

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church Jackson, Minnesota

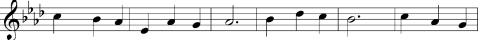
"Bringing Jesus to Jackson"
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024

Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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## Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" Hymn 474 1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is en! Trum - pets re ris -2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter Tell - ing the 3 Je - sus the vine. We are the branch - es; Life si - lent: Death put 4 Weep-ing, gone; Sor - row, be be 5 Cit - y God. Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je of



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

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



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





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#### Confession and Absolution

**P** In the name of the Father and of the 

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

- C Amen.
- **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.
- 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 \(\frac{1}{2}\) Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### Introit

## Ps. 145:1-2, 8, 10, 21; antiphon: John 16:16

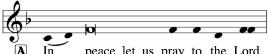
- P A little while, and you will see me no longer;
- and again a little while, and you will see me.
- **P** I will extol you, my God and King,
- and bless your name forever and ever.
- Every day I will bless you
- **C** and praise your name forever and ever.
- The LORD is gracious and merciful,
- **C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
- **C** and all your saints shall bless you!
- **P** My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord,
- and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

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## 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.

- A little while, and you will see me no longer;
- and again a little while, and you will see me.





peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



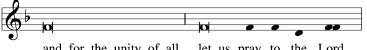
For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



let us pray to the Lord. and for the unity of all



Lord, have mer - cy.



and for all who offer here their worship and praise For this holy house





Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.





## Collect of the Day



Let us pray. O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



#### **First Reading**

Acts 8:26-40 ESV

<sup>26</sup> Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Rise and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." This is a desert place. <sup>27</sup> And he rose and went. And there was an Ethiopian, a eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning, seated in his chariot, and he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran to him and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet and asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" <sup>31</sup> And he said, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the Scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter and like a lamb before its shearer is silent, so he opens not his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

<sup>34</sup> And the eunuch said to Philip, "About whom, I ask you, does the

prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" <sup>35</sup> Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> And as they were going along the road they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water! What prevents me from being baptized?" <sup>38</sup> And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. <sup>39</sup> And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

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

# Gradual adapt. from Matt. 28:7; Heb. 2:7; Ps. 8:6

**P** Christ has risen from the dead.

**C** God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

#### **Epistle**

1 John 4:1-11 ESV

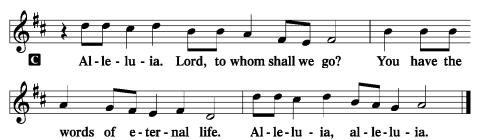
<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup> and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <sup>4</sup>Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

<sup>7</sup>Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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

#### Alleluia and Verse

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## **Holy Gospel**

St. John 15:1–8 ESV

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.
- **C** (sung) Glory to You, O Lord.
- <sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.
- <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit.
- <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.
- <sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord. C (sung) Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed 158

**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.

Sermon "Connections" Acts 8:26–40

#### Prayer of the Church

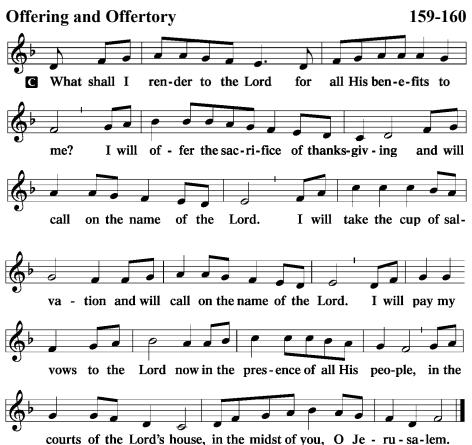
Pam Kemp, Richard Polz, Megan Janzen (Pastor Nathan Janzen's wife), Teressa Schuetz (Pastor's niece), Ron Sinn, Gail Lanning, Brent Baumann (Steve Milbrath's brother-in-law and Lori Milbrath's cousin), Gen Rehnelt, Kristi Ledin, Carol Kolander, Kathy Miller (Neil's, Susan's, and Patti's sister-in-law), Ken Temple, Karen Temple, Ron Kloos, Barney Olson, Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers Jake Staton, who has been deployed overseas in our nation's armed forces.

#### Petitions conclude:

P ... Lord, in Your mercy, C hear our prayer.

Final petition concludes:

P ... one God, now and forever. C Amen.





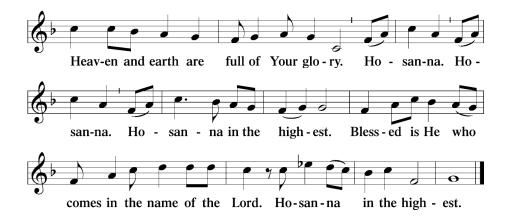
is right to give Him

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:

thanks

and praise.





