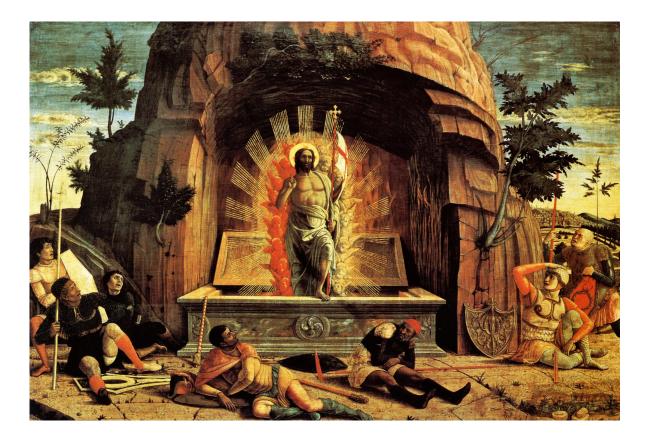
# The Feast Day of the Resurrection of Our Lord

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Resurrection

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## The Dead Shall Be Raised

Imagine if the journey through Lent and Holy Week ended with the service on Good Friday and there was no vigil to the celebration of Easter, no Easter Sunday service, no Easter joy. If that were the case, Paul's word to the Corinthian Christians would ring absolutely true, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied" (1 Corinthians 15:17-19). If the hope of Christians were only in Jesus' death, then pity would be the only thing appropriate for believers. If Jesus' death were the end of the story, then there is no hope for anyone.

But as Paul proclaims to the Christians in Rome, our Lord Jesus Christ "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). The resurrection of the bodies of believers and life in the eternal kingdom of God is the end of the story of Christ Jesus and of those who believe in Him. One reflects on the nature and details of Christ's suffering and death not to feel sorry for Him or to mourn Him or to make oneself feel even more guilty. One reflects on Jesus' Passion and cross to see God at work in Jesus and upon rebellious humanity. In hearing and experiencing that work of God, believers have life in Jesus' name (John 20:31).

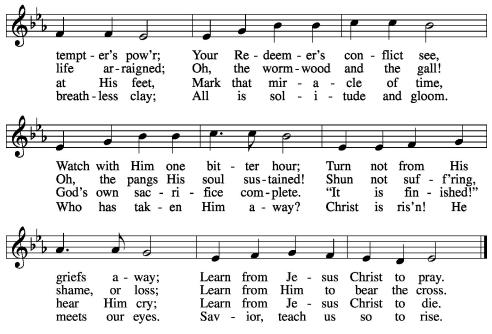
Just as Jesus' suffering and death is not the end of His story, so it is not the end of your story either. Jesus' suffering and death crucifies the rebellious person in you, and His resurrection raises you from the dead. It is an event that happens to you. As Paul says in his Epistle to the Romans, "For if we have been united with Him in a resurrection like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His" (6:5). It is, as Martin Luther says, the great exchange and reversal, Christ's life becomes ours and our life becomes His.

What happens to Christ happens to you, and the end of the story for Him is the end of the story for you. This is where the reflection on the Passion of Christ leads. The dead shall be raised. The One who suffered and was crucified has been raised from the dead. Your Baptism into Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection will be completed on the Last Day when you, who were crucified in Him, will be raised. "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet...the dead will be raised" (1 Corinthians 15:52). That truly is the end of the story.

George Joseph Stanley Sr, MD., He Was Crucified pp. 172-79.

**Opening Hymn 436 Go To Dark Gethsemene (Verse 4 only)** 

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2 Fol - low	to the	judg - ment hall,	View the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's	mourn - ful	moun - tain climb;	There, a - dor - ing
4 Ear - ly	has - ten	to the tomb	Where they laid His



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# Service of Light

## Invocation

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

### Invitation

Beloved in the Lord, during this most holy night, in which Our Lord Jesus passed over from death into life, we are gathered here in vigil and in prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

## Collect

**P** Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with You, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

## C Amen.

## **Blessing of the Paschal Candle**

The cross is traced on the paschal candle.

Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending,

The Greek letters Alpha and Omega are traced on the paschal candle.

- **P** the Alpha and the Omega.
- P His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever.
- **P** By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

The paschal candle is lit.

May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

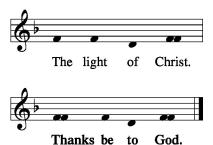
## Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this night in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

## C Amen.

## Lux Christi



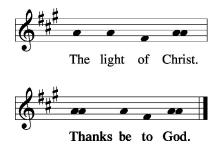
The bearer of the paschal candle stops in the middle of the nave.

