

Guided to New Life!

*He is
risen!*

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD -EASTER DAY

Sunday, March 31, 2024

MARCO LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. Gary Koltz, Vacancy Pastor

Rev. Kenneth Garazin, Seasonal Pastor

WORSHIP

Easter Sunday – 8:00 am & 11:00 am Worship

8:00 am Sunday Service Streamed at www.marcolutheran.org

April 7, 2024 - worship service hours change to 9:30 am

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THE SHIP OF THE CHURCH

For Christians, since the days of the apostles, *THE SHIP* has been a symbol for the Christian Church. The mast and yardarm form a simple *CROSS* (in wood) which stands for Jesus who saved us by giving Himself on a cross that we might be forgiven.

The *CHI RHO* ☩ (in metal) is a combination of the first two Greek letters of the name *Christ*, meaning "The Anointed One" or "The Messiah." *THE WAVES* symbolize the troubles and difficulties of life on earth. *THE SAILS* are filled with wind, a symbol of the Holy Spirit, which empowers the Church. Thus, the Christian Church, under the Cross of Christ carries the faithful safely across the troubled seas of life to heaven. As we come together for worship, the cross of Christ is before us. We choose, you and I, to worship with people for whom the cross is both the sign of salvation and the sign of Christ in our lives.

A special *welcome* to our guests today.

May you find grace and blessing in the time we spend together. If you are looking for a church home, please speak to the Pastor, the Lay Minister for the day, or an Usher. We would be most pleased to share with you ways in which you might become a regular part of our Christian fellowship.



HOLY COMMUNION – WHAT WE BELIEVE

In this Sacrament, Jesus gives us Himself, His true Body and Blood as we receive the bread and wine. On the night He was betrayed and before He was put to death, Jesus celebrated this Meal with His disciples assuring us that each time we receive it, we are again remembering His death and receiving the full benefits of His grace, namely the forgiveness of sin.

In 1 Corinthians 11, St. Paul says that we should “examine ourselves” ahead of time. We can do so each time by asking ourselves these basic questions:

- † **Do I acknowledge the fact that I am indeed a sinner and that I am sorry for my sin?**
- † **Do I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior from all sin?**
- † **Am I trusting in Jesus’ promise that I receive full pardon and strength through this Holy Meal?**
- † **Do I believe that the body and blood of Jesus is truly present in, with and under the bread and the wine of Holy Communion?**
- † **Finally, with the Lord’s help, will I seek to amend my life and live in conformity with His Holy Will?**

Jesus Himself invites baptized followers, who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior, who recognize their sinful condition and who seek His forgiveness, to come to His Table to receive His precious Body and Blood. May the Lord bless your personal reception as well as your daily living under His power and blessing. Should you have questions, please see a Pastor or a Lay minister prior to the worship service. If you prefer not to participate in the sacrament, please cross your arms when coming forward to receive a blessing.

For those who prefer, **white grape juice is in the center of the tray**. There are also **gluten free wafers** by informing a distributing Host. For those who may have **difficulty coming to the front**, please **inform an usher** so that the Sacrament may be brought to you.

As We Gather



Many have doubted and called the resurrection a lie. But Jesus is risen bodily from the dead. Today, the Holy Church throughout the world boldly testifies to the fact that Christ is risen. Still, this fact remains an article of faith. Such faith is not a result of mere imagination, however, but is the very creation of God the Holy Spirit by the mighty Word of God handed down to us by the testimony of many witnesses. The resurrection is the fact of God's love. He really is risen! Alleluia!



✠ PREPARATION ✠

The congregational responses in this service are printed in **BOLD**

PRELUDE

John Davis

WELCOME

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: The apostle Paul writes, "In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

People: **For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

Pastor: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

People: **For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

Pastor: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'

People: 'O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?'

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

People: But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PLEASE STAND

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

People: **Almighty God, in Christ Jesus we have been raised to new life, but we often turn back to our old ways. We follow our own selfish desires instead of walking in the ways of our Lord. We listen to the temptations of the world instead of gladly hearing your Word. Have mercy on us, and forgive us. Lead us by your Spirit to walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: Jesus suffered and died on the cross to take away our sins. He was raised in triumph over death. In him we have forgiveness and life. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

People: **Lord Jesus, set your cross before us and lead us to walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

