

"Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the eighth day of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of Baptism and in the feast of victory at the Lord's table. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!

If you would like more information about St. John's and our ministry, please speak with one of the greeters, ushers, or the pastor.

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Prayer Before Worship

Thank you, Lord, for the great triumph that we celebrate today as your people. You won the battle over sin and death, breaking their power on Good Friday. On Easter morning, you declared your victory. Make ready my heart and mind to hear anew the resurrection news as I say together with my fellow Christians: "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!" Amen.

Pre-Service Music

Selections from the Brass Quintet

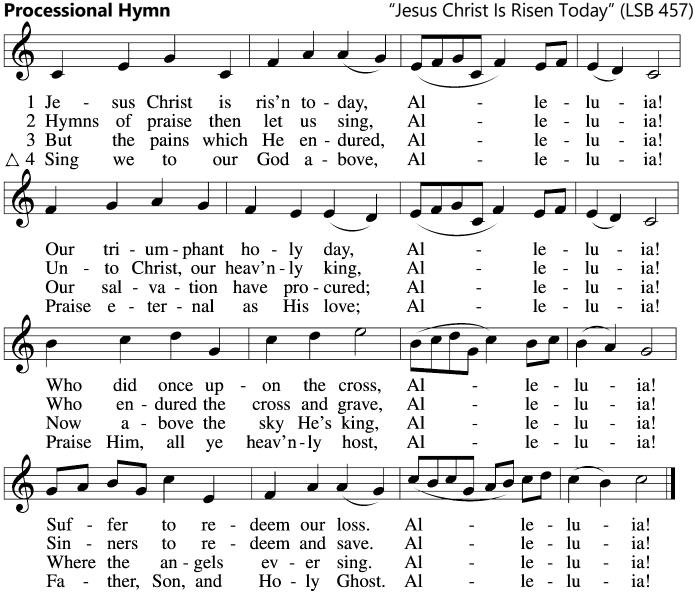
Ringing of the Bells

Welcome

Easter Acclamation

(please rise and face the processional cross at the back of the sanctuary)

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **I** This is the day that the Lord has made.
- **©** We will rejoice and be glad in it.
- P Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again.
- **©** Death has no more power over him.
- L Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

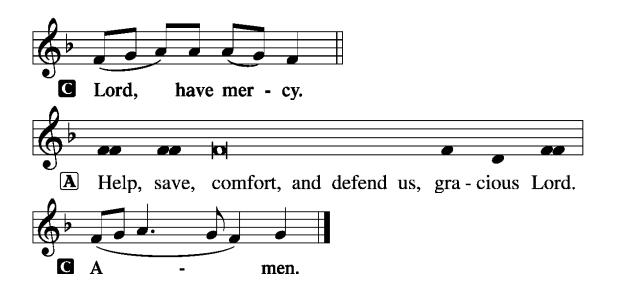


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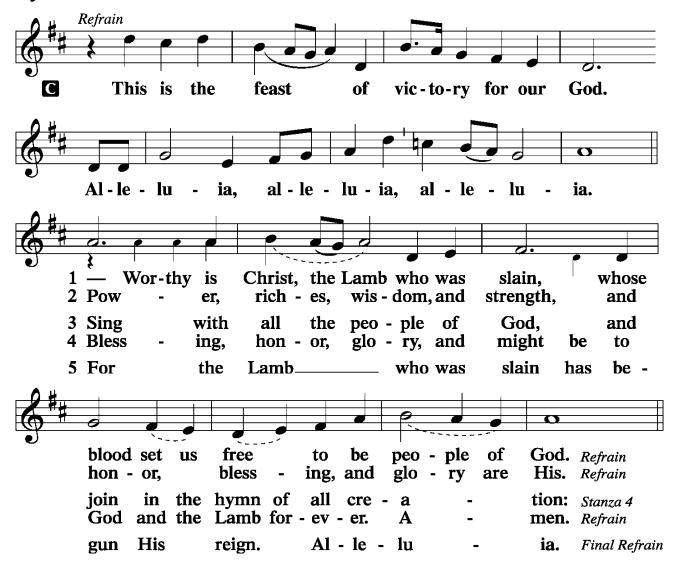
Greeting

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen.
- **G** He is risen indeed. Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- And also with you.





