insignificant part remains behind; and that he will awaken this, too, and draw it after him as easily as a person awakens from sleep.”

— Martin Luther

After 40 days of Lent, our ALLELUIAS are back—and they are many. A hallmark of Easter morning is the joy and the songs. Sing loudly. Sing joyfully! Sing praises to our victorious king.

“Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands For our offenses given; But now at God’s right hand he stands And brings us life from heaven. Therefore let us joyful be And sing to God right thankfully Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!”

— Martin Luther
CW 161:1



stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And 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. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸ And 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.

M This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;

Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;

Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

NICENE CREED

- C** **We believe in one God,** *Dt. 6:4*
the Father, the Almighty, *2 Cor. 6:18*
maker of heaven and earth, *Is. 51:13*
of all that is, seen and unseen. *Col.1:16*
- We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,** *1 Cor. 8:6*
the only Son of God, *Jn. 3:18*
eternally begotten of the Father, *Heb. 1:2,5*
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, *Jn. 1*

**begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

Jn. 10:30

Jn. 1:3

1 Th. 5:9

Jn. 6:38

Lk. 1:35

Gal. 4:4

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.**

Mk. 15:15

1 Cor. 15:3-4a

**On the third day he rose again in accordance
with the Scriptures.**

1 Cor. 15:4b

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

Ac. 2:33-34

Heb. 1:13

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

Mt. 25:31

2 Tim. 4:1

Lk. 1:33

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

Job 33:4

Jn. 15:26

Jn. 4:24

**We believe in one holy Christian
and apostolic Church.**

2 Pet. 1:25

Mt. 16:18; Eph. 2:19-20

We believe in one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

Eph. 4:5; Ac. 2:38

We look for the resurrection of the dead

1 Cor. 15:21-22

and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

Rev. 22

♯ *Be seated.*

HYMN OF THE DAY ☩ *He's Risen, He's Risen*

CW 143



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.

*Christmas and Easter.
The two highest festivals
of the Church Year. In
this hymn we praise our
risen Lord as "THE
INCARNATE WORD."
Christ has accomplished
what he set out to do at
the manger—to vanquish
sin, death, and hell for us.
Alleluia!*



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

SERMON ✠ *I Corinthians 15:51-57*

Vidit, Venit, Vicit

["He saw, He came, He conquered."]

HYMN ✠ *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

CW 152 (1-2, 7-8)

¶ *Please stand.*

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| <p>1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
 What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
 He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
 He lives, my ever-living Head!</p> | <p>7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
 He lives, and I shall conquer death.
 He lives my mansion to prepare;
 He lives to bring my safely there.</p> |
| <p>2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save.
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.</p> | <p>8 He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.
 Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
 "I know that my Redeemer lives!"</p> |

¶ *Be seated.*



EASTER EGGS and the EASTER BUNNY are not "pagan" symbols, as sometimes is said. Eggs are likened to the tomb of Christ. They crack open to bring forth new life. We decorate them in bright and joyful colors because the tomb no longer scares us. In fact, for Christians death is now the portal to life. Rabbits are associated with the dawn; they were thought to spend the night keeping watch for the first light of morning. (If you've ever caught rabbits munching merrily on your garden in the wee hours, you can understand why people thought this.) Strange as it sounds, Christians on Easter Eve are likened to rabbits; last night we kept vigil in anticipation of the resurrection of all creation.

Moved by God's love in Christ, by our OFFERING we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

¶ *Please stand.*

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

¶ *Brief silence*

☒ All glory to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have fulfilled Your Word and brought Your holy servant Jesus, our Lord and God, through death to resurrection! His resurrection is proof positive that He defeated sin, death and the devil on the cross. Let this news of redemption spread far and wide, that the joy of the Easter Gospel would be received in faith throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy, ☒ **hear our prayer.**

☒ All thanksgiving to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have adopted us into Your divine family through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, we have died to sin and risen to new life. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit, that we would live lives of daily repentance and faith, ever clinging to Jesus, our living Redeemer, for forgiveness, life and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, ☒ **hear our prayer.**

☒ Dear Father in heaven, unite in joy all Your holy churches gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Put an end to all division and false doctrine. Raise up preachers in every city and land to shout this good news, and give voice to choirs to sing alleluias without end. Grant that the name of Jesus be heard in every corner of the earth this glad day. Lord, in Your mercy, ☒ **hear our prayer.**

☒ Dear Father in heaven, You have given our risen Lord all dominion over the works of Your hands. Grant that all who bear earthly authority would exercise their offices with humility, restraint and integrity for the well-being of all and for the preservation of Your Holy Church. Lord, in Your mercy, ☒ **hear our prayer.**

☒ Dear Father in heaven, we implore You to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving and all who stand in need [*especially _____*]. Whatever their trials, comfort them with the knowledge that their Redeemer lives, and that nothing can separate them from the love You have for them in Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, ☒ **hear our prayer.**

☒ All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give

You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, which confesses, with St. Job, that our Redeemer lives, and that we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

“Surely there can be no more faithful, firm, or efficacious sign and seal of the promise and grace which have been shown and applied to us than that Christ himself in the Supper shows to us his very body which has been given for us and his very blood which has been shed for us, not at some enormous distance, but he offers and gives it to us in so present a manner that we receive it to our very selves.”

