WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the word and sacraments. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know.



COMMUNION PRACTICE

Lamb of God celebrates the Lord's Supper in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the Pastor or an elder. For further study, see MATTHEW 5:23ff; 10:32ff;18:15-35;26:26-29; 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34.

CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO THOSE WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

We are very happy that you are here today, whether this is your first or fiftieth time with us. If you need a little help, please ask. There are many people here at Lamb of God who will lend you a hand.

Here are some suggestions to help make worship with your children easier:

- ♣ Relax! Jesus knows that children tend to wiggle and squawk a bit, so please don't feel embarrassed by it. Your children are welcome at Lamb of God.
- Please dare to sit toward the front, where your children can easily see the pastor, note the colors, embrace the action at the altar, and wonder at the symbols in the great stained-glass windows. What Jesus does here promises to engage them.
- **Explain** the parts of the Divine Service to your children, encouraging them to chime in on their parts: *Amen! Lord have mercy! And with your spirit! I believe! Our Father!* All of this belongs to them, too.
- **Sing the hymns**, pray, and voice the responses. Children learn by following your lead.
- ₱ If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so but please hurry back! Like Jesus, we want your children in the Liturgy, not out (there are soft toys and books in the nursery, and activity sheets with colored pencils in the fellowship hall which can be brought into the worship hall to help engage your child)
- **Remember** that the way we nurture children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.
- Please know that while you are caring for your children, the rest of us will be rejoicing in Jesus' words "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (LUKE 18:16)

We know that your children are a gift to the church, so we will do our best to welcome, smile, encourage, help, and bless you all.

+ PREPARATION +

EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





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↑ INVOCATIONMatthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:24

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- **G** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
 - Silence for reflection on the promises of God's Word.
- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
- As we bow before You in faith at the break of day, we take refuge in the mercy You provide for us through Your Son's victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- Forgive us, renew us, and lead us. Enliven us by Your Spirit. Fill our hearts with joy that we may walk by faith this day and always to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has raised Christ from the dead and crowned Him with glory and honor. Because the risen King has conquered death and delivered us from our sins, we stand forgiven in His sight. As your pastor, it is my joy this Easter morning to forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

+ WORD +

KYRIE

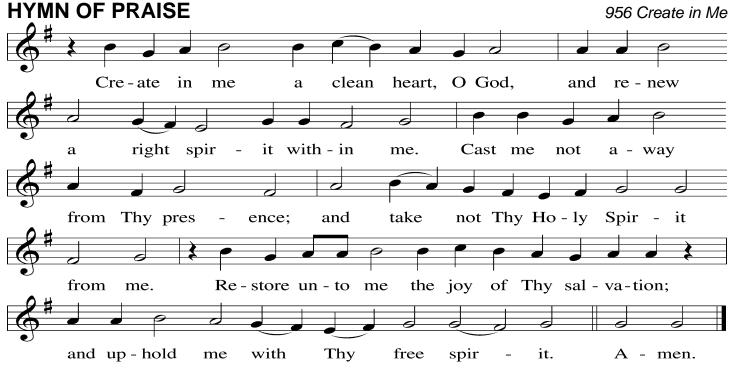
- P Risen Redeemer,
- **C** have mercy upon us.
- P Conquering King,
- **C** have mercy upon us.
- P Victorious Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
- **g** grant us Your peace.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- Let us pray: Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You defeated death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life.
- Take away all gloom and sadness, and fill us with the joy of His resurrection victory;
- through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.



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The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus, chapter 15.

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation:

this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war:

the LORD is his name.

⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea. and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them:

they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,

your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up:

the floods stood up in a heap;

the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,

I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.

I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹"Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness.

awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

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



PSALM

Psalm 118:15-21, 23; antiphon: v. 24

- This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,
- the right hand of the LORD exalts, the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!"
- I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.
- The LORD has disciplined me severely, but He has not given me over to death.
- **L** This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.
- This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.
- L I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation.
- This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.
 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.
- This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8

- The Epistle is from 1 Corinthians, chapter 5.
 - Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.





GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ¹and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ³Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ³for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹oThen the disciples went back to their homes.

