

Easter Festival Worship

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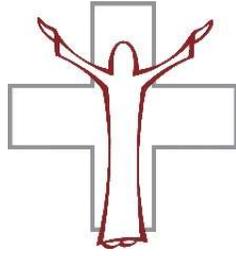
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THE GOSPEL OF ST. LUKE SERVICE

Worship in a traditional order drawing words from Luke's Gospel.
Luke is the focus of Year C Gospel readings in the Lectionary.

Proclamation

P: Christ is risen. C: ***He is risen indeed!***
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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: ***Amen.***
P: Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.
C: ***Alleluia!***
P: We are illumined by the brightness of His rising.
C: ***Alleluia!***
P: Death has no more dominion over us.
C: ***Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.***

Opening 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!

Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1-3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707-88
 Tune: Lyra Davidica, 1708, London

Invocation (Based on Luke 2:14)

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Glory to God in the highest,

C: **peace to all the Earth,**

P: and goodwill from God in heaven.

C: **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

(Based on the Song of Zechariah—Luke 1:68-79 (LSB 238), along with Luke 3:7-8,10; 15:21)

P: John the Baptist was called the prophet of the Most High,

for He went before the Lord Jesus to prepare His way,
 confronting the people and us with our sin, saying:

“Who warned you to escape from the angry judgment that is coming soon?

Produce fruit that shows you have repented.

Produce actions that show you have changed your hearts and lives.”

The crowds asked him, “What then shall we do?”

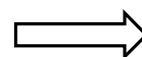
And we find ourselves asking this same question.

C: **Lord, we have sinned. What then shall we do?**

P: God calls on us to confess our sin and seek His forgiveness and mercy,
 so that these words from the prodigal son in the parable of Jesus
 become our own words of confession:

C: **Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.**

I am no longer worthy to be called your child.



P: John the Baptist, the prophet, went before the Lord Jesus
to give His people knowledge of their salvation
by the forgiveness of their sin.
In the tender compassion of our God,
the dawn from on high shall break upon us
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

C: ***Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
He has come to His people and redeemed them.
He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of His servant David.***

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: ***Amen.***

Verse of Praise

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

LSB 488

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

Collect (Prayer of the Day)

P: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Anthem

LET THE TRUMPET SOUND

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.

Let the trumpet sound, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the earth resound, Hallelujah, Amen!
Let the people sing, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the heavens ring, Hallelujah, Amen!

Now and for eternity, O blessed all are we.
For Christ the Lord has conquered death at last; and won the victory!

Let the night be gone, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the daylight dawn, Hallelujah, Amen!
Let the world rejoice, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the chorus voice, Hallelujah, Amen!

Christ, the Lord, is risen on this Easter Day.
From his mortal prison where three days he lay.
Love has come down to roll the stone away;
Gone is now the sorrow, Dawns the joyful day.

Let the trumpet sound Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the earth resound, Hallelujah, Amen!
Let the people sing, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
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Christ has conquered death at last; and won the victory.

Let the night be gone, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the daylight dawn, Hallelujah, Amen!
Let the world rejoice, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
Let the chorus voice: Hallelujah, Amen!

Christ, the Lord, is risen! Christ, the Lord, is risen! Hallelujah, Amen!

Resurrection Gospel

Luke 24:1–12 (ESV)

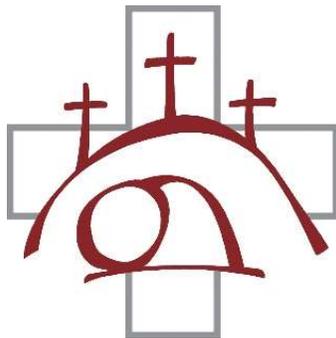
¹On the first day of the week [Sunday], at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. ⁵And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, “Why do you seek the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” ⁸And they remembered his words, ⁹and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, ¹¹but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

P: Christ is risen.

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



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Song of Praise

Once Again

Je - sus Christ, _ I think up-on Your sac - ri - fice; You be-came noth - ing,
poured out to death. _ Man - y times _ I've won-dered at Your gift of life, and
I'm in that place _ once a-gain. _ I'm in that place _ once a-gain. _
Once a-gain I look up-on the cross where You died. _ I'm hum-bled by Your mer-cy and I'm
bro - ken in - side. _ Once a - gain I thank You,
once a - gain I pour out my life. _
Thank You for the cross. Thank You for the cross.
Thank You for the cross, my Friend. Friend.