Hymn of Praise



(final refrain on the next page)



Prayer for Easter Day



P Let us pray:

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

First Reading Acts 10:34-43

Please join in reading aloud the highlighted portion of Scripture And consider committing this passage to memory in the week ahead.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country

of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalmody (spoken responsively)

Psalm 16

- **L** Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
- I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
- As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
- The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
- The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
- I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Epistle Reading Colossians 3:1-4

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

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

During the singing of the Alleluia and Verse, please stand for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Alleluia and Verse



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



Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1-10

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

them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."



Sermon

"Precious Treasures: Milk and Honey"



- 5) Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head. Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
- 6) Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
 Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
 Thee we greet triumphant now:
 Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, 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; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, + and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

P With a new heart and new life through Christ's resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those who are in need.

Special prayer requests are announced followed by a brief silence for private prayer.

During the season of Easter each petition ends with the phrase: "Lord, in your mercy."

Please respond by saying: "hear our prayer."

The prayers end with the words:

P Passing from darkness to light, from bondage to freedom, from death to life through Christ our risen Lord, we commend to you, gracious and ever-living God, all for whom we pray.

G Amen.

Following the prayers, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying,

"Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

(Matt. 5:22-24; Eph. 4:1-3).

Announcements

Offertory Prayer

- L Let us pray: Blessed are you,
- O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Rite of Confession and Forgiveness

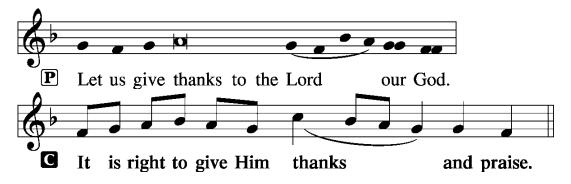
P Let us confess our sins, trusting that God will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness through the redeeming work of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P Faithful and just God,
- We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.
- In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins. In the name of

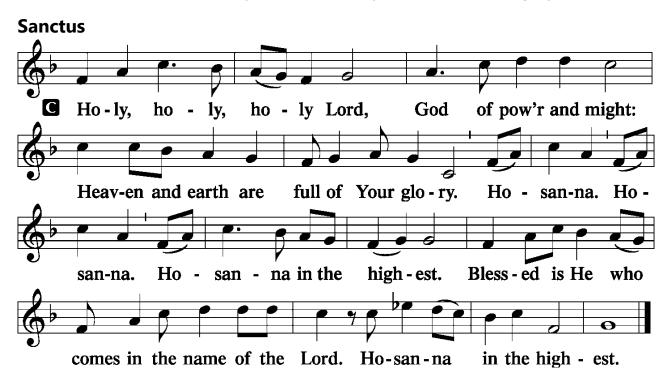
 Jesus Christ, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others.
- C Amen.





Preface for Easter

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-living God. But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of our Lord; for he is the true Passover Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who by his death has destroyed death, and by his rising has brought us to eternal life. And so with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Eucharistic Prayer

- P Holy, living, and loving God, we praise you for creating the heavens and the earth.
- **@** We bless you for bringing Noah and his family through the waters of the flood, for freeing your people Israel from the bonds of slavery, and for sending your Son to be our Redeemer.

- P We give you thanks for Jesus who, living among us,
- healed the sick, fed the hungry, and with a love stronger than death, gave his life for others.
- In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 - Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
- Remembering, therefore, his life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.
- P Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ.
- Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.

