

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 8:00 a.m.

Based on the Service of Prayer & Preaching LSB pg. 260

## As We Gather

*How can we know God's love for us? 1 John 3:1 declares, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us." We come to know God's love toward us in His words said, His actions shown, and His gifts given. He spoke words of unchanging truth, promise, and hope. He sent His one and only Son to live, die, and be raised to life that we may have a new life in Him. He gives the gifts of His Means of Grace. He claims us as His own in Baptism and provides us Christ's body and blood for the nourishment of faith. His love is not fleeting. His love is eternal and everlasting. We can continue our Easter celebrations, rejoicing in the fact that Christ is risen!*

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**A Note on Holy Communion** *Guests are encouraged to see details about Communion on p. 8.*



**A Note on Offerings** *As an act of worship and thanksgiving, we offer to God what He has first given to us: the first and best of our time, talents, and financial gifts. Donation boxes are located by each entry door or if you would like to contribute online, with either a onetime or ongoing gift, please use [clcs.org/give](https://clcs.org/give) or the QR code to the left.*

**Prelude**                      **"Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"**                      *Georg Bohm (1661-1733)*  
*(For meditation and reflection, the text may be followed in the hymnal - LSB 458.)*

## Welcome

*P = Pastor; L = Worship Leader; C = Congregation*

### Call to Worship *(Please stand)*

- L: This is the day which the Lord has made;  
C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**  
L: Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;  
C: **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**  
L: Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.  
C: **Teach me Your paths.**  
L: Sanctify us in Your truth.  
C: **Your Word is truth.**  
L: From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised. 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.**  
L: Alleluia! Christ is risen!  
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -  
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the  
 3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -  
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; Break - ing our bread, Giv - ing us  
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!  
 glo - ry; Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.  
 peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.



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



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

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## Confession of Sin & Annoucement of Forgiveness

*The Absolution - John 20:21-23*

P: Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own children.

C: **Yet we do not always live as You have called us to be as Your children.**

P: In repentance and faith, we confess our need of God's grace.

C: **Almighty and merciful Lord, we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess that we have not always followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as You have first loved us, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.**

P: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning (*Psalm 30:5b*), for God's Word declares, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are" (*1 John 3:1*). 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

L: Let us pray. O almighty and eternal God, You have assured us of the completion of our forgiveness and new life in You through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. You call us Your children through the waters of Baptism and give us eyes to see Your love for us in Your only-begotten Son. Give us the will to show forth in our lives the faith we profess with our lips; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Children's Message *(Please be seated)*

### ✠ The Word of the Lord ✠

#### First Reading

**“Peter preaches salvation through Christ”**

*Acts 3:11-21*

<sup>11</sup> While [the lame man who was now healed] 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.**

#### Second Reading

**“See the wonderful love of the Father”**

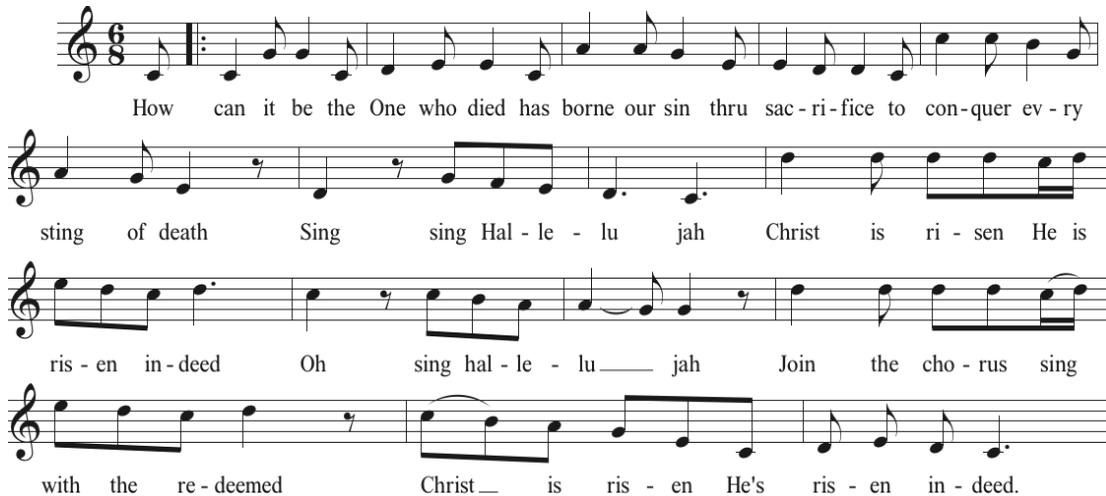
*1 John 3:1-7*

<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 Procession & Song** (*Please stand*)      **“Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed”**      *Getty*  
*(The Gospel is read from the center of the congregation to symbolize the risen Jesus standing among us with the good news of His victory over death and the grave. He is alive. Alleluia!)*



How can it be the One who died has borne our sin thru sac-ri-fice to con-quer ev-ry  
 sting of death Sing sing Hal-le-lu jah Christ is ri-sen He is  
 ris-en in-deed Oh sing hal-le-lu jah Join the cho-rus sing  
 with the re-deemed Christ is ris-en He's ris-en in-deed.