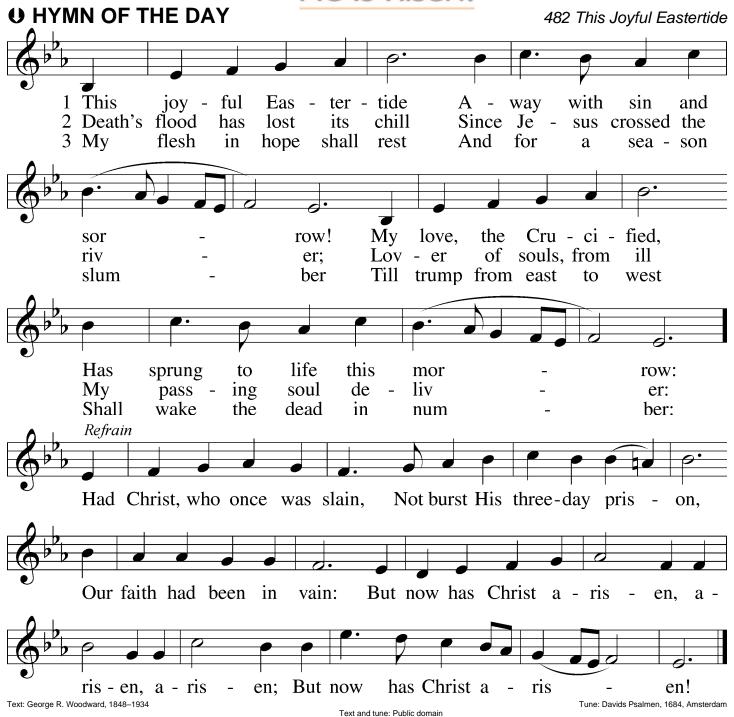
¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" – and that he had said these things to her.

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

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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





SERMON

• CREED Apostles' Creed LSB p.159

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

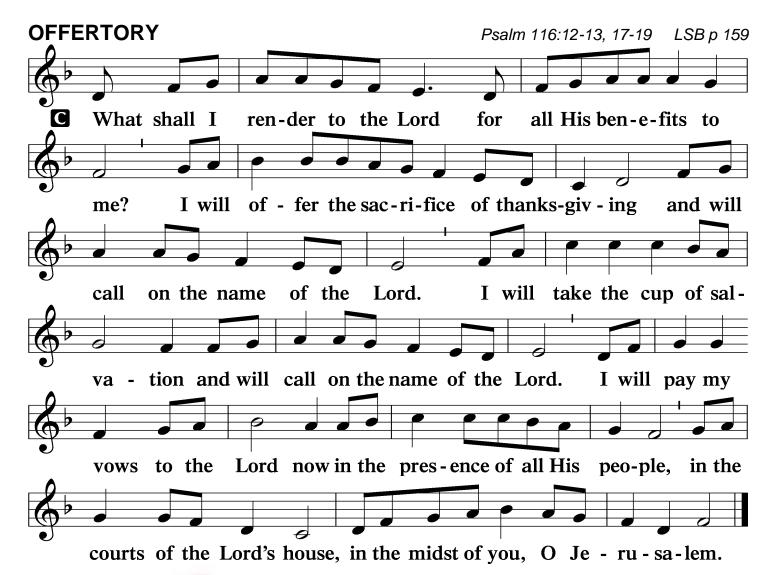
→ everlasting.

Amen.



O PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. He lives to intercede for us before the Father. With confidence, let us present to God our petitions for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus.
 - For the holy Christian Church throughout the world, that it may be found without fault at the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all believers in the Lord Jesus that their lives may testify to His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For the peace of the whole world, that a spirit of respect may grow among nations and peoples, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For those in positions of public trust in all levels of government, that they may serve justice and promote the welfare and dignity of every person, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all who suffer because of poverty, persecution, or sickness, [especially . . .], and all others we name in our hearts [silence], that they may know the healing power of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For those who grieve because of the death of their loved ones, [especially . . .], that through the sure hope of the resurrection of Christ, God would wipe away the tears from their eyes and give them comfort, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth God's glory in all that we do, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For all who come this day to the feast of our Lord's body and blood, that their faith be strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C Amen.
- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!





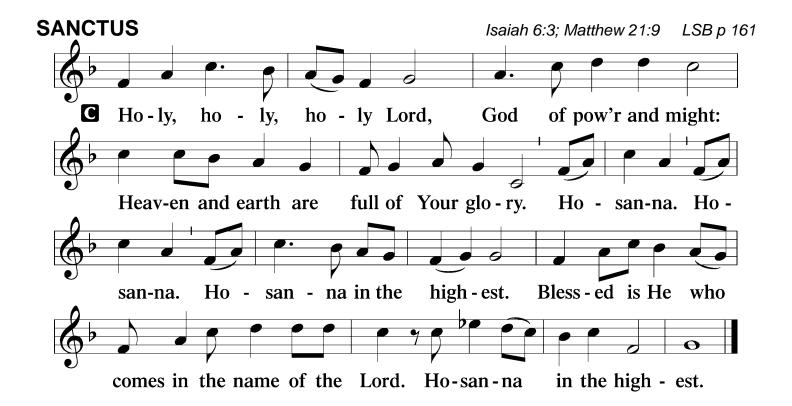
+ SACRAMENT +

O PREFACE

- P The Lord be with you.
- 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.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