Distribution

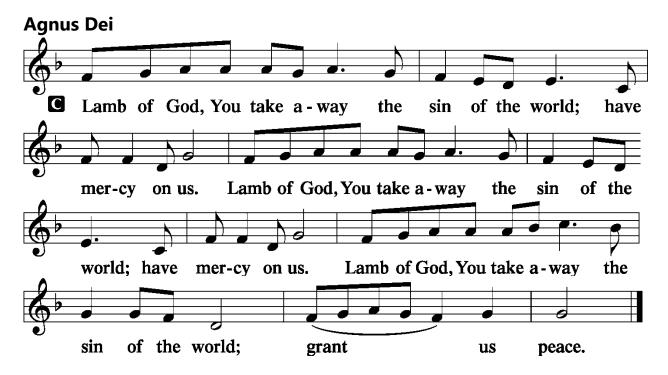
Lutheran Christians believe and teach that in the Sacrament of the Altar, Christ's body and blood are given to those who receive the bread and wine. With the bread and wine, the gifts of His body and blood are given to Christ's people for forgiveness of sins, strength for our journey of faith, and a foretaste of the heavenly banquet. All who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and who trust His words that these gifts are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins, are invited to receive the Eucharist.

Please follow the direction of the ushers to come to the Lord's Table. The bread will be distributed first. **Gluten-free wafers** are available for those who may need these. Please indicate this to the pastor at the distribution. The wine is then received by individual glasses only. Non-alcoholic grape juice is available for those who for

medical or recovery purposes must abstain from alcohol.

Children who do not receive the Sacrament are invited to come forward and receive a blessing. Please cross arms over chest so the pastor and lay assistant are able to distinguish children who do commune from those who do not yet receive the Sacrament.

For additional self-preparation to receive the Sacrament, please see "Christian Questions with Their Answers" beginning on page 1351 in the pew Bible.



Music at the Distribution

Choir Anthem

"In the Name of the Father" - A Resurrection Declaration (Heather Sorenson)

Choir of St. John's & Brass Quintet

In the name of the Father,

In the name of the Spirit and the Son, we claim the resurrection!

Through the power of the Father,

Through the power of the Spirit, we have life eternal;

Life through the risen Son of God!

In the name of the Father,

In the name of the Spirit and the Son, now we are sons and daughters.

Through the power of the Father,

Through the power of the Spirit, we have hope eternal;

hope through the risen Son of God!

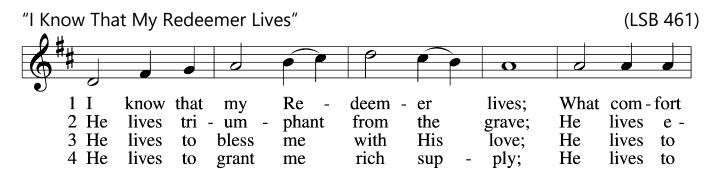
We claim deliverance from the past
We sing the song of life at last; and we claim hope!
We claim Christ! We claim the enemy defeated!
Claim the righteousness of Jesus.
We claim hope! We claim Christ!
We claim the power, we claim this win!
We claim the victory over sin.
We recognize the sacrifice.
We claim the finished work of Christ!

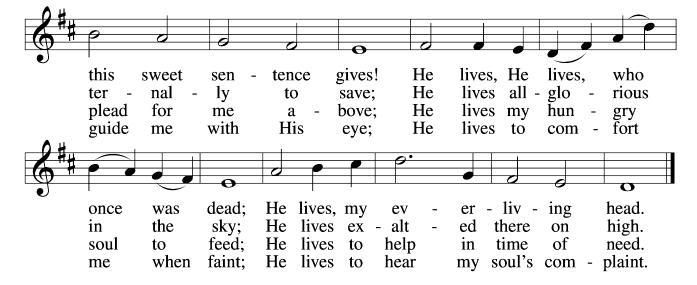
In the name of the Father, In the name of the Spirit and the Son, we claim the resurrection! Through the power of the Father, Through the power of the Spirit, we have life eternal; Life through the risen Son of God!

Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity!
Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my ,soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, ad lives that death may die.

In the name of the Father, in the name of the Spirit and the Son, we claim new life!

