## Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

LSB 540

#### Invocation

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **Easter Acclamation**

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

### **Confession and Absolution**

John 16:20; Revelation 21:6

- **P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- **P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- **C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P God's grace knows no bounds! Through the sacrifice of His Son, the Bridegroom of the Church, He makes us His holy bride. Anticipating the heavenly wedding feast, let us seek God's grace now and call on Him for forgiveness and mercy.
- Almighty God, have mercy on us, for we cannot help ourselves. Forgive us all that we have done in the past, give us grace in this present time, and lead us to serve You and love one another in the future and on into the eternity You have promised.
- P Jesus promised the disciples, "Your sorrow will turn into joy," and He promises "the spring of the water of life without payment." As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

## The Church's One Foundation

LSB 644 vs. 1 & 5

1 The Church's one foundation Is Jesus Christ, her Lord; She is His new creation By water and the Word. From heav'n He came and sought her To be His holy bride; With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died. 5 Yet she on earth has union With God, the Three in One, And mystic sweet communion With those whose rest is won. O blessèd heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by Your grace That we, like saints before us, May see You face to face.

# **Kyrie** (spoken)

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above, which bestows Christ's saving work on all people of faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace of the whole world, that the saving news of Christ be announced to all, and that many come to faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For this holy house and for all who join us to celebrate the foretaste of the feast to come, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Hymn of Praise LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

# Salutation and Prayer of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
  - O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will.
- Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;

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

C Amen.

First Reading Acts 11:1–18

## Alleluia, Christ Has Risen

Alleluia, Christ has risen! Glory be to Him alone.

God has given Him all honor; Seated Him upon the throne.

He bestowed on Him dominion, Power, and authority; Now Christ rules o'er all creation And into eternity.

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**Second Reading** 

Revelation 21:1–7

(Tune: LSB 848)

Alleluia Verse LSB 156

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel John 16:12–22

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633 vs. 1-2, 4-5, 8

Sermon

**Nicene Creed** 

Prayer of the Church

Offering and Rite of Friendship

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LSB 805

Δ1 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Service of the Sacrament

LSB 160

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table

LSB 637

LSB 618

#### Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- **P** Let us pray.
  - Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood.
- **C** Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end;
- P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

## **Benediction**

- 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.
- C Amen.

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

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