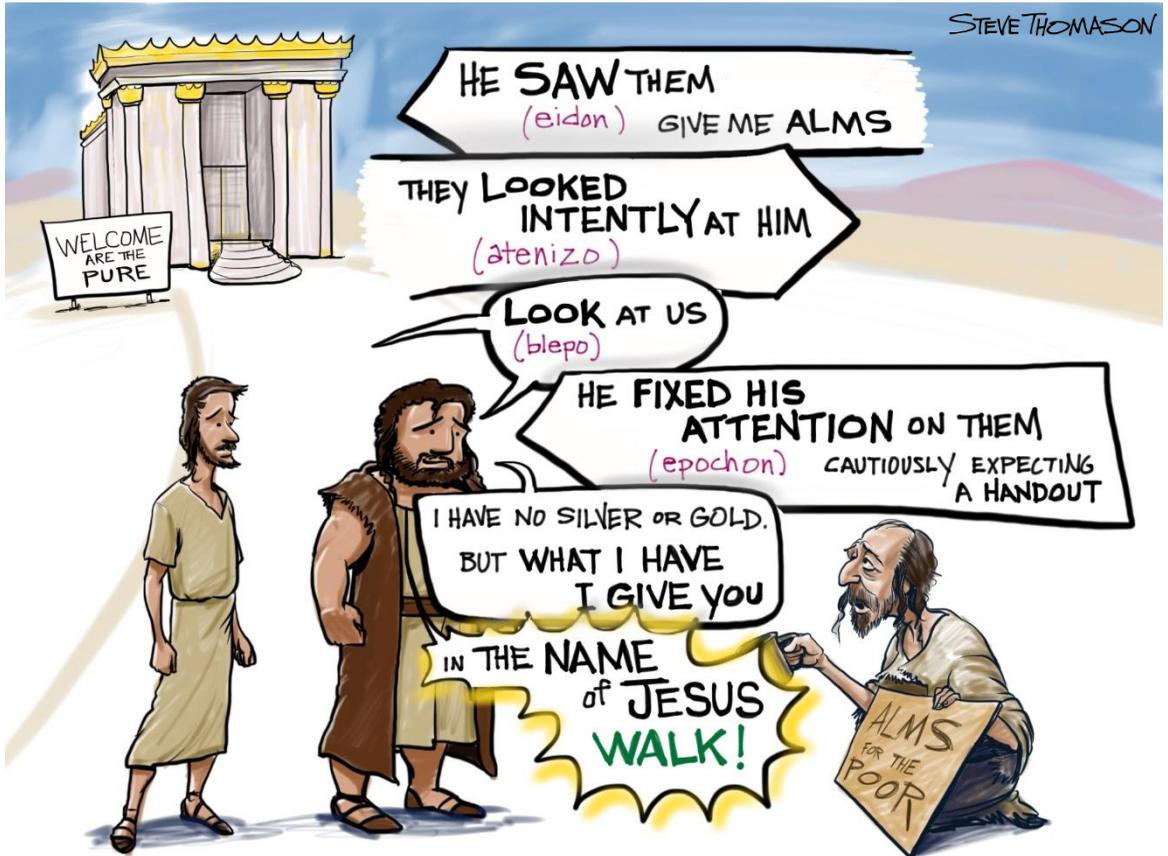


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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - April 15, 2018

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*If you have prayer requests you'd like included in our worship prayers, please go to the one of the Prayer List stands and write them down. They will be given to Pastor before the worship prayers.*

## ***WORSHIP SCHEDULE***

Sundays 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Communion: 1st, 3rd, 5th Sunday of the month

Becky Lanzito & Karen Leicht - Organists, Ann Souza - Music Director,  
Mandi Diver – Choir/New Music Accompanist

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### ***WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS***

We are pleased you chose to be with us in worship today, and pray the Lord blesses you as he has blessed us with your presence. Our goal is to help people find the right place for them to hear God's word and serve His mission. We'd love to support you in that spiritual journey. Please take a moment to complete an attendance card and place it in the Offering plate or give to an usher. This card will help us connect with you.

### ***HOLY COMMUNION***

The Lord's Supper is celebrated according to the Lutheran Confessions based on the teaching Jesus gave his disciples and us that he is truly present in this meal. Confident that our sins are forgiven, we experience our oneness with him and each other as he gathers us at his table. His true body and blood, given and shed for us, we share in this meal as he invites in Matthew 26:26-28, "Take and eat; this is My Body ... This is My Blood..." Baptized Christians sharing these beliefs are invited to receive Communion. All others are invited to the altar rail for a blessing. Wine can be taken by common chalice, individual cup, or by dipping your wafer into the chalice. Please address questions to the Elders or the Pastor. ***Non-alcoholic wine is in purple-colored cups.***

### ***NURSERY***

We have two rooms available for your use. When the service is in the sanctuary, the nursery is down the hall just past the restrooms. If the service is held in the gym, the nursery is in the youth room at the far end of the gym.

