



IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH



*Making known
by Word and Action
the Healing Presence of God
in Christ Jesus with Us
and with the World.*

Immanuel's Mission



Welcome to Immanuel

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When we celebrate Holy Communion we are eating and drinking the true body and blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, for the forgiveness of our sins. Because the Bible says it is possible for someone to eat and drink to their harm if their understanding of the sacrament is lacking, we ask our visitors to speak with our Pastor before communing here for the first time. Ask an usher to help you find our Pastor before the service begins, or call during the week.

Divine Service ~ Setting 1 (adapted)

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 15, 2018 – 9:30 am

WELCOME to all guests and members; we are glad that you are here to worship with us and hope you will return often as *our friends in Christ!*



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.

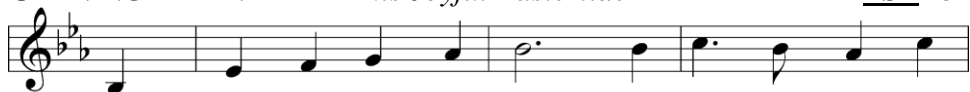
PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING 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
3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a sea - son



sor - row! My love, the Cru - ci - fied,
riv - er; Lov - er of souls, from ill
slum - ber Till trump from east to west



Has sprung to life this mor - row:
My pass - ing soul de - liv - er:
Shall wake the dead in num - ber:

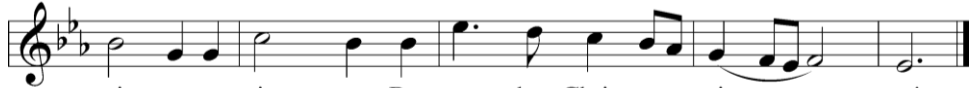
Refrain



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!

Please stand...

INVOCATION

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

OPENING SENTENCES

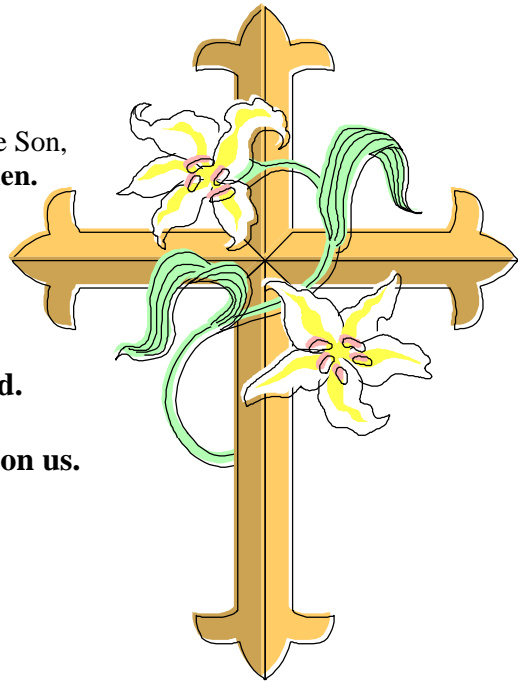
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
P He is the author of life
C whom God raised from the dead.
P He puts joy into our hearts
C and lifts the light of His face upon us.
P He has lavished us with love
C and called us His own children.
P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen 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.



KYRIE {"Lord, have mercy"}

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, & for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



C A - men.

Acts

You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead*. We are witnesses of this.



HYMN OF PRAISE

"This Is the Feast"

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*

gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT PRAYER



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

Please be seated...

FIRST READING

Acts 3:11–21

L The First Reading for The Third Sunday of Easter is from Acts, chapter three.

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. ¹² 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?*" ¹³ *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.*



¹⁴ *But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you,* ¹⁵ *and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses.* ¹⁶ *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.* ¹⁷ *And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers.* ¹⁸ *But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He thus fulfilled.* ¹⁹ *Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out,* ²⁰ *that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus,* ²¹ *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.

EPISTLE

I John 3:1–7

L The Epistle is from First John, chapter three.

