



WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS 3/31

ELDERS 6:30 AM: Bob Olson and Ron Reith

READER: Mike Barany ACOLYTE: Mya McGinnis ELDERS 9:00 AM: Nathan Plackemeier and Mike Pethan

READER: Nathan Plackemeier ACOLYTE: Emma Mirshberger

WEDNESDAY ELDER: Ron Reith WEDNESDAY ACOLYTE: n/a

WORSHIP SERVICE ASSISTANTS 4/7

ELDERS: Bob Olson and Mark Krueger

READER: Linda Cullen
ACOLYTE: Patrick Seich
WEDNESDAY ELDER: Ron Reith

WEDNESDAY ACOLYTE: Tegan Broome

THE LORD'S SUPPER is the way Jesus Christ, the bread of life, gives us his flesh and blood to eat and drink. Through this Sacrament, Jesus forgives our sins, gives us victory over death and Satan, and delivers his eternal salvation to us. In accordance with Jesus' teachings, we practice *closed communion*. We therefore ask our guests who wish to commune to speak with the pastor before the service.

BULLETINS can be found on our website under the News Tab, Newsletter/bulletins. Select the appropriate service.

TO THOSE VIEWING ONLINE: If you are a member of St. Martin, please "Register" by clicking one of the "Like" button on Facebook. We are trying to gauge how many of our members are worshipping virtually.

LIVE STREAMING—is now available in the social hall and in room #7.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION—If you are hospitalized, please be sure to update your admittance records indicating your religious preference and if you would like the hospital to call St. Martin.

IF YOU REQUIRE PASTORAL CARE or would like to learn more about Jesus Christ and St. Martin Lutheran, please contact the church office at 920/849-4421 or stmartinlcms@gmail.com or Pastor Thomas K. Schmitt at 920/418-1559 or stmartinlsmc.pastor.com.

SUN. 3/31	EASTER SUNDAY
	6:30A Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
	7:45A Easter Breakfast
	9:00A Easter Service with Holy Communion
	10:15A Easter Lily Pick Up
MON. 4/1	9:00A Spaghetti Dinner Prep
	1:00P Afternoon Bible Study
TUE. 4/2	Election Day
	3:00-6:00P Spaghetti Dinner Drive Thru
	6:00P Garden Gladiators
WED. 4/3	5:15P Confirmation Class
THU. 4/4	6:00P American Legion/Aux
SUN. 4/7	9:00A Worship with Holy Communion
	10:10A Fellowship
	10:15A Bible Study
	10:20A Sunday School

MEMBERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK INCLUDE:

Lisa Reith, Corey ott, Wyatt Schmitz, Cody Rautmann, Mark Willems

IN OUR PRAYERS

 -OUR SHUT-INS: Linda Friederichs, Lucinda Loose, Janet Maile, Simone Pagel, Larelda Siebert, Marvin Schommer, Lou Ridder, Pastor Novotney, Pat Bailey

ATTENDANCE: Worship Sunday 3/24 121

Sunday School 3/24 27 students \$25.50

APRIL-JUNE Portals of Prayer are available; donations are appreciated. **MARCH/APRIL CALENDARS** are available in the narthex and social hall. **APRIL ALTAR GUILD:** Bey Daun and Gina Ott

TODAY'S BULLETIN COVERS are given by Sandy Nuss in memory of John and Leona Nuss; and Lonnie Nuss.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. There is something magical about seeing 14 different people play one instrument, bringing forth music that at one time breaks the heart, at another quickens the pulse, and at another brings forth laughter. Handbells cut across age and interest lines. It is our great privilege to have the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble come to Chilton's Engler Center on June 1 at 6:30 PM to perform a concert of tunes from the Movies. Music from Star Wars, Pirates of the Caribbean, Frozen and more favorites will take on a new dimension as the Ensemble presents them in their own uniquely creative ways. Tickets are on sale online, or you can save the convenience fee and purchase them at church. Presale tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children 6-11. All tickets sold at the Engler Center the day of the concert will be \$3 more, so be sure to purchase yours soon! All proceeds from this event will towards are parking lot.

THE PARKING LOT FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Total Cash Donations Received to date: \$48402.

Total Pledges: \$3300.

Total Funds raised through our fund Raisers in 2023: \$20949. Total Funds raised through our fund raisers in 2024: \$2300.

Treasurers Report - St. Martin Lutheran Church								
2024 - February Totals								
	Budget		Actual		Difference			
Monthly Offerings	\$	15,199.76	\$	19,550.00	\$	4,350.24		
Offerings YTD	\$	30,399.52	\$	29,543.00	\$	(856.52)		
Expenses YTD	\$	30,542.70	\$	30,628.69	\$	(85.99)		
Missions YTD	\$	1,605.00	\$	1,605.00	\$	-		
Total Expenditures YTD	\$	32,147.70	\$	32,233.69	\$	(85.99)		
YTD Actual Offerings								
less Total Expenditures			\$	(942.51)				
Parking Lot Loan Bal.		71,586.53	\$	2,293.22	\$	69,293.31		

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Service begins in the Social Hall.
The congregation gathers facing the processional cross.

SERVICE OF LIGHT

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and 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.
- 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.