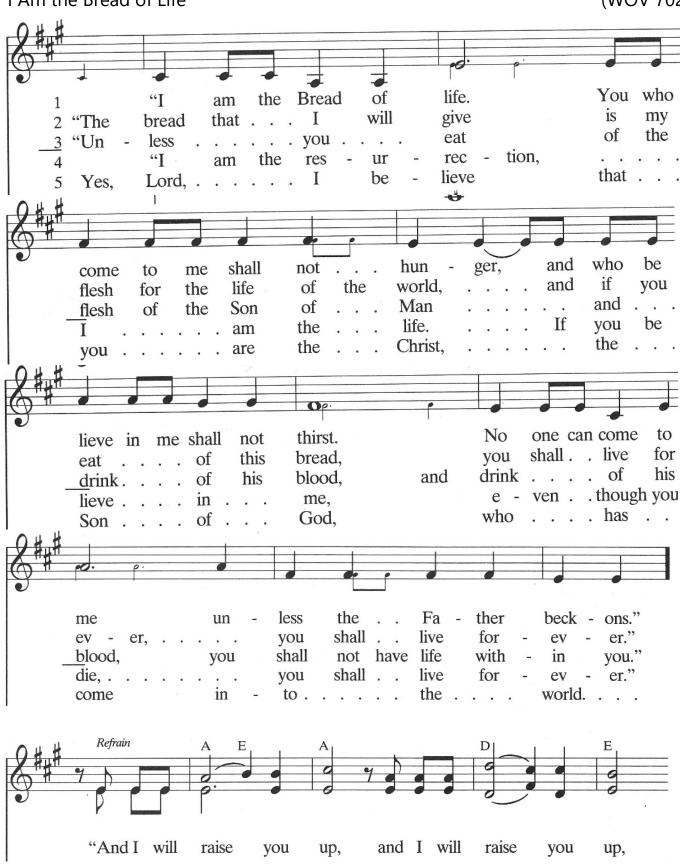




- 5) He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6) He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 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 me safely there.
- 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!

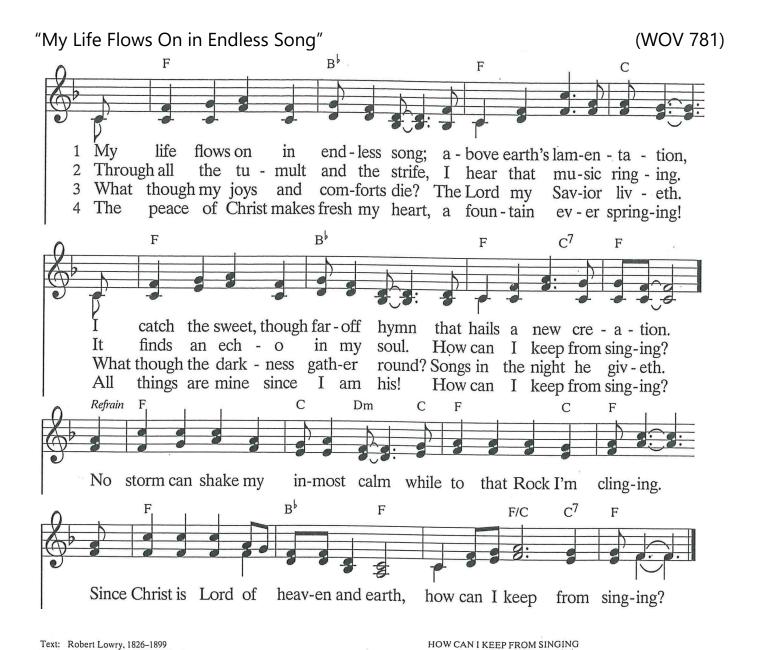
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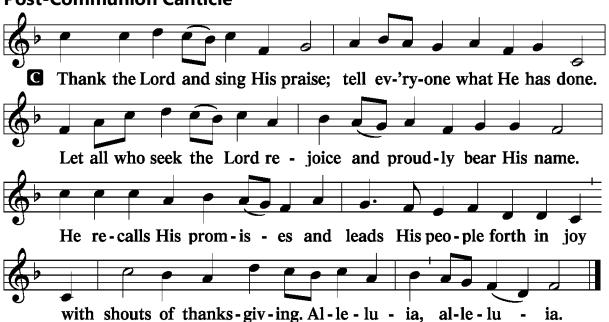
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P The Body and Blood of our risen Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

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C Amen.

