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*Third Sunday
Of Easter*



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8:00, 9:30 & 11:00am

Communion:
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Adult Bible Study &
Sunday School:
9:30 am
(Grace Hall)

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Richard Willsea

Deaconess:
Karen Suter

And with awe ap - pear be - fore Him. God is in His
See the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,
Trust - ing on - ly in Your mer - it. Like the ho - ly

tem - ple; All with - in keep si - lence; Hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!" Hear the hymn as - cend - ing, Songs of saints and
an - gels, Wor - ship - ing be - fore You, May I cease - less -

deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone On His throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow Your ear To us here:
ly a - dore You. Let Your will Ev - er still

Is our God and Sav - ior; Praise His name for - ev - er!
Hear, O Christ, the prais - es That Your Church now rais - es.
Rule Your Church ter - res - trial As the hosts ce - les - tial.

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

P We have come to worship our great God. However, in our sinful condition, we cannot get near to Him. Let us confess our sins to God and one another.

C I confess to You, heavenly Father, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned in my thoughts, words, and actions. I am unable to save myself, to turn from my errors, and to atone for my sins. I plead to God for grace and mercy.

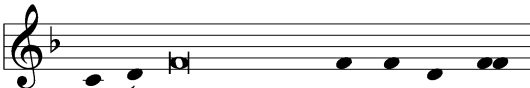
P By the grace of God, there is One who is worthy to take our requests for forgiveness to God's throne of grace. Jesus Christ alone is worthy, for He is God's own Lamb and has ransomed us from our sins by dying for us and rising in glory. He declares us to be saints, able to go to God in all confidence, and priests, offering our prayers for one another and all people. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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 †

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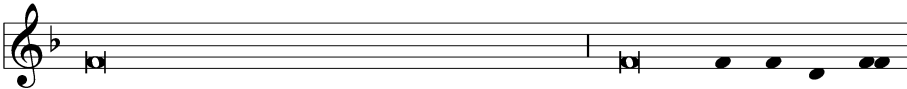
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.




A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



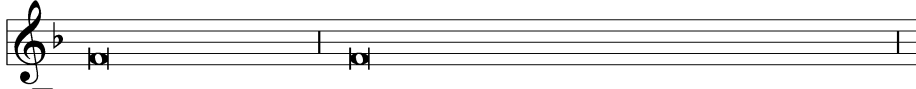
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



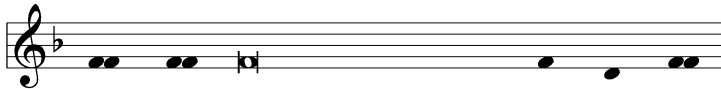
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



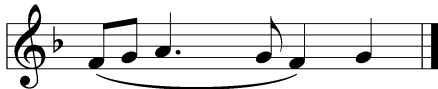
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - men.

HYMN

“Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs”

LSB 812

1 Come, let us join our cheer - ful songs With an - gels
 2 "Wor - thy the Lamb that died," they cry, "To be ex -
 3 Je - sus is wor - thy to re - ceive Hon - or and
 4 Let all cre - a - tion join in one To bless the

round the throne; Ten thou - sand thou - sand
 alt - ed thus!" "Wor - thy the Lamb," our
 pow'r di - vine; And bless - ings more than
 sa - cred name Of Him who sits up -

are their tongues, But all their joys are one.
 lips re - ply, "For He was slain for us!"
 we can give Be, Lord, for - ev - er Thine.
 on the throne And to a - dore the Lamb.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world.
- C** **Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys;**
- P** through 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 9:1-22

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

- A** Christ has risen from the dead.
- C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**
- A** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
- C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

EPISTLE

Revelation 5:8–14

The Word is read...

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

VERSE

- P** Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him.
- C** **Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

John 21:1–14

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty first chapter.
- C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

The Gospel is read...

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

Sit

HYMN

“With High Delight Let Us Unite”

LSB 483



1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
 2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
 3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
 all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;
 ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us
 His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall
 To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's
 be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who
 love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.
 gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.
 free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

SERMON

Stand

NICENE CREED

- ☐ I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.
 And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
 the only-begotten Son of God,
 begotten of His Father before all worlds,
 God of God, Light of Light,

**very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P** Let us pray for ourselves, for all members of the Body of Christ as we proclaim His resurrection, and for all people in their various needs.
Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for
- C** **worthy is the Lamb!**
- A** Guide Your Church, Lord Jesus, as she witnesses to Your victory over sin and death. Direct all who announce the Gospel promise of eternity in Your presence and protect all the newly-baptized as they grow in understanding Your love. Use all agencies of health and welfare, as well as the governments of the nations, so that peace and prosperity may be realized for all people. Grant insight into the world

around us through ongoing scientific research so that we may more fully enjoy
Your good creation.

Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

C **worthy is the Lamb!**

P Grant favorable weather, Lord our God, that crops produce bounty and famine be lessened. Remove the shackles of people suffering from injustice and oppression. Surround them with caring instruments of Your love. Accompany first responders at home and armed forces deployed that peace and harmony may break out in all levels of human society.

Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

C **worthy is the Lamb!**

A O Holy Spirit, be among us here in this place and wherever people gather around Word and Sacrament. In Your mercy, give us strength and opportunity to grow in love toward one another and in service to our communities. We pray for those near and dear to us. Grant them health, healing, and comfort.

Gracious God, hear us for the sake of Your own Lamb, for

C **worthy is the Lamb! Amen.**

Sit

OFFERING

VOLUNTARY

"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth"

arr. S. Keeney

Stand

OFFERTORY

"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"

LSB 531 st. 4

4 Wor - ship, hon - or, pow'r, and bless - ing Thou art wor - thy
to re - ceive; High - est prais - es, with - out ceas - ing, Right it
is for us to give. Help, ye bright an - gel - ic spir - its,

All your no - blest an - thems raise; Help to sing our
Sav - ior's mer - its, Help to chant Im - man - uel's praise!

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

- P** The Lord be with you.
G **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
G **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
G **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

- P** 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

LSB 161

G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

LSB 178

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh 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.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- G** 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 † 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."

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

☐ Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
 2 Praise we Him, whose love di-vine Gives His
 3 Where the pas-chal blood is poured, Death's dread
 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas-chal

our vic-tor-ious King, Who has washed us in the tide
 sa-cred blood for wine, Gives His bod-y for the feast—
 an-gel sheathes the sword; Is-rael's hosts tri-um-phantly go
 vic-tim, pas-chal bread; With sin-cer-i-ty and love

Flow-ing from His pierc-ed side. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Christ the vic-tim, Christ the priest. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al-le-lu-ia!
 Eat we man-na from a-bove. Al-le-lu-ia!

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!

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!

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!

△ 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!

VOLUNTARY

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

setting: J. Weber

Stand

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"

LSB 164



☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

POST COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

☐ 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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

HYMN

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

LSB 469



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav'n's, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun's e - clipse is o'er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

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!

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DISMISSAL

A Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

"Christ the Lord Has Risen"

T. Birchwood

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