The Pastor lights the Christ candle, saying:

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

All light their candles from the paschal candle and then follow the candle bearer in procession into the darkened church.

The pastor announces the following three times: In the back, middle, and front of church.

- **P** The light of Christ.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Easter Proclamation (Exsultet).

P Rejoice now, all you heavenly 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.

↓ SERVICE OF HOLY BAPTISM

P On this holiest of nights, the whole Church of our Lord Jesus Christ recalls His death and burial, rejoicing with great joy in the Gospel of His glorious and mighty resurrection from the dead. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise.

Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Reading: Romans 6:1-11

After the reading:

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all.

You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin. We pray that You would behold us all according to Your boundless mercy and bless us with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in us, which has been inherited from Adam and which we ourselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that we be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being

separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, we would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Reaffirmation of our Baptismal vows

- **P** Do you renounce the devil?
- **C** Yes, I renounce him.
- **P** Do you renounce all his works?
- C Yes, I renounce them.
- **P** Do you renounce all his ways?
- **C** Yes, I renounce them.
- P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?
- Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
- **P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?
- Yes, I believe 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.
- **P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
- Yes, 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

SERVICE OF READINGS

The Creation

- A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two. *After the reading:*
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

The Flood

- A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine. *After the reading:*
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- Let us pray. Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

- A reading from Exodus, chapters 14 and 15. *After the reading:*
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 477 Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

sts. 1-2

- 1 Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise: Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise; He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled— Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
 See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
 Once He died, and once was buried:
 Now He lives forevermore,
 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
 Whom we worship and adore.

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The Valley of Dry Bones

- A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 37. *After the reading:*
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- Let us pray. O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

Job Confesses the Redeemer

- A reading from Job, chapter 19. *After the reading:*
- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

sts. 1–2, 5, 8

sts. 1, 3, 5

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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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The Fiery Furnace

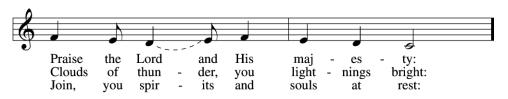
- A reading from Daniel, chapter three. *After the reading:*
- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

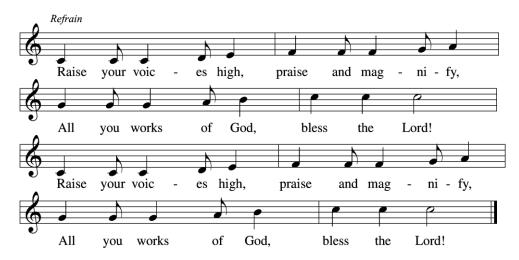
Hymn: 930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

bless 1 All you works of God. the Lord! 3 Frost of win ter with song so cold, 5 Come, hu - man long, i ty, sing a

All you gels, now bless the Lord: Dews of your fold; sum mer, song un Sing, you peo ple of God, song; a







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Litany of the Resurrection

- P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
- C have mercy and hear us.
- P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
- C have mercy on us.
- P Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
- **C** have mercy on us.
- P Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
- **C** have mercy on us.
- P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
- C have mercy on us.
- P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
- C have mercy on us.
- P Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
- C have mercy on us.
- P Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish.
- C have mercy on us.
- **P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, by Your victory over sin and death, and by the majesty of Your risen body,
- **C** good Lord, deliver us.

- P That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
- **C** grant us, good Lord.
- P O God, You made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

SERVICE OF THE GOSPEL

Easter Acclamation

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

The altar candles may now be lighted from the paschal candle while the congregation sings the Hymn of Praise.

This Is the Feast

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.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord!

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸And 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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ!

Choir: Christ has Arisen, Alleluia!

Sermon

Presentation of the Offering and Hymn: 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds: "Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: "Christ has triumphed!

Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Communion Liturgy:

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- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- **W**e lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, 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:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

The Words of Our Lord

- P Our Lord Jesus Christ...
- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns: 482 This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide

Away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified,

Has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain,

Not burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain:

But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen;

But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill

Since Jesus crossed the river;

Lover of souls, from ill

My passing soul deliver: Refrain

3 My flesh in hope shall rest

And for a season slumber

Till trump from east to west

Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

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941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

1 We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord, The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.

To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing, The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:

"O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;

Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!"

2 The band of the apostles in glory sing Your praise;

The fellowship of prophets their deathless voices raise.

The martyrs of Your kingdom, a great and noble throng, Sing with the holy Church throughout all the world this song:

"O all-majestic Father, Your true and only Son,

And Holy Spirit, Comforter—forever Three in One!"

3 You, Christ, are King of glory, the everlasting Son,

Yet You, with boundless love, sought to rescue ev'ryone:

You laid aside Your glory, were born of virgin's womb,

Were crucified for us and were placed into a tomb;

Then by Your resurrection You won for us reprieve—You opened heaven's kingdom to all who would believe.

4 You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God's right hand, Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.

We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,

So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;

May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,

In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!

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633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast— Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
 Now no more the grave enthrall;
 You have opened paradise,
 And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

△8 Father, who the crown shall give
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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Post-Communion Liturgy:

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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.

and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises

and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

- 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.
- C Amen.
- P Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.
- 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.

Closing Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
 Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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