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**WEDNESDAY  
OF THE THIRD  
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# Wednesday Evening Service

## April 18, 2018 ✠ 5 pm

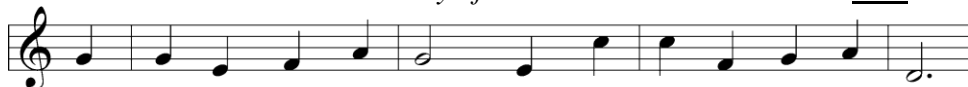


We may have a tendency to think of repentance as a painful thing, as something to dread and avoid at all costs. After all, repentance means admitting we were wrong. It may be embarrassment, guilt, shame, or pride that makes repentance difficult. Yet you have probably experienced the joy of repentance as well, the relief of confessing your sins, the wonder of grace that flows to us in forgiveness. You may be holding on to a dark secret or a stubborn grudge. Bring your heavy burdens to the Lord today. He has forgiven you and has called you His beloved child.

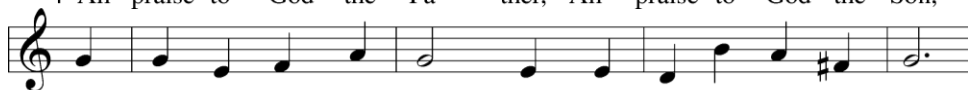
### OPENING HYMN

*“The Day of Resurrection”*

**LSB 478**



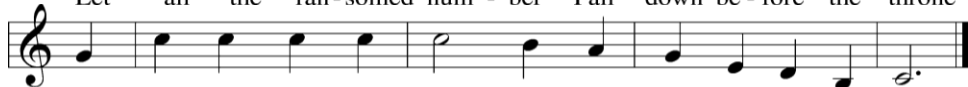
1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,  
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.  
All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



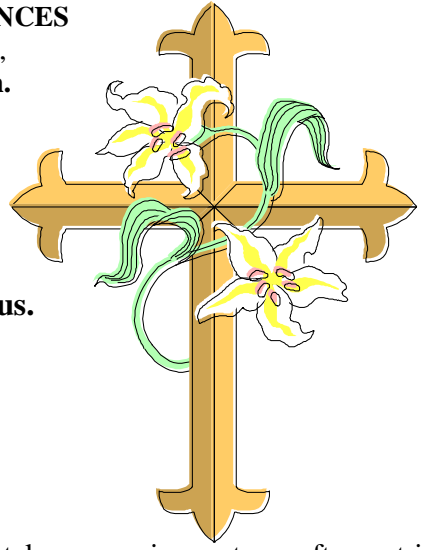
From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;  
Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!  
And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

- P** In the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **C** Amen.
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** He is the author of life
- C** **whom God raised from the dead.**
- P** He puts joy into our hearts
- C** **and lifts the light of His face upon us.**
- P** He has lavished us with love
- C** **and called us His own children.**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** We know that Jesus came in order to take away sins, yet we often act in ignorance and doubt. We often grow angry with God's plans and activities in our world when we have no right to do so. As we draw near to the glory of the risen Christ, let us first consider our sins and our unworthiness to approach His presence.
- Silence for reflection...*
- P** Heavenly Father,
- C** **we have often walked in doubt and fear. We have failed to live in righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. We hear Your call to REPENT. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.**
- P** If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God has called You His children and that is what You are. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen. We wait for Christ's return and the restoring of all things. Amen.**

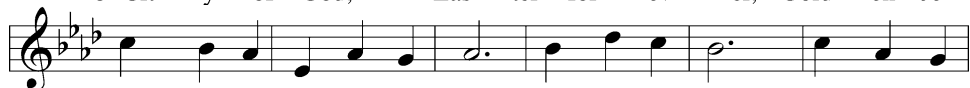
## HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen"*

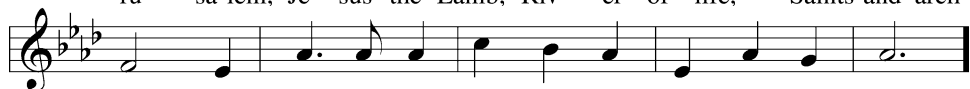
**LSB 474 →**



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  
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; Sor - row, be si - lent: Death put a -  
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



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  
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be  
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



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.  
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.  
 an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

*Refrain*



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



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

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## THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER

**P** The Lord be with you.

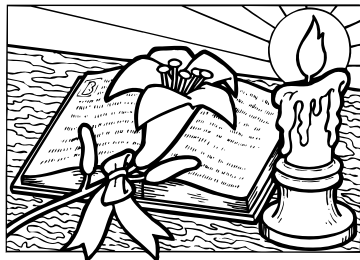
**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray:

O God, through the resurrection of Your Son, You began the restoration of all things. Enliven Your people with the joy of repentance that is ours as Your beloved children; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.





FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–21

EPISTLE

I John 3:1–7

GOSPEL

st Luke 24:36–49

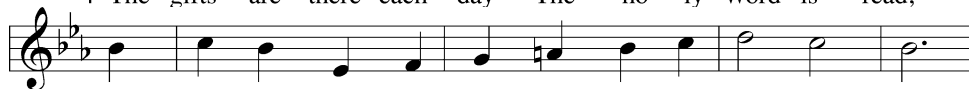
HYMN OF THE DAY

*“The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”*

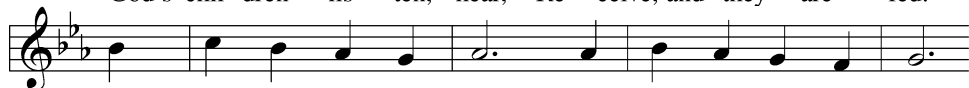
**LSB 602**



1 The gifts Christ free - ly gives He gives to you and me  
2 The gifts flow from the font Where He calls us His own;  
3 The gifts of grace and peace From ab - so - lu - tion flow;  
4 The gifts are there each day The ho - ly Word is read;



To be His Church, His bride, His cho - sen, saved and free!  
New life He gives that makes Us His and His a - lone.  
The pas - tor's words are Christ's For us to trust and know.  
God's chil - dren lis - ten, hear, Re - ceive, and they are fed.



Saints blest with these rich gifts Are chil - dren who pro - claim  
Here He for - gives our sins With wa - ter and His Word;  
For - give - ness that we need Is grant - ed to us there;  
Christ fills them with Him - self, Blest words that give them life,



That they were won by Christ And cling to His strong name.  
The tri - une God Him - self Gives pow'r to call Him Lord.  
The Lord of mer - cy sends Us forth in His blest care.  
Re - stor - ing and re - fresh - ing Them for this world's strife.

5 The gifts are in the feast,  
Gifts far more than we see;  
Beneath the bread and wine  
Is food from Calvary.  
The body and the blood  
Remove our ev'ry sin;  
We leave His presence in  
His peace, renewed again.

6 All glory to the One  
Who lavishes such love;  
The triune God in love  
Assures our life above.  
His means of grace for us  
Are gifts He loves to give;  
All thanks and praise for His  
Great love by which we live!

## SERMON

*“Purell may achieve some purity;  
but only Christ gives Perfect Purification!”*



## HYMN OF RESPONSE *“Renew Me, O Eternal Light”* **LSB 704**

1 Re - new me, O e - ter - nal Light, And let my  
2 Re - move the pow'r of sin from me And cleanse all  
3 Cre - ate in me a new heart, Lord, That glad - ly  
4 Grant that I on - ly You may love And seek those

heart and soul be bright, Il - lu - mined with the  
my im - pu - ri - ty That I may have the  
I o - bey Your Word. Let what You will be  
things which are a - bove Till I be - hold You

light of grace That is - sues from Your ho - ly face.  
strength and will Temp - ta - tions of the flesh to still.  
my de - sire, And with new life my soul in - spire.  
face to face, O Light e - ter - nal, through Your grace.

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## **DAILY PRAYER – EARLY EVENING**

- P** Let my prayers rise before You as incense,  
**G** the lifting up of my hands  
as the evening sacrifice.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

{each petition ends “*Lord, in Your mercy:*”

response: “*hear our prayer!*”}

## **LORD’S PRAYER**

## **EVENING PRAYERS**

- P** Lord Jesus, stay with us, for the evening is at hand and the day is past. Be our constant companion on the way; kindle our hearts, and awaken hope among us, that we may recognize You as You are revealed in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread. Grant this for Your Name’s sake. **Amen.**



**☞** 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.

**☞** Let us bless the Lord.      **☞** Thanks be to God.

**☞** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.      **☞** Amen.

SONGS BY REQUEST ...



"THEN HE OPENED THEIR  
MINDS TO UNDERSTAND  
THE SCRIPTURES"  
LUKE 24:45