Lux Christi



When all have processed, the bearer of the paschal candle lifts the paschal candle high.

#### Lux Christi



A Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

#### **Easter Acclamation**

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

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ial	
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ial	
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia	
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Processional Hymn - 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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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.

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **G** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **G** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

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

#### Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

- Almighty God in 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

Introit Ex. 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Ex. 15:1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;\* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

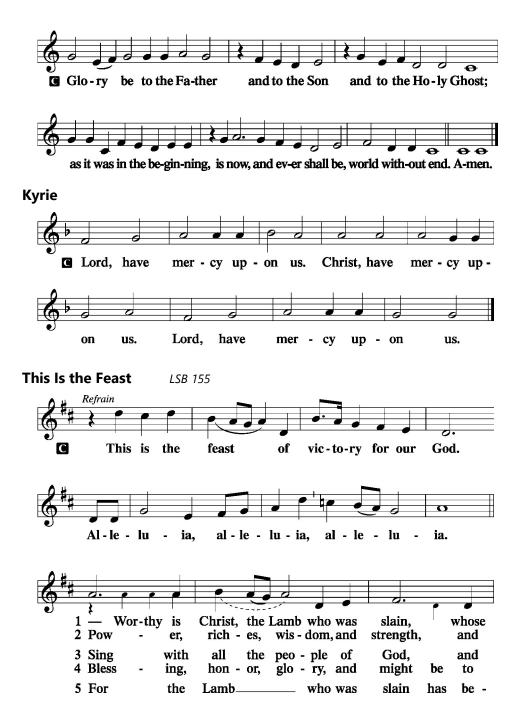
#### The LORD is my strength | and my song,\* and he has become my sal- | vation;

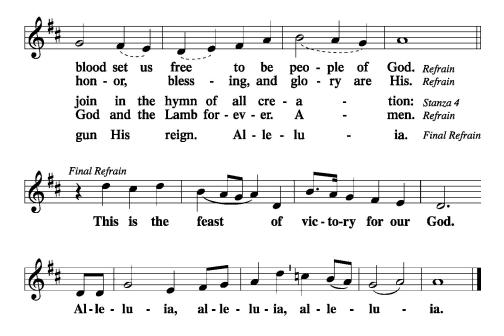
Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,\* your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

## You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;\* you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

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

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.\* The LORD will reign forever and | ever.





#### Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And with thy spirit.
- **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

## First Reading Acts 10:34–43

<sup>34</sup>So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), <sup>37</sup>you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: <sup>38</sup>how 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. <sup>39</sup>And 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, <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not 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. <sup>42</sup>And 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. <sup>43</sup>To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

#### **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle Colossians 3:1–4

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

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Stand

Holy Gospel Matthew 28:1–10

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



<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened. **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.



#### **Apostles' Creed**

**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.

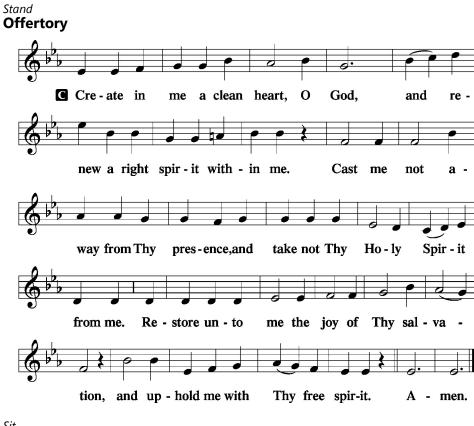
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- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, 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!



#### Sermon ~ Pastor Wagner

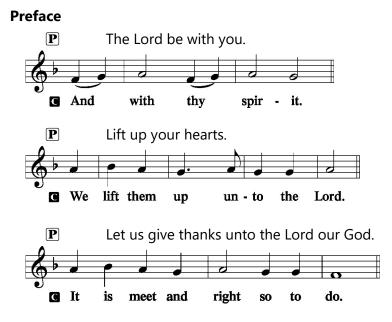
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#### Stand Prayer of the Church