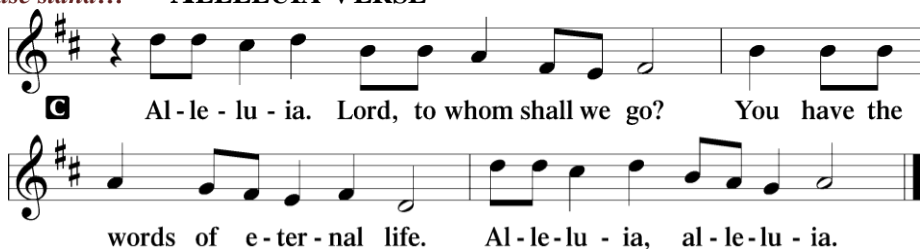
See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called *children of God*; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies himself as He is pure. ⁴ Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵ You know that He appeared to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. ⁶ No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. ⁷ 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.

Please stand... **ALLELUIA VERSE**

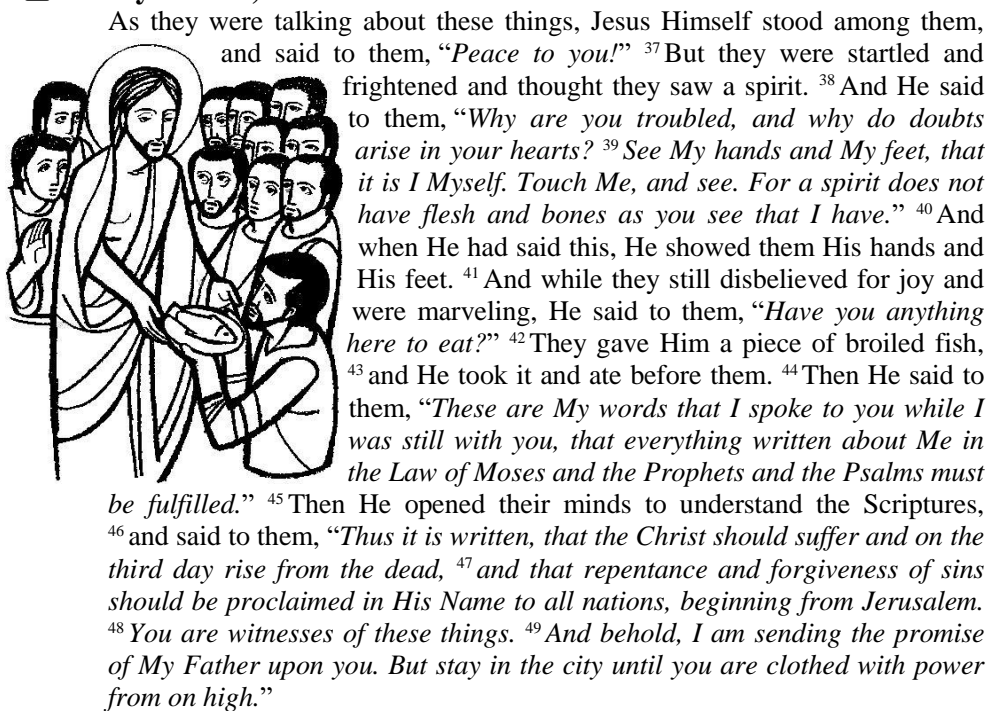


HOLY GOSPEL

st Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to st Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**



As they were talking about these things, Jesus Himself stood among them, and said to them, “*Peace to you!*” ³⁷ But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸ And He said to them, “*Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?*” ³⁹ *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.*” ⁴⁰ And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His feet. ⁴¹ And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, He said to them, “*Have you anything here to eat?*” ⁴² They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and He took it and ate before them. ⁴⁴ 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.*” ⁴⁵ Then He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶ and said to them, “*Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,*” ⁴⁷ *and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.* ⁴⁸ *You are witnesses of these things.* ⁴⁹ *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.**

Please be seated...

HYMN OF THE DAY

“*What Wondrous Love Is This*”

LSB 543 ➔



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; To
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; And



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this That
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, When I was sink-ing down Be -
God and to the Lamb I will sing; To God and to the Lamb, Who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free, I'll



caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my
neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side His crown for my
is the great I AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will
sing His love for me, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side His crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, And through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

SERMON “God Says, ‘Strike Three! ... You’re Safe!’”

Please stand...