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### ***SERVING TODAY***

***8:00 a.m.***

***10:45 a.m.***

<b><i>Elder:</i></b>	Mike Bandman	<b><i>Bob Souza</i></b>
<b><i>Comm/Asst. Elder:</i></b>	Al Diercks	<b><i>Randy Gifford</i></b>
<b><i>Acolytes:</i></b>	Lily Erwin, Dylan Love	<b><i>Matthieu Weinberg, Griffin Pavletic</i></b>
<b><i>Ushers:</i></b>	George Bruszer, <b><i>OPEN</i></b>	<b><i>John Schultz, Scott Gutzke</i></b>
<b><i>Lay Readers:</i></b>	Nicole Kreamer, Thor Peplow	<b><i>Larry Peters, Claudine Rayos</i></b>
<b><i>Greeters:</i></b>	Karla & Dylan Stewart, Chelsi & Nichole Todd	<b><i>The Weinberg Family, Larry &amp; Linda Peters</i></b>
<b><i>Fellowship:</i></b>	Redman/Olson	
<b><i>April Altar Guild:</i></b>	Shari Hoppe & Becky Anderson	
<b><i>April Counters:</i></b>	Chris Mason & Diane Sanders	

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### ***TODAY'S FLOWERS ARE PROVIDED BY:***

Kelley Dorner in celebration of Lexi's 16th birthday and  
Ralph and Donna Danielsen's 50th wedding anniversary.

## EASTER REFRAINS

An order of service using many refrains and hymn verses continuing the season of Easter.

### Opening Verse

### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 sts. 1, ref



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -



sounding in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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### Proclamation

P: Christ is risen.

C: *He is risen indeed!*

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### Proclamation Verse

### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

LSB 474 ref



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Invocation**

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

P: Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength,  
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength,  
give Him the honor due His name.**

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**C: Give to the Lord all glory and strength. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **Proclamation Verse**

## **Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

LSB 474 ref

*Refrain*

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:  
Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

## **Introit (Entrance Verses) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Psalm 145:4-7,9;

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, *antiphon (repeated verse): Ps. 145:10*

**C: and all your saints shall bless you!**

P: One generation shall commend your works to another,

**C: and shall declare your mighty acts.**

P: On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

**C: and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.**

P: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

**C: and I will declare your greatness.**

P: They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

**C: and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.**

P: The LORD is good to all,

**C: and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

**C: and all your saints shall bless you! Amen.**

***Greeting and Collect (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. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: *Amen.***

***Anthem***

***“The Everliving Song”***

***Adult Choir***

- *Use the anthem’s music and words to help you to meditate on God’s Word and His truth for you today. Maintain this as meditative time.*

Our sorrow now is banished, and sadness cannot stay.  
There’s been a resurrection; O glorious Easter day!  
We praise His name! We praise His name!  
Alive forever more; Our Savior, Christ, has left the grave and opened heaven’s door!

Our hearts no longer heavy, we now can smile again,  
For Jesus won the battle to conquer death and sin!  
We praise His name! We praise His name!  
The Holy, Spotless Lamb! He reigns on high, the King of kings; He is the great I AM!

Our lives are filled with gladness, and joyously we sing;  
Our voices touch the mountaintops and make the valleys ring!  
We praise His name! We praise His name:  
The Everliving Song! He sings redemption in our souls, and we to Him belong!  
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The Everliving Song! He sings redemption in our souls, and we to Him belong!  
Praise the risen, Everliving Song!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered  
 2 See how He sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;  
 3 Come, cel - e - brate, your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,  
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent His Son to save us.



Our hu - man sto - ry; God in Him is cen - tered.  
 He brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing.  
 Your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing.  
 Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us.



He comes to us, by death and sin sur -  
 All men and wom - en, who by guilt are  
 To all the world go out and tell the  
 Tell how the Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry



round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.  
 driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.  
 sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.  
 na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

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**Reading from the History of the Early Church**

**Acts 3:11–21 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup>While [a man lame from birth healed by the apostles] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk?

<sup>13</sup>"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed

the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.

<sup>16</sup>“And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

<sup>17</sup>“And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

### **Song of Praise**

### **Lord, I Lift Your Name on High**

Lord, I lift Your name \_ on high; Lord, I love to sing \_ Your  
prais - es. \_ I'm so glad You're in \_ my life;  
I'm so glad You came \_ to save \_ us. \_ You came from heav - en to earth.  
\_ to show the way, \_ from the earth \_ to the cross \_ my debt to pay; -  
\_ From the cross \_ to the grave, \_ from the grave \_ to the sky; -  
\_ Lord, I lift Your name \_ on high.