Flashback Gospel

John 11:32–53 (ESV)

³²Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. ³⁴And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. ³⁹Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” ⁴⁴The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him, ⁴⁶but some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷So the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered the Council and said, “What are we to do? For this man performs many signs. ⁴⁸If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation.” ⁴⁹But one of them, Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all. ⁵⁰Nor do you understand that it is better for you that one man should die for the people, not that the whole nation should perish.” ⁵¹He did not say this of his own accord, but being high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the nation, ⁵²and not for the nation only, but also to gather into one the children of God who are scattered abroad. ⁵³So from that day on they made plans to put him to death.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *Thanks be to God.*

Hymn of the Day

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

LSB 466



1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
He has a - ris - en this world to save.
Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go;
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
And in its con - quest His might did show.
On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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The Lord's Supper: What We Believe

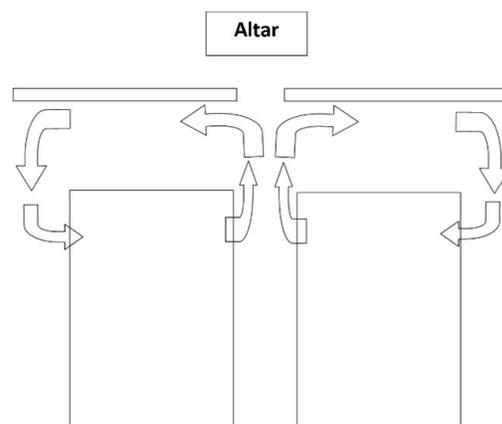
All Christians who are baptized and have been instructed are invited to receive Communion with us if you believe as we do—that the bread is the body of Christ, and the wine is the blood of Christ, truly present for us for the forgiveness of our sins.

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. 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.



Preface (based on Luke 15:2,6,32)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Rejoice that it is true: What the enemies of our Lord meant as an accusation of wrongdoing has become our hope and salvation: This man, our Lord Jesus, the Son of God, receives sinners and eats with them.

C: **Rejoice with me!**

P: The Lord receives you as sinners and invites you to eat at His Table.

C: **Rejoice with me!**

P: The Lord has found His sheep that were lost.

C: **Rejoice with me!**

P: For you were dead, and now are alive in Him.

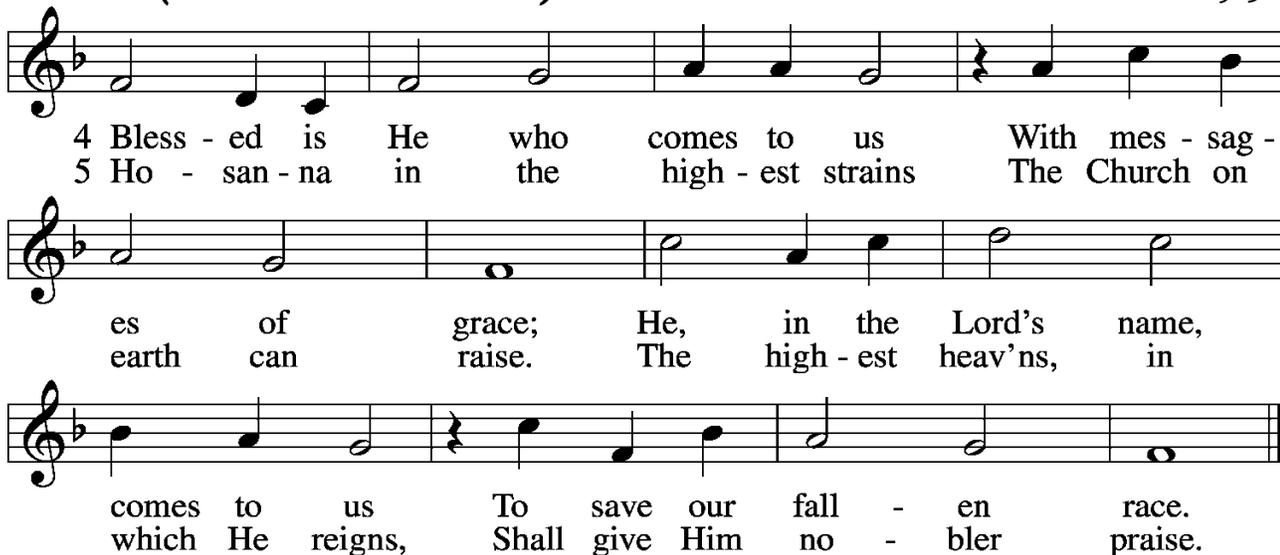
C: **We were lost, and now are found.**

Proper Preface for Luke

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; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Luke, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus (based on Luke 19:38)

LSB 903 sts. 4-5



4 Bless - ed is He who comes to us With mes - sag -
5 Ho - san - na in the high - est strains The Church on
es of grace; He, in the Lord's name,
earth can raise. The high - est heav'ns, in
comes to us To save our fall - en race.
which He reigns, Shall give Him no - bler praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: You once proclaimed Your saving promise through the prophets of Israel, and by the apostles and evangelists You published the good news of Your saving promise fulfilled in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Grant that we, being instructed in the doctrine of the blessed apostles and evangelists, may faithfully eat His body and drink His blood and declare His salvation to all the world.