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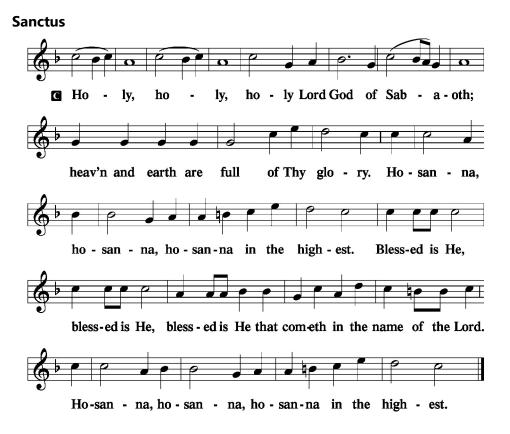
Today we celebrate the Holy Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We joyfully receive our dear Lord's Body and Blood through the bread and wine, for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who celebrate this Sacrament with us give public confession that they are one with us in our doctrines and beliefs. We seek to be obedient to the admonition of St. Paul who speaks for Christ concerning the proper administration and reception of this gift of life and for the spiritual welfare of those who receive this Sacrament. We ask that anyone wishing to partake of the communion who is not yet a confirmed member of this congregation or another congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, to please speak to the PASTOR or an ELDER prior to the worship service.

## Service of the Sacrament



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:



#### Lord's Prayer

**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.

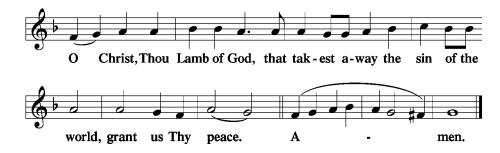
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

- 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 ⅓ 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**





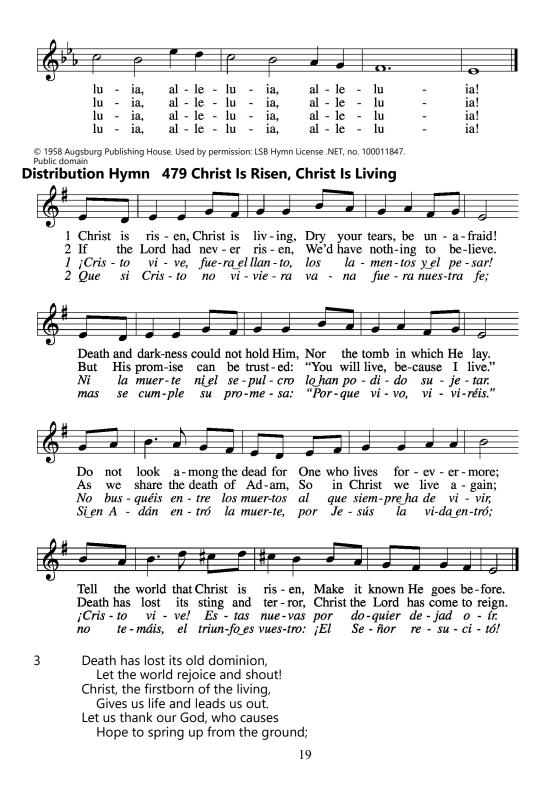
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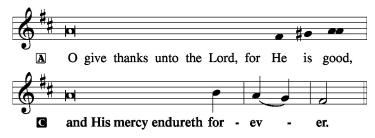
#### Christ is risen, Christ is giving Life eternal, life profound.

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## Thanksgiving



**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



## **Salutation and Benedicamus**



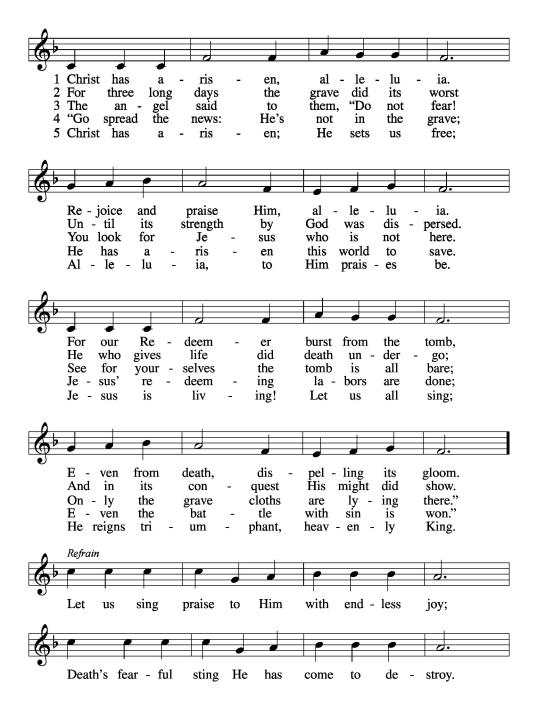
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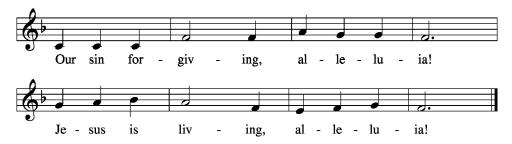
P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and 
→ give you peace.



Sit

Closing Hymn 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia





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