CONFESSION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed*

P Let us profess our faith together in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C 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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Each petition concludes:

“Lord, in Your mercy:”

Congregational response:

“Hear our prayer!”)

SHARING THE PEACE

(We greet one another in the Name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation/unity of the Spirit.)

Please be seated as music begins...

OFFERING / MUSICAL OFFERING

(As the Offering is gathered, please sign the attendance folder near the center aisle and pass to the person sitting next to you.)

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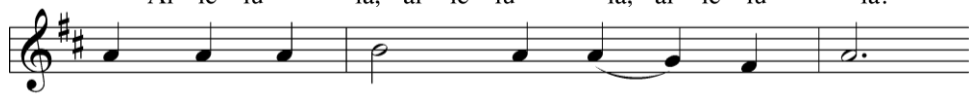
OFFERTORY HYMN “The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done” **LSB 464** ➔



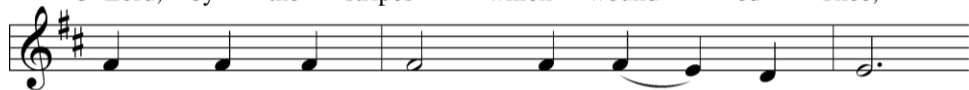
Refrain



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,
 4 He broke the age - bound chains of hell;
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,

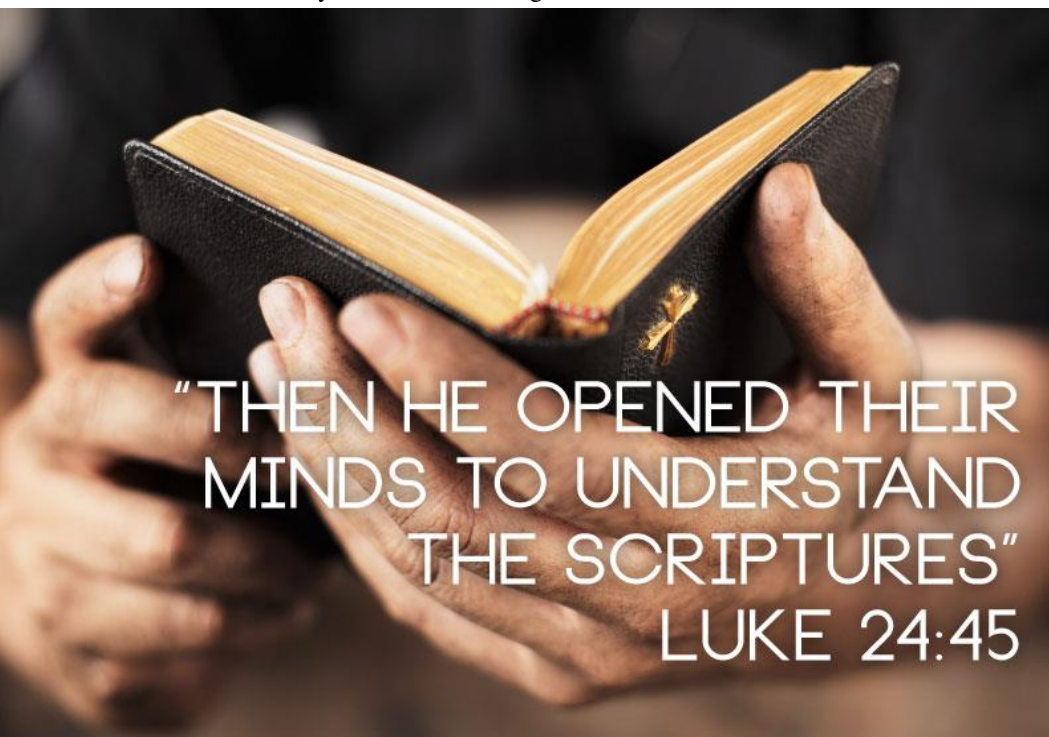


Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;
 But Christ their le - gions hath dis - persed.
 He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.
 The bars from heav'n's high por - tals fell.
 From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Let hymns of praise His tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P 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 love You have lavished upon us in the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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:



SANCTUS “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” tune: *Easter Hymn*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 So we shout ho - san-nas high.



God of pow - er, might, and sword, Al - le - lu - ia!
Blest is He who now draws nigh.