C: **Amen.**

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 as in the Gospel of Luke

Luke 22:14–20

P: ¹⁴And when the hour [of the Passover meal] came, [Jesus] reclined at table, and the apostles with him. ¹⁵And he said to them, “I have earnestly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶For I tell you I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.” ¹⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he said, “Take this, and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸For I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” ¹⁹And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” ²⁰And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

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.”)

1st Distribution 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’ns, 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!

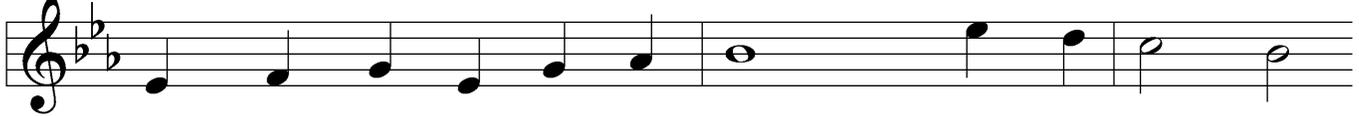
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2nd Distribution Hymn Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

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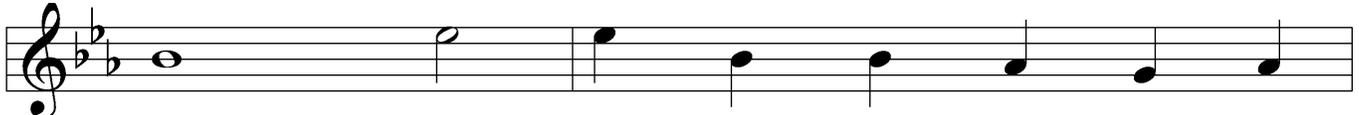
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



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
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



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
 Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
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Common Dismissal

P: Now may this true body and blood. . .and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer (Based on Simeon’s Song—Luke 2:29-32)

P: Let us pray. Lord, now You let Your servants go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. Our own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel, the salvation which we have received in the body and blood of Your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

Proclamation

P: Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Christ is risen.

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Christ is risen.

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

Benediction (Blessing) (Based on the Beatitudes—Luke 6:20-23)

P: The Lord Jesus lifts up His eyes on you, His disciples, and says:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

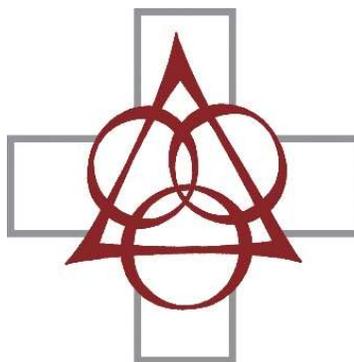
Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh.

Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you
on account of the Son of Man!

Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy,

for behold, great is your reward in heaven.”

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



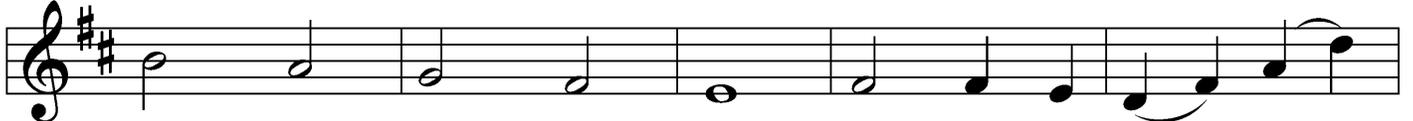
Closing Hymn

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 sts. 1-2, 6, 8



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-99, abr.
 Tune: attr. John C. Hatton, d. 1793

Announcements

**Join Us This Morning for a Special
Easter Morning Fellowship Hour**

The Bethel kitchen angels have been busy spreading tablecloths and filling flower vases for a special Easter morning Fellowship Hour following today's worship service. The buffet items will include mini quiches, yogurt parfaits, fruit cups, French toast sticks, deviled eggs, coffee cakes, muffins, juices, and coffee! Join us in the Fellowship Hall as soon as Easter worship service is completed!