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:



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You did not spare Your only Son, but gave Him into death that we might have life. Though we cannot understand Your love or comprehend eternity, we lift our voices in thanksgiving and pray You to strengthen us through this Sacrament to serve as Your witnesses.
- Give us opportunity, use our gifts, and move us by Your Holy Spirit to tell the news of Jesus' victory over death each day that You give us for loving service.
- P 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.
- C 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

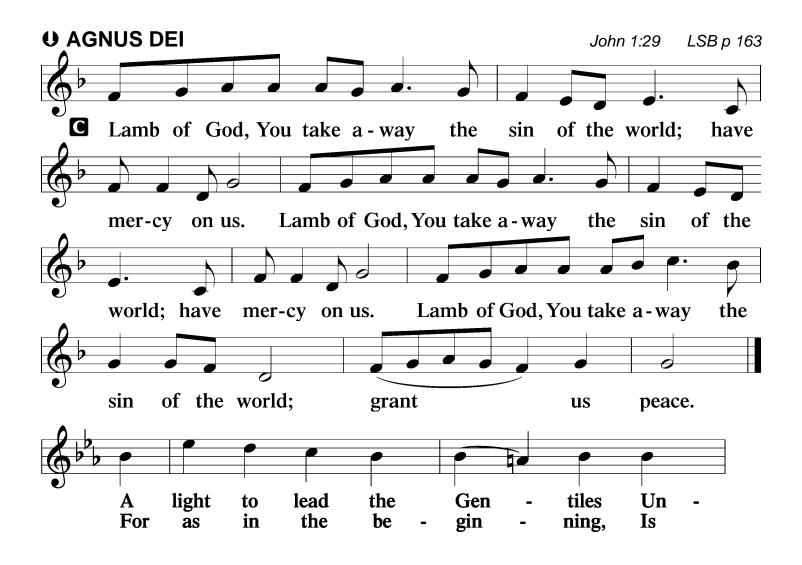
- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.
- P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed 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

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.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



- 1 Al le lu ia!
- 2 Walk-ing the way,
- 3 Je sus the vine,
- 4 Weep-ing, be gone;
- 5 Cit y of God.

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er, Gold - en Eas - ter for ev



sound-ing in glo - ri - ous light! o - pen our eyes; sto - ry to Spir - it the fruit of the tree: sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: ru - sa-lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life,

Splen-dor, the Lamb, Break-ing our bread, Heav - en to earth,

Heav - en for-Giv - ing us Christ to the "O grave, be Saints and arch-



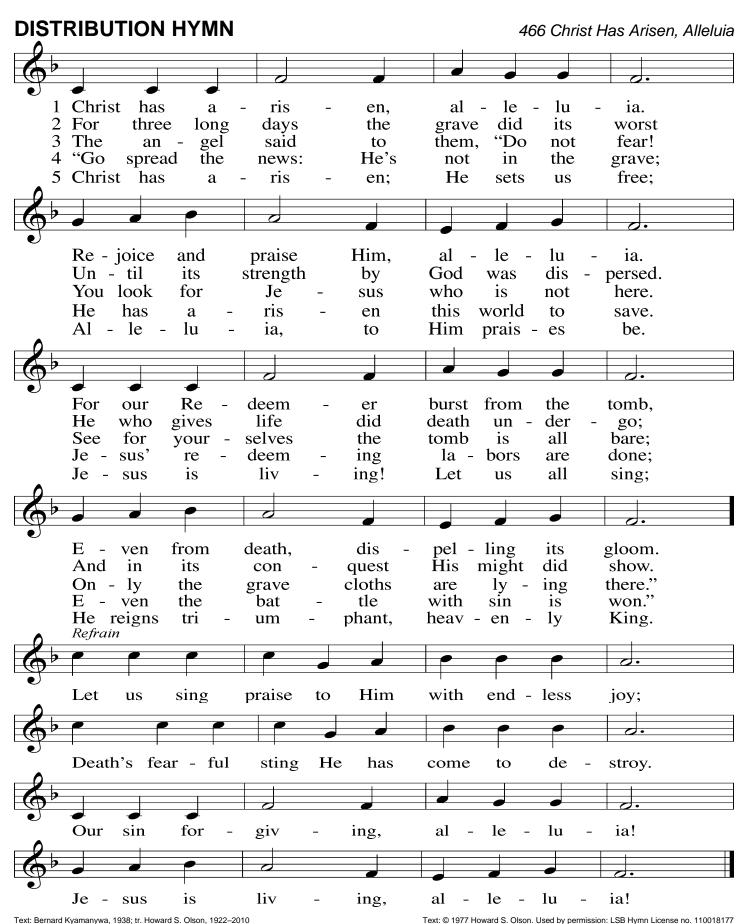
er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God sight! ev has in sus our bless - ing, glo ry: Je our con - stant sur prise. peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me. pen!" Clothe us in won - der. dorn in light. a us gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!