Earth and heav - en both a - bound, Al - le - lu - ia!
For He comes in God's own name,



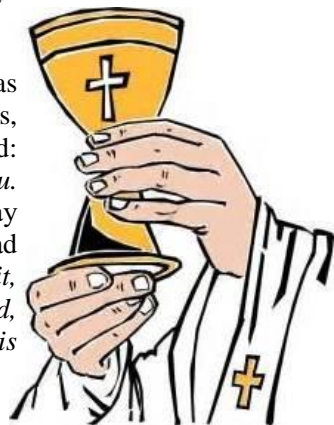
With Your glo - ry and re - nown. Al - le - lu - ia!
To un - do our guilt and shame.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom 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.

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."*



THE PEACE



- P** The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



- C** A - men.

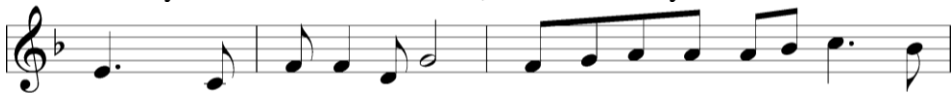
AGNUS DEI



- C** Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



- mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



- world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



- sin of the world; grant us peace.

You may be seated...

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” **LSB 633**

“Christ Jesus lay in Death’s... Bands” **LSB 458**

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won” **LSB 490**

“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” **LSB 480**



Please stand...

POST-COMMUNION

“Thank the Lord”



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'-ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith as we look with joy at the wonderful gifts You give us in repentance and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Blessed



C A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

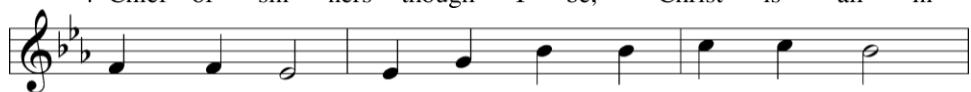
“Chief of Sinners Though I Be”

LSB 611 →

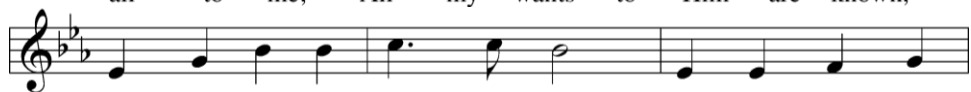
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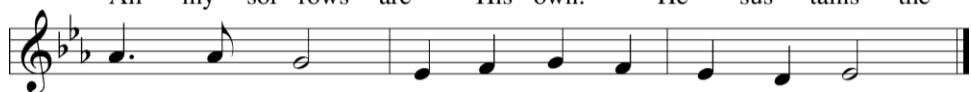
1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed His
2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, High - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part Balm to heal the
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, Died that I might live on high,
heav'n's a - bove, Deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, Peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,
all to me; All my wants to Him are known,



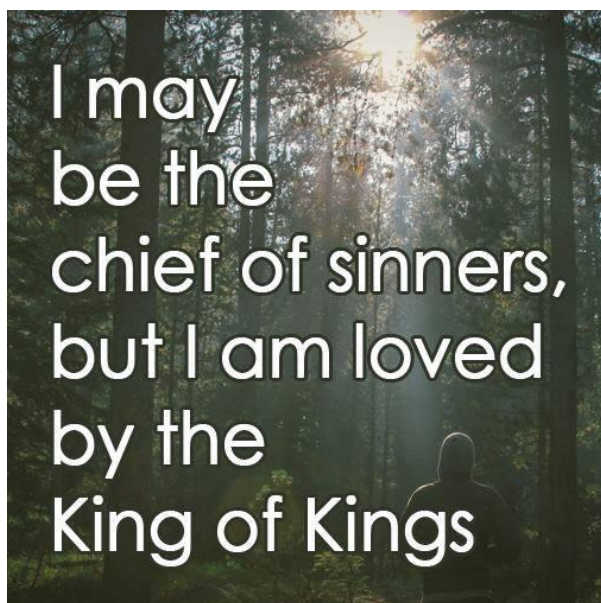
Lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
Last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty! Love that found me—
Joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, Faith and hope to
All my sor - rows are His own. He sus - tains the



to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.
won - drous thought! Found me when I sought Him not.
walk with God In the way that E - noch trod.
hid - den life Safe with Him from earth - ly strife.