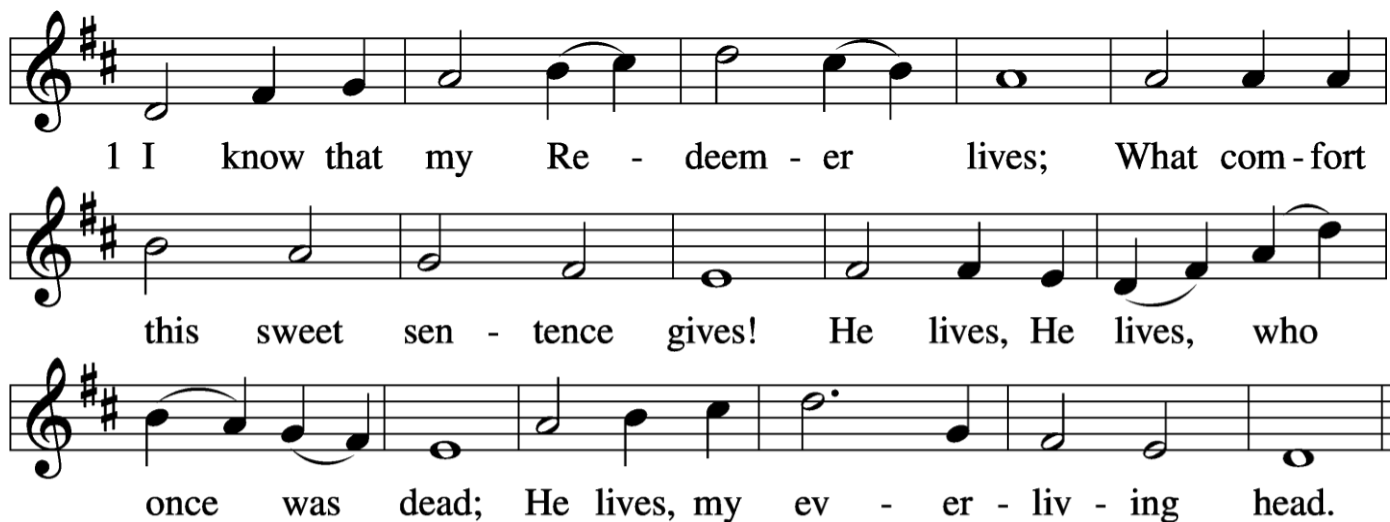
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461, v.1



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of

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

People: Amen.

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461, v.2

2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.

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✠ WORD ✠

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35:1-8

Leader: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus; ² it shall blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³ Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴ Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." ⁵ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶ then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷ the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; in the haunt of jackals, where they lie down, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸ And a highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Way of Holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it. It shall belong to those who walk on the way; even if they are fools, they shall not go astray.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1-4

Leader: ¹ What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

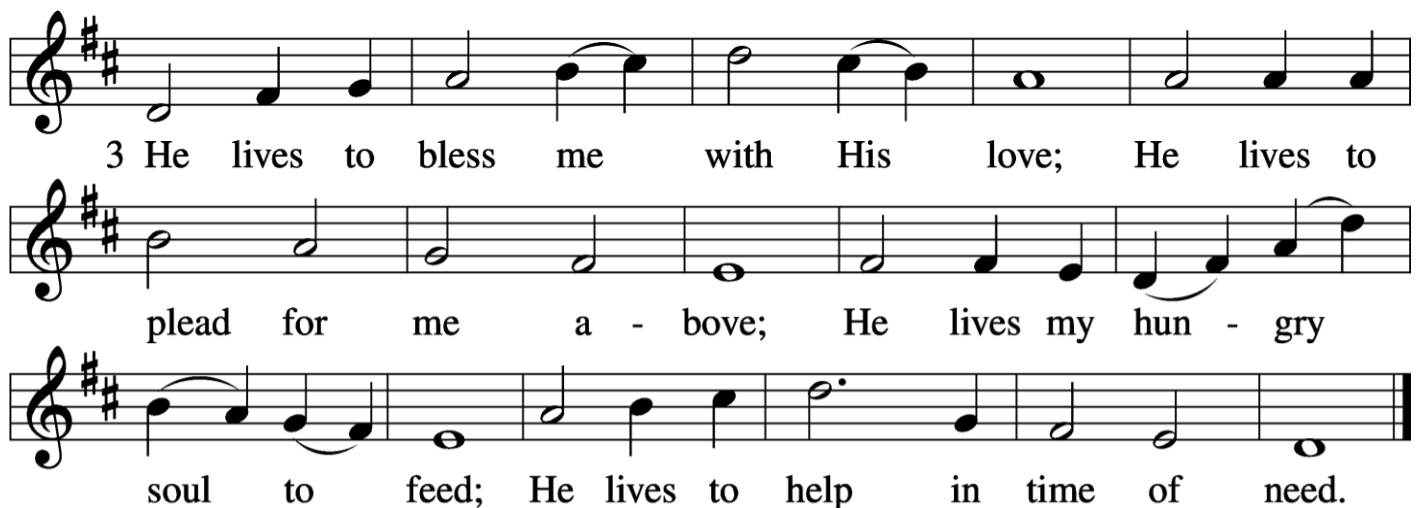
People: **Thanks be to God.**

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HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461, v.3



3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

² There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴ The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵ The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

⁸ So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

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MUSICAL OFFERING

Sing to the World

MLC Choir

SERMON

Pastor Gary Koltz

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APOSTLE’S 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 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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EASTER VIDEO/OFFERING PRAYER

HYMN

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

LSB 469 v. 1, 5-6



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
5 Soar we now where Christ has led; Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed Head.
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now: Hail, the res - ur - rec - tion, Thou!