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**Holy Gospel**      **“Witnesses of the risen Lord”**      *Luke 24:36-49*

<sup>36</sup> As they 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 Procession & Song**

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| <p>1 The power that raised Him from the grave<br/>             Now works in us to powerfully save<br/>             He frees our hearts to live His grace<br/>             Go tell of His goodness</p> | <p>2 Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!<br/>             Oh, sing hallelujah<br/>             Join the chorus sing with the redeemed<br/>             Christ is risen, He is risen indeed</p> |
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## Reflection on the Catechism

P: ...What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, [spouse] and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve, and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

## Hymn of the Day *(Please be seated)*

## “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.

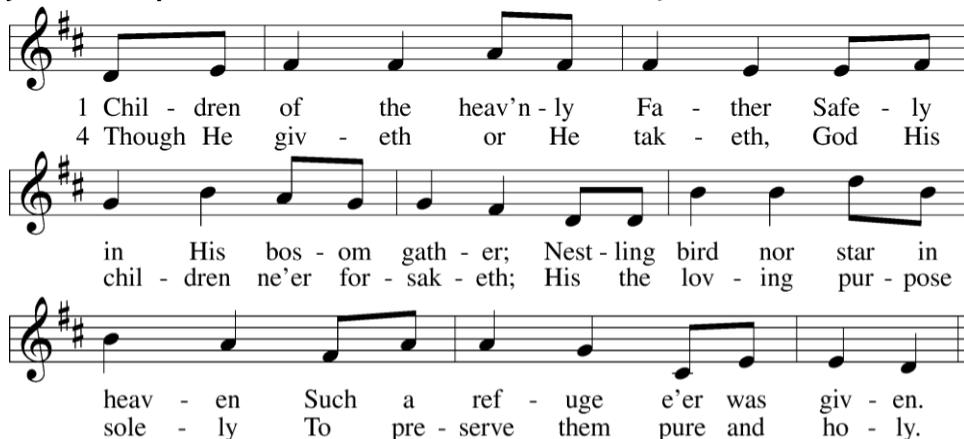
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## Hymn of Response

## "Children of the Heavenly Father"

LSB 725



1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly  
4 Though He giv - eth or He tak - eth, God His  
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in  
chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth; His the lov - ing pur - pose  
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.  
sole - ly To pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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## Offering Prayer

*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.*

~ 1 John 3:2

Shared Confession of Faith *(Please stand)**The 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.

## Prayers

- P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
- L: Heavenly Father, in this Easter season You have provided us with the joy of Your Son's resurrection. Cheer all who struggle with depression, loneliness, and shame, so that they be assured of Your infinite mercies, which are new every morning. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L: Lord, we live in a world where many do not trust in the resurrection of Your Son. Inspire us to share the joys of Your Son's resurrection with those who doubt that they may come to repentant joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- L: Lord, raise up pastors, missionaries, teachers, musicians, church leaders, and volunteers so that Your people may be blessed by Your Gospel and equipped for every good work. Be with Pastor Maxx Fisher and Youth Intern Brian Krohmer, as each consider calls here to Calvary. Guide them by Your Spirit to a decision pleasing to You. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering. Strengthen them with Your healing hand and restore them to health. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. Stand among them and speak Your Word of peace that passes all understanding. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Lord, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. Help us rejoice with those who rejoice. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C: hear our prayer.**
- P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
- C: Amen.**

*A copy of today's prayers is available online for use during your daily prayers ([clcs.org/this-week](https://clcs.org/this-week)).*



## ✠ Holy Communion ✠

Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life, welcomes us today to the table to receive of the blessings won for us upon the cross. As we draw near confessing our wayward ways and desiring to live a new life in Christ, we examine ourselves as the Bible encourages us to do in 1 Corinthians 11:28. We therefore pause to consider why Jesus gave us this sacred meal and what He now gives us in it, for this is a meal of...

1. **Forgiveness** - Am I sorry for my sin and desire God's forgiveness? (Matthew 26:28)
2. **Faith** - Do I believe that Jesus is my Savior and that he is truly present in this meal for my benefit? (1 Corinthians 11:26-28)
3. **Fellowship** - Do I come to this table desiring reconciliation with others (Matthew 5:23-24), and am I in agreement with the beliefs of this faith community in which I now seek to receive communion? (1 Corinthians 10:16-21)

New to Calvary or have questions? Feel free to speak to a pastor before or after service.

Those not receiving communion may remain seated or come forward for a blessing from the pastor. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate you are not receiving communion.