**Epistle (New Testament Letter)**

**1 John 3:1-7 (ESV)**

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

<sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Preparation (sing twice) Hail Thee, Festival Day**

LSB 489 refrain

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: "Easter Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;". The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death." The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with rests.

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 24:36-49 (ESV)**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

<sup>36</sup>As [two disciples walking on the road to Emmaus] were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, “Peace to you!” <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them.

<sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Gospel Response (sing once) Hail Thee, Festival Day**

LSB 489 refrain

*Easter* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

**Confession of Faith**

**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.*

# Hymn of the Day

# Father Welcomes

LSB 605

*Refrain*



Fa - ther wel - comes all His chil - dren To His fam - 'ly



through His Son. Fa - ther giv - ing His sal - va - tion,



Life for - ev - er has been won.



1 Lit - tle chil - dren, come to Me, For My king - dom  
2 In the wa - ter, in the Word, In His prom - ise,  
3 Let us dai - ly die to sin; Let us dai - ly



is of these. Life and love I have to give,  
be as - sured: Those who are bap - tized and be - lieve  
rise with Him, Walk in the love of Christ our Lord,



Mer - cy for your sin.  
Shall be born a gain.  
Live in the peace of God.

*Refrain*

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## Sermon

**Acts 3:11-21**

## Offering & Prayer Requests

In addition to the prayer requests already received, Pastor will pause here to see if there are additional requests. Prayers can be thanksgivings, joy, requests for yourself, or requests for others.

## Offertory

## We Praise You, O God

LSB 785, st. 1

(sung as the Offerings are brought forward to the altar)



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.

## Prayers of the Church

### **The Lord's Supper: What We Believe**

All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed

are invited to receive Communion with us

if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ,

and the wine is the blood of Christ,

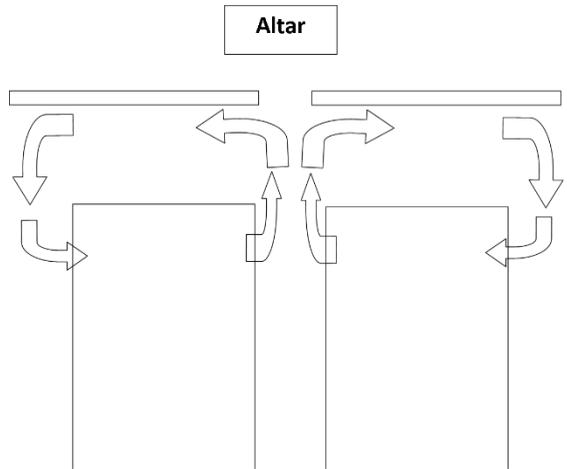
truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

If this is a new teaching to you, or if this is different than you believe, we ask that you wait to commune until we've had a further chance to talk. We invite those who are not communing to come to the rail, cross your arms, and receive a blessing from the Lord.



## **Communion Distribution**

- Pastor distributes the bread, and the Elders distribute the wine—with individual cups or common cup. The individual trays also contain alcohol-removed wine in the center of each tray in the purple cups.
- Each side will be ushered from the center aisle to the communion rail, row by row, starting with the front.
- Go to the rail on your side of the sanctuary, filling in starting with the outside wall towards the center.
- Once you have received the elements, you may remain at the rail for prayer and leave at your own pace.
- Return to your seat using the outside aisle.
- Use the distribution time to prepare yourself for communion, sing the hymns as prayers to God, and maintain this as meditative time.



## **Confession and Absolution (Forgiveness)**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, urgently asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**C: O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: 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.**

### ***Preparation for the Lord's Supper***

P: We pray: 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 Passover 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)***

### ***Hail Thee, Festival Day***

LSB 489 refrain

*Easter* Hail thee, fes - ti - val day! Blest day to be hal - lowed for - ev - er;  
Day when our Lord was raised, Break - ing the king - dom of death.

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### ***The Lord's Prayer***

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: 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.**

### ***Words of Institution***

### ***Pax Domini (The Peace of the Lord)***

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.      **C: And also with you.**

(We greet one another in peace saying "God's peace" or "The Lord be with you.")

**First Distribution Hymn****Children of the Heavenly Father**

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
 2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His  
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er From the  
 4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His



in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He  
 Lord His chil - dren sev - er; Un - to them His grace He  
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose



heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
 spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.  
 show - eth, And their sor - rows all He know - eth.  
 sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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**2nd Distribution Hymn****Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

LSB 465 sts. 1-3



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
 He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
 life And by His pres - ence stills all  
 day That by our lives we tru - ly

here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!” Al - le -  
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -  
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!” Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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**Common Dismissal**

P: Now may this true body and true blood of our Lord... C: Amen.

**Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him. Father, grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life’s blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

C: Amen.

**Proclamation**

P: Alleluia.

We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

C: **death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia.**

P: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

C: **Alleluia.**

P: 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 to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## **Closing Verse**

## **Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds**

LSB 465 st. 4



4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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