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, hear our prayer of thanksgiving for giving us life in this world, but most of all for Your gift of new, eternal life in the forgiveness of our sins by faith in our risen and living Savior, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Help us to live in the certainty of His resurrection from the dead and the promise of ours in the life of the world to come. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Leader: For Your whole Church throughout the world, inspire in us the Spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all who confess Your holy name to agree in the truth of Your Holy Word and to live in unity and godly love. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Leader: By Your goodness, O Lord, mercifully consider all assembled here in Your name to celebrate the remembrance of the most glorious death and resurrection of Your Son. Comfort and help all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity, and all who request our prayers. Crucified and risen Lord,

People: Lead us to walk in newness of life.

Leader: Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate, who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

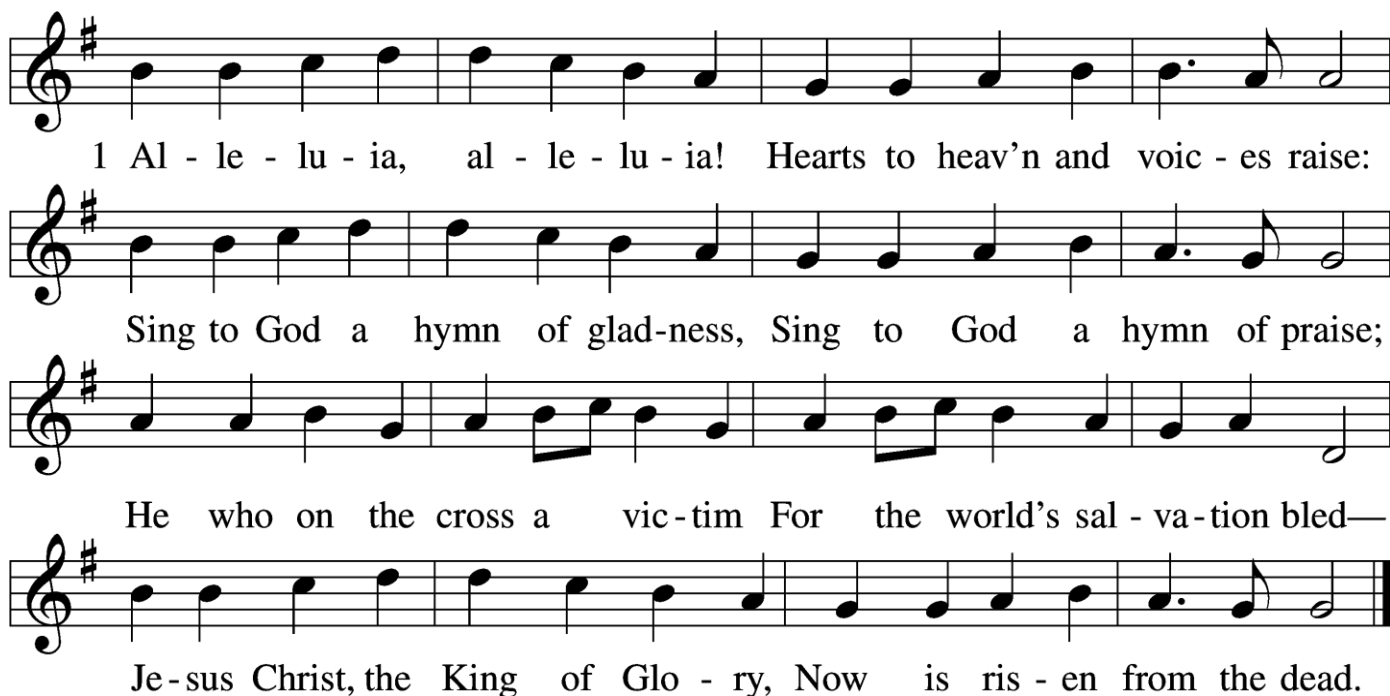
Leader: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

People: **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.**

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477, v.1



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
Sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a vic-tim For the world's sal - va-tion bled—
Je-sus Christ, the King of Glo - ry, Now is ris - en from the dead.