— Martin Chemnitz

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

SALUTATION & PREFACE

M The Lord be with you.

Ruth 2:4; 2 Timothy 4:22



C: And al - so with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

Lamentations 3:41



C: We lift them up un - to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136



C: It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, *who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe.* Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ✠ Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



The SANCTUS is really two songs combined into one. In the presence of the Lord in his glory, angels sing, "Holy, holy, holy" (Isaiah 6:3). In the presence of the Lord in his lowliness, the people sang, "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:9).

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M Blessed are you, O God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By his victory over the grave, our Savior declared death's reign ended, the door to heaven open, and the payment for sin complete. We celebrate with joy the glorious resurrection of your Son. We stand in awe of your power and are humbled by the compassion you have shown our fallen race. Lead us to rejoice in the pardon offered and sealed in this Sacrament and to live a life worthy of your name. The Lord Jesus lives! Alleluia.

C Amen.

The PATER NOSTER
(Latin for "Our Father"),
has been prayed in the
consecration of the
Sacrament from Apostolic
times.

C Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver ✠ us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.



With the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus in his
hands, the Celebrant
turns and speaks the PAX
DOMINI (Latin for "peace
of the Lord") to those
assembled. The Pax is
drawn from Jesus'
greeting to the Apostles
after his resurrection from
the dead: "Peace be to
you" (John 20:19). The
Pastor, as Christ's called
servant, offers us the same
peace in the presence of
the risen Christ.

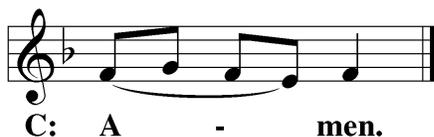
WORDS OF INSTITUTION ✠ *Verba**Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:24,25*

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat. This is my ✠ body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you; this is my ✠ blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

THE PEACE OF THE LORD ✠ *Pax Domini**John 20:19*

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.





Even on Easter, the AGNUS DEI reminds us of Good Friday: that Jesus is God's Lamb, who was offered as a sacrifice for sin, once for all.



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us your peace. A - men.

¶ *Be seated.*

DISTRIBUTION

¶ *Good Shepherd confesses and practices the Biblical teaching of a **Closed Communion**. We ask that only members of the Wisconsin Synod [WELS] or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod [ELS] join us at the Lord's Table. If you have questions concerning our communion practice, or would like to inquire about how you, too, can commune with us, please speak with the Pastor following the service.*

¶ *Those who will be receiving Holy Communion today may wish to read **Personal Preparation for Holy Communion**, found on page 156 in the front section of the hymnal. This page helps us put into practice what the Bible encourages: "Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup" (1 Corinthians 11:28). **Prayer suggestions for before and after receiving the Lord's Supper** can be found in the hymnal on pages 10-11 and 134-139.*

¶ *In dismissing the communicants, the minister says:*

☒ Now, may this true body and blood strengthen and keep you in the true faith to life everlasting. Your sins ✠ are forgiven. Go in peace. Amen.



☩ *Please stand.*

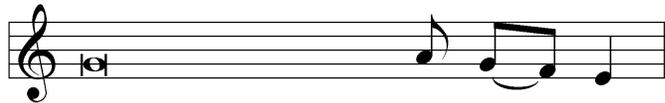
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| <p>1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee
My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed
On me thy body and thy blood.</p> | <p>2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:
What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart—
How blest am I! How good thou art!</p> |
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POST-COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Psalm 107:1

- ☐ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

*We confidently close the prayer with, "AMEN."
"Yes, it shall be so."*



C: And his mercy endures for - ev - er.

COLLECT

- ☐ Let us pray.

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

- ☐ The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

☩ *Be seated.*



1 I am con-tent! My Je - sus lives a - gain, In whom my
 2 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my head; His mem - ber
 3 I am con-tent! My Je - sus is my light, My ra - diant
 4 I am con-tent! Lord, set me ev - er free And wake me



heart is pleased. He has ful - filled the law of God for
 I will be. He bowed his head when on the cross he
 sun of grace. His cheer - ing rays beam bless-ings forth for
 from the dead That I may rise for - ev - er - more to



me; God's wrath he has ap - peased. Since he in
 died With cries of ag - o - ny. Now death is
 all: Sweet com - fort, hope, and peace. This Eas - ter
 be With you, my liv - ing head. The chains that



death could per - ish nev - er, I al - so shall not
 brought in - to sub - jec - tion For me, too, by his
 sun has brought sal - va - tion And ev - er - last - ing
 hold my bod - y, sev - er; Then shall my soul re -



die for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 res - ur - rec-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 ex - ul - ta-tion. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!
 joice for - ev - er. I am con-tent! I am con - tent!