P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

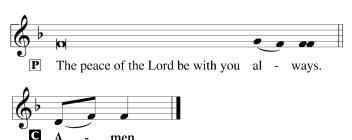
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. 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.

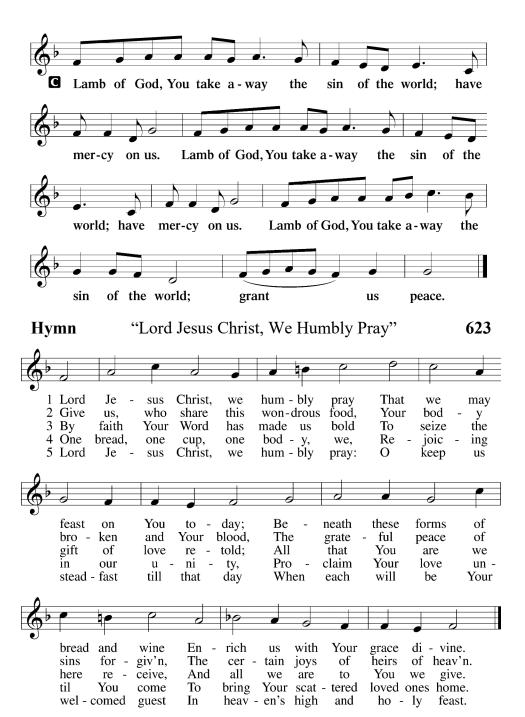
#### C Amen.

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."

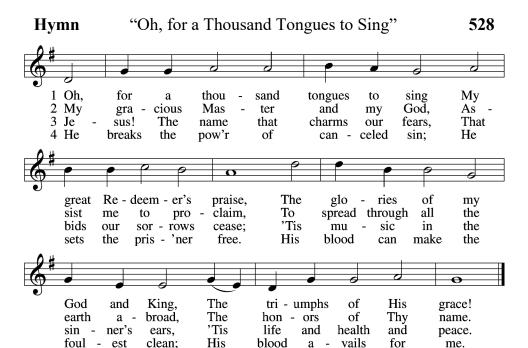
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

- P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.
- C 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:
- 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.



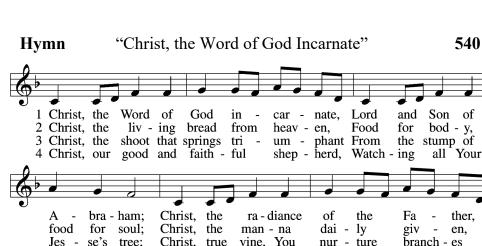


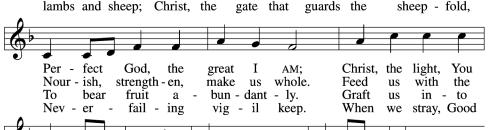
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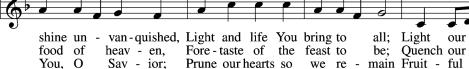


- Look unto Him, ye nations; own Your God, ye fallen race.
   Look and be saved through faith alone, Be justified by grace.
- See all your sins on Jesus laid;
   The Lamb of God was slain.
   His soul was once an off ring made
   For ev'ry soul of man.
- To God all glory, praise, and love
   Be now and ever giv'n
   By saints below and saints above,
   The Church in earth and heav'n.

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path with Your own pres - ence, thirst with liv - ing wa - ter branch-es in Your vine - yard God, our shep - herd, keep us;

Grant us grace to heed Your call. Spring-ing up e - ter - nal - ly. Till e - ter - nal life we gain. Let us hear Your voice a - lone.

5 Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the captive, Christ, the life that cannot die. Mediator to the Father, Sacrifice and great High Priest: Lead us to Your heav'nly mansions, There to share Your wedding feast.

△ 6 Christ, the Alpha and Omega, Christ, the firstborn from the dead, Christ, the life and resurrection, Christ, the Church's glorious head: Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be To the Father and the Spirit And to You eternally.

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#### **Post-Communion Canticle**

"Thank the Lord"

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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.



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

Let us pray. . . . through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.





P The Lord bless you and keep you.

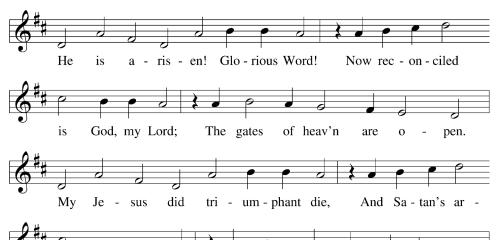
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



# Closing Hymn "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

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De-stroyed hell's fierc - est weap

O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,

Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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