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created, and sent Your only-begotten Son 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. Renew and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: **And also with you.**



DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

LSB 477, v.2-3



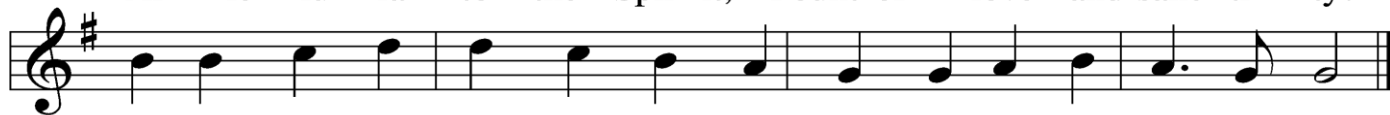
2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:
 △ 3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



See the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil In con - fu - sion and re - treat;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior Who has gained the vic - to - ry;



Once He died, and once was bur - ied: Now He lives for - ev - er - more,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, Whom we wor - ship and a - dore.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia To the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

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The Day of Resurrection

LSB 478



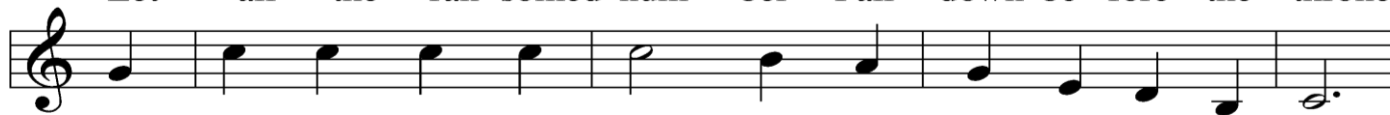
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Gracious God, our heavenly Father, we thank You for having welcomed us at Your Table, giving us a foretaste of the feast to come in Your eternal kingdom. Strengthen us through this blessed gift that we may live in hope-filled anticipation of the end of all earthly things and await with joy Your final coming in glory.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Pastor: We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

People: **In order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.**

Pastor: 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.

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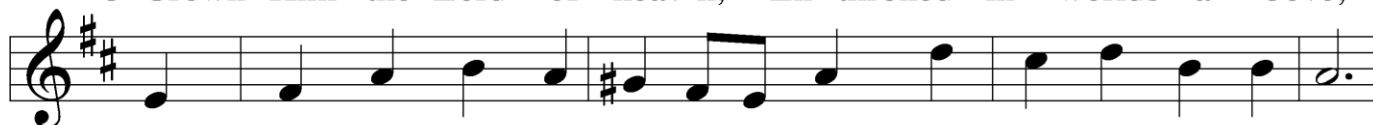
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

LSB 525,v. 1,4,5



1 Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
4 Crown Him the Lord of life, Who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, En - throned in worlds a - bove,



Hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife For those He came to save.
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n The won-drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee, And
His glo - ries now we sing, Who died and rose on high, Who
Crown Him with man - y crowns As thrones be - fore Him fall; Crown



hail Him as thy match-less king Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring And lives that death may die.
Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, For He is king of all.

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DISMISSAL

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

John Davis

ALTAR FLOWERS: Glenda Elliott in loving memory of Margarete Elliott.

Thank you to today's helpful servants!

8:00 a.m.

Worship Leader

Lay Minister

Communion Assistants

Head Usher

Ushers

Transporters

Carmen Brookshaw

Doug Alger

Doug Alger, Patti Naughton, Mark Muedeking, Lili Surber

Ron Lisch

Hildegard Carney, Joe Hoffman

Carolyn Ohman, Jack Mahr

11:00 a.m.

Worship Leader

Lay Minister

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Ushers

Transporters

Linda Harrison

Mark Kuhnly

Mark Kuhnly, Karen Kuhnly, Diane Waltrip, Gwen Nestaval

Greg Waltrip

Bob & Ruth Cory

Diane Waltrip, Linda Harrison

ALTAR GUILD: Ellen Donselman, Anne Rozite & Judi Vollmer

*Thank you to everyone who contributed
to the beautiful Lily tree on the Altar!*

Alger, Doug & Sandy
Allen, Randy & Debbie
Argobright, Victor & Kitty
Bailey, Marcy
Bores, Joe & Elizabeth
Coe, Dalton & Louise
Cory, Bob & Ruth
Daggett, Dave & Roxanne
Donselman, Jerry & Ellen
Draper, Jere & Sandy
Drews, Wayne & Jan
Eckerle, Nick & Greta
Freeborn, Michael & Nancie
Garazin, Ken & Marilyn
Hausler, George
Hoffman, Joe & Louise
Hyatt, Mary
Johnson, Dennis & Joan



Johnson, Denny & Phyllis
Kuhnly, Marc & Karen
Lounsbury, Susie
Meyn, Bob & Barbara
Oestreicher, Chuck & Sue
Patterson, Jeff
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Puoci, John & Jan
Ristow, Karl & Jean
Rooksberry, Donnie & Norva Jean
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