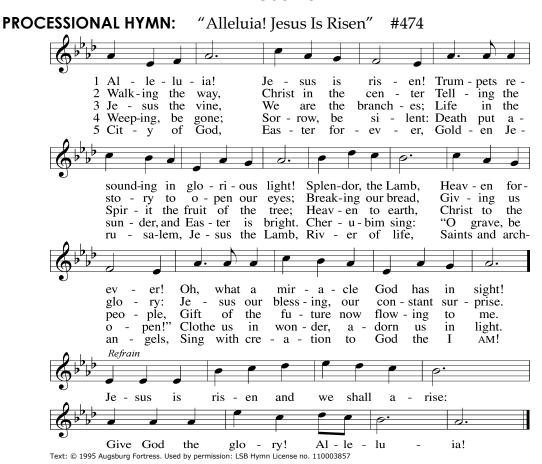


The Lord's Supper

Christ Jesus intends to strengthen and improve our fellowship with Him and one another through the proper practice of Holy Communion. We must examine ourselves as to whether we truly repent of our sins and believe in the Real Presence of Christ's body and blood under the bread and wine. Also, any refusal to forgive and love our neighbor must be disowned, for in the Sacrament we are most fully at one with Christ and one another, and so we may bring no contradiction of this with us to the Sacrament. There are helpful prayers in the hymnal inside the front cover and on page 308, 329-330. If you are a guest from a sister Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation we invite you to commune with us. Please speak with the pastor or an elder so we may notify your church that you celebrated the Sacrament with us.

THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION A Feast for All



EASTER RESPONSE:

- P: Grace and peace to you from Who is, and Who was, and Who is to come, from our Lord, Jesus Christ, Who is the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.
- C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen! (Revelation 1:4b, 5-6).
- P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
- C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: And all the creatures of the earth shout:
- C: Amen!
- P: And all the saints and angels shout:
- C: Amen!
- P: And the people of the Lamb shout:
- C: Amen and Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

P: When you were baptized, your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. This Easter Day is the seal and guarantee of your salvation. As we are reminded in Dr. Luther's Catechism: "By the power of Baptism, our old self should be drowned and die by daily contrition and repentance and a new person daily come forth and arise." Open your heart to God and confess your sin that you might so arise!

(A time of silence for reflection and self-examination.)

- P: We confess our sins:
- C: Most merciful God, my daily life does not reflect that this day is most important to me. I sin daily. I forget Your presence in my life. I do not worship You as often or as sincerely as You have commanded. Forgive me and help me to abandon those parts of my life that keep me from You, for the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P: Just as surely as the sun rose this morning in the sky, so has the Son of God arisen from the dead and won for you the forgiveness of sins. As a called and

ordained servant of the Word, I tell you that your sins are forgiven and you stand holy and blameless before almighty God. Live in the light of this salvation and worship God with hearts and lives consecrated to His service.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9

6On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

7And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

8He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

9It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you — unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁶Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ًLast of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁶For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SOLO HYMN: The Lamb

GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 16:1-8

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 16th chapter.

C: 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.

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461-tune 358

- 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.
- He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save;
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
 He lives to guide me with His eye;
 He lives to comfort me when faint;
 He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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SERMON TEXT: Mark 16:1-8

- 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.
- He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 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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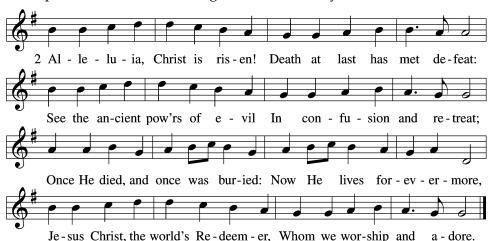
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH: (Responses are sung - LSB #477)

P: We pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we praise You for the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, without which our faith would be futile. Bless us as we keep this feast in commemoration and proclamation of that greatest of all events. Preserve us from a shallow celebration of a spring holiday and make it for us a true Holy Day, a renewal of our faith and commitment in the risen Christ.



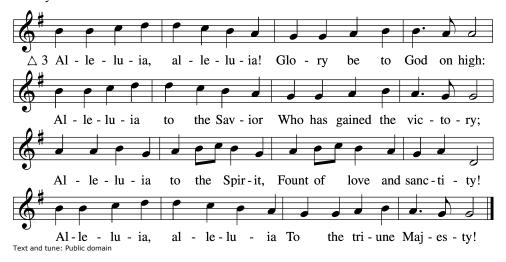


P: Risen Lord of the Church, breathe into us Your Spirit of Life that we may Truly be Your Church in the world, especially we remember **Grace Lutheran Church**, Wayne, NE; **St. Paul Lutheran Church**, Leola, SD; **Our Savior Lutheran Church**, Madison, SD; **Trinity Lutheran**, Mansfield, SD; **Bridge of Hope Ministries Church**, Sioux Center, IA; **St. Michael Catholic Church**, South Sioux City, NE; **South Dakota District, and Concordia University New York**, Bronxville, NY. Guard for us, for the world, and for our children this precious doctrine of the Resurrection, that by it we may know the forgiveness of sins and be empowered to share that forgiveness with every one near and far.



P: Risen Lord, by Your victory over sin and death, You have brought hope and comfort to every situation of life. We lift before You those with special needs especially Shelli Tuttle, Kim Daum, Kim Fales, Joanne Walsh, Justin Miller, Phyllis Todd, Susan Utech, Sarah Hansen, Beth, Ken Todd, Kimberly Christiansen, Don Mallette, Pastor Jeff Walsh, Howie Holdenried, Mary Bose, Joan Bruhn, Diane Barge, Roxanne Daum, Karen Nissen, Doug Mallette, Pastor Henry Witte, Diane Nelsen, Matt LeGrande, Josh LeGrande, Bonnie Schnieder, Katrina Peabody, Pastor Jerry Bruhn, Gary Bach, Sandy Mallette,

Ann Peterson, Lori Langenberg, Bob Gruber, Will Wittenborg, Carmen Ortega, Steve Petersen, Randy Barnes, Corby Barnes, Rolando Luna, Christina, John Murry, Jennifer Veen, Titus Diediker, Charles Parker, Dean Schmidt, and for our shut-ins Shirley Patrick, James & Tereasa Santee, Bob Jager, Jane Winter, Lois Wendt, Florence Knoop, Doris Beckman, Dave Hauf, Don Larson, Shirley Book, Rose Johnson, Lois Lackore. Risen Lord, You are living not just for all at Your heavenly throne, but for each in the private throne room of the heart. We give to Your loving, caring hand the personal burdens we carry, knowing that as surely as we live, You live in us.



LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespass 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

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PREFACE:

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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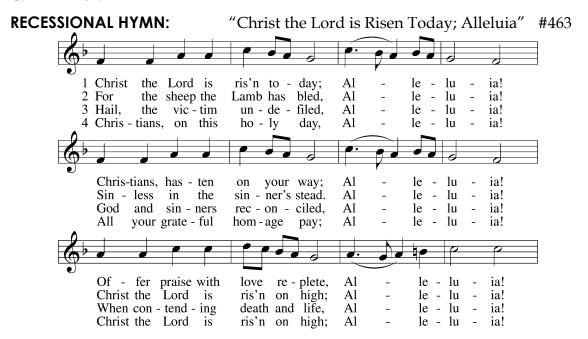
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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

- P: We give You thanks, almighty God that You have refreshed us in this feast. Strengthen us through this holy meal in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who arose on that first Easter and still lives here among us and at Your right hand with the Holy Spirit now and forever.
- C: Amen.

BENEDICTION:

- P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you His peace.
- C: Amen.





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