**When invited forward, please line up in front of the communion rail.**

*Gluten-free wafers are available on stands at the end of the first row for those with a gluten allergy to pick up on their way to the communion rail.*

*Non-alcoholic (white) wine is available at the center of the communion tray.*

**After being dismissed with a blessing, please return to your seat using the center aisle.**

### Hymn of Preparation

### "Splendor and Honor"

LSB 950



1 Splen - dor and hon - or, maj - es - ty and pow - er  
3 To the Al - might - y, throned in heav'n - ly splen - dor,



Are Yours, O Lord God, fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing,  
And to the Sav - ior, Christ our Lamb and Shep - herd,



For by Your bid - ding was the whole cre -  
Be ad - o - ra - tion, praise, and glo - ry



a - tion Called in - to be - ing.  
giv - en, Now and for - ev - er.

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## Lord's Prayer

- P: O Lord Jesus Christ, in giving us Your Holy Supper, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, and Your resurrection from the dead. So remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

## Words of Our Lord *The Words of Institution - Mt. 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20, 1 Cor 11:23-25*

- P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*
- C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.** *Revelation 22:20*

## Lamb of God

*The Agnus Dei - John 1:29*

LSB 550

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have  
sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y  
sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.

*Refrain*  
O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!  
O wash me in His pre - cious blood, My Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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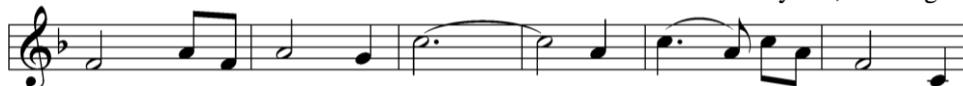
### Distribution Hymn

### “Amazing Grace”

LSB 744



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— That  
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail And  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 Word my hope se - cures; He will my shield and  
 have al - read - y come; His grace has brought me  
 mor - tal life shall cease, A - maz - ing grace shall  
 shin - ing as the sun, We've no less days to



now am found, Was blind but now I see!  
 por - tion be As long as life en - dures.  
 safe thus far, His grace will lead me home.  
 then pre - vail In heav - en's joy and peace.  
 sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

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### For Prayer & Personal Reflection during Communion Distribution

**“See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” 1 John 3:1a**

*Where in your life have you seen “what kind of love the Father has given”?  
Even in tough times, where can we turn to “see” His great love for us?*

**“Beloved ... 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.” 1 John 3:2**

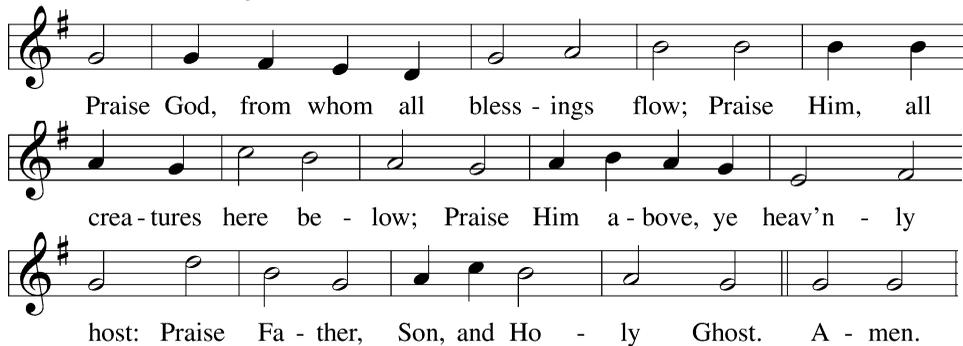
*What did Thomas and the other disciples learn about the resurrected body of Jesus in His resurrection appearances? What do you think our bodies will be like in the new creation?*

**“And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.” 1 John 3:3**

*What joy does it give you that it is not by our work but by our Lord that we are made pure?*

## Post-Communion Hymn *(Please stand)*

LSB 805



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all  
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## Post-Communion Blessing

### Evening Prayer *(5:30 p.m.)*

**C:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Morning Prayer *(8:00 a.m.)*

**C:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## Blessing

**P:** Let us bless the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**P:** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

**C:** Amen.

# Sending Hymn

# “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

1 This joy - ful Eas - ter - tide A - way with sin and  
2 Death's flood has lost its chill Since Je - sus crossed the

sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,  
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill

Has sprung to life this mor - row:  
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:

*Refrain*

Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day pris - on,  
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ a - ris - en, a -  
ris - en, a - ris - en; But now has Christ a - ris - en!

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## Announcements

### ✝ LEADING OUR WORSHIP ✝

**Preacher:** Pastor Kurt Ebert

**Worship Leader:** (5:30p) Ellwyn Parks (8:00a) Pastor Sam Troemel

**Organist:** (5:30p & 8:00a) Gary Schultz