5 O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your Word!

When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

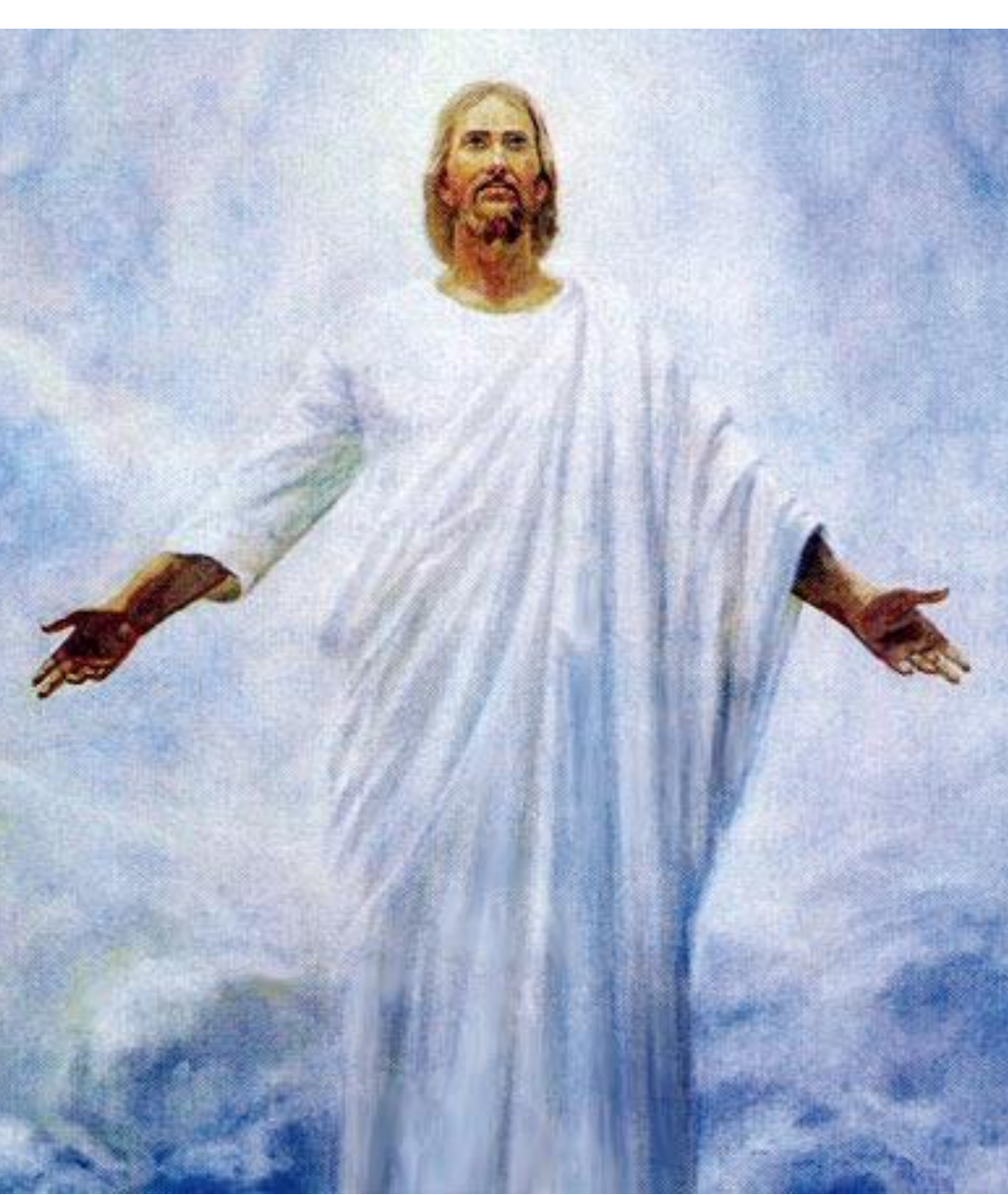




The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go. You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

-Acts 3:13-15





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