Post-Communion Canticle



Prayer of Thanksgiving

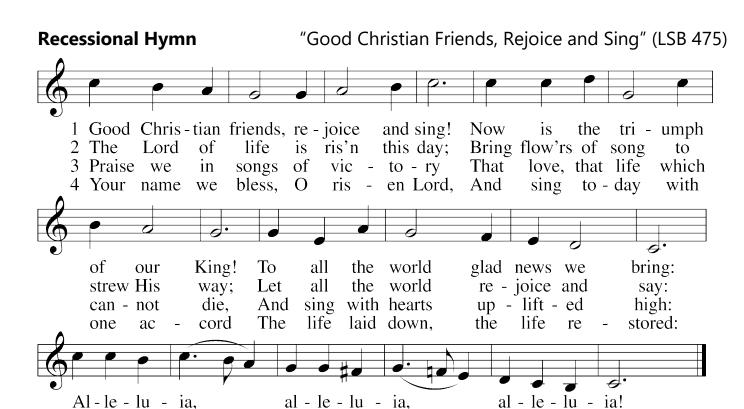
- L Let us pray: Life-giving God,
- We give you thanks for nourishing us with the bread of heaven and the wine of love, Jesus our risen Savior. As you send us into the world, guard us from the power of evil, keep us in unity with all your people, and by your Spirit move us to testify to your grace in our words and actions; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

- P Almighty God, who raised our Lord Jesus from death, lift you up and restore you to wholeness.
 - Jesus Christ, the Word of life who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns to all eternity, bless you and send you to be his witnesses.
 - God the Holy Spirit, who renews the whole earth, refresh you in the gift of Baptism this day and always.
- C Amen.

Sending

- **L** Christ is risen!
- He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- **L** Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!
- Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Postlude

Al-le-lu-ia,

Al-le-lu-ia,

Al - le - lu - ia,

Selections from the Brass Quintet

al - le - lu - ia!

al - le - lu - ia!

al - le - lu - ia!

Wholehearted thanks and blessings to our Brass Quintet (Andrew Boylan & EJ Ramos (trumpet), Evan Geiger (horn), Michael Burner (trombone), Andrew Hitz (Tuba)) for joining us this morning!

Our Ministry Of Worship

	8:00 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
Celebrant	Pastor Meehan	Pastor Meehan
Children's Message	Jennifer Hills	Jennifer Hills
Lay Assistant	Angie Stiens	Mark Guilfoil
Communion Lay Assistants	Jennifer Hills	Jennifer Hills
Director of Music	David Leahey	David Leahey
Acolyte	TJ Dreier	Sofi Hills
Crucifer		Giulianna Vazquez
Ushers	Fred Esposito	Greg Miller
	Mike Waring	Barbara Pate
Altar Care	Jean Gilbertson	Cathy Long
AV Operators	N/A	Mark Gilbertson
		Jurgen Gobien
Welcome Ministry	Jan Swicord	Angela Schulze
Nursery Attendant	Beth Rempe	
	Elizabeth Romeo	
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This weekend's **Altar Flowers** are given by
PJ Baunach and Chuck Dunleavy – Soli Deo Gloria!
Pat Smith in recognition of Breanna Tillman's First Communion
The Wilson Family in recognition of Sophie Wilson and her Holy communion class

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Easter Flowers and Plants



The **Palm Plants** are given by Barbara Pate In memory of Bud Pate, Grace Green, and Michael Brown.



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Megan Askew In memory of Uncle John Ryder, and honoring the

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