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DISTRIBUTION HYMN

486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death



- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
- 2 If Christ still lay with in the tomb Then death would be the end,
- 3 If Christ had not been tru ly raised His Church would live a lie;



Our preach - ing but a waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re-main. And we should face our fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend. His name should nev - er-more be praised, His words de - serve to die.



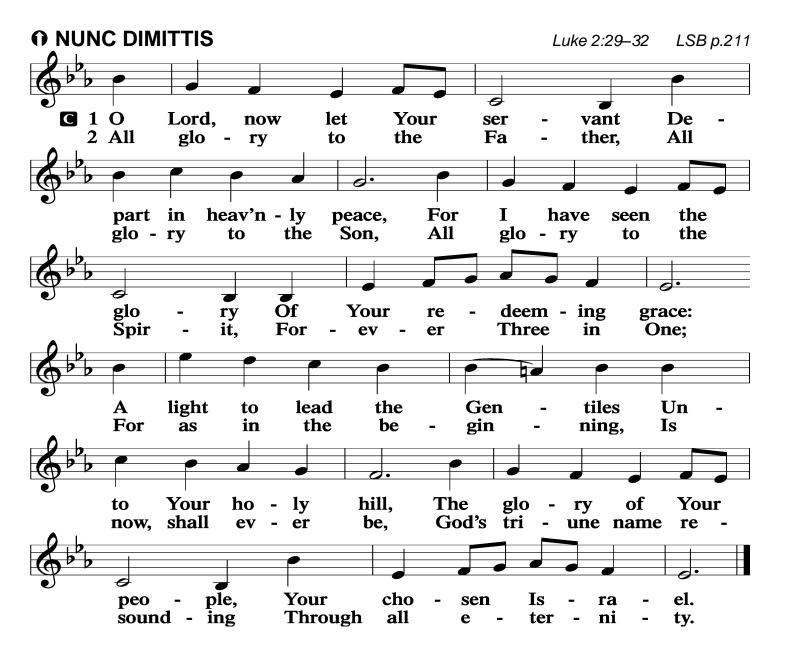
But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed; He rules in earth and heav'n: But now the Sav-ior is raised up, So when a Chris-tian dies But now our great Re-deem - er lives; Through Him we are re-stored;



His Gos - pel meets a world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n. We mourn, yet look to God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise! His Word en-dures, His Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

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CLOSING SENTENCES

Psalm 118:23-24

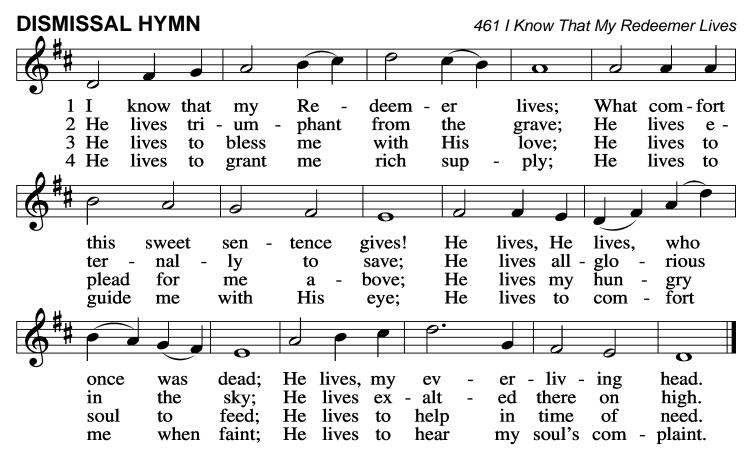
- P This is the LORD's doing;
- c it is marvelous in our eyes.
- P This is the day that the LORD has made;
- let us rejoice and be glad in it.

O ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BIRTHDAYS

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26 LSB p 166

- 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.



- 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.
- 6 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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DISMISSAL

- **P** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!

EASTER ACCLAMATION

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

