

**April 20, 2025**

**Easter Sunday**

# ***St. Peter's Ev. Lutheran Church***

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## St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church

**WELCOME to Worship today!** What a joy to be together in Christ! Please fill out the "Member" or "Guest" side of our Communication Card located in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand to an elder during the singing of the first hymn. Prayer request cards are also available. Again, welcome!

**THE LORD'S SUPPER** is offered at the **10:30 AM service today** to all Confirmed members of our congregation.

**+ For personal preparation for communion**, use the following prayers:

**Before communion (communing):** Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this Holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

**After Communion (Thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament):** Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

**+ Lutherans** who are in good standing with their own congregations of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod (LCMS) are welcome to join with us in receiving this blessed meal.

**+Guests** are asked to speak with the Pastor or elder **before** communing that they may properly understand the Lutheran teaching on the Lord's Supper.

**+ Children, Teens, and Adults** who have not yet completed confirmation instruction are invited to come forward with their row and cross their arms in front of their chest to receive a blessing from the Pastor during distribution.

**+ Alcohol-Free White Wine** is available from the center of the individual cup tray.

**+ Gluten-Free wafers** are located in the silver dish at the center of the altar for you to pick up as you come forward. Standard wafers will be distributed to other communicants during the Distribution of the Supper.

**+ Communion at the pew** is available at the start of Distribution to those who sit in the second pew on either side.

**+ Those with wheelchairs or walkers** are invited to come forward with others who are communing. However, anyone who wishes to receive Communion at your seat please speak to an Elder or the Pastor prior to the start of Worship.

## **As We Gather**

Three days can seem like an eternity. It must have felt that way to the disciples after Jesus had been crucified. All hope seemed to have vanished. Just a few days before, Jesus made His triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Yet in five days, He was crucified. Imagine what they went through as Jesus lay in the tomb. What makes you different from them? Christ is risen! Today, we celebrate the promise Jesus made: on the third day He would—and did—rise again to life. Whatever you face in your life, you do it with the risen Lord by your side! Rejoice!

## **Congregation is seated in silence**

Today our service begins with the lights dimmed as we behold Jesus' tomb early Easter morning. Jesus' burial had happened in haste; His followers fully expected nothing more than to prepare Jesus' body for the sleep of death.

## **7:00 & 10:30 Services**

### **Easter Reading**

*Job 19:23–27*

- <sup>23</sup>“Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup>Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup>whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!”

*(7:00 AM-The Sanctuary is prepared for the resurrection proclamation)*

## Congregation sings Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

*sts. 1–2*

- 1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!  
Death no longer can appall me;  
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!  
From the grave will Christ recall me.  
Brighter scenes will then commence;  
This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne  
High above all things is given.  
I shall go where He is gone,  
Live and reign with Him in heaven.  
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!  
This shall be my confidence.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

## Easter Acclamation

- P** Christ is risen!  
**C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
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## Confession and Absolution

*Revelation 1:8*

- P** He is risen indeed, even as He said to the apostle John on Patmos,  
**C "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."**
- P** Knowing that Jesus is the Head of the church, do you confess that you are a sinner?  
**C Yes, I confess that I am a sinner with no hope of heaven on my own.**

- P** What then is your hope?
- C** **My hope is that Christ suffered for my sins on the cross and died, and was raised back to life, and He now offers the forgiveness to me, not because of what I have done, but by faith in believing what He did forgives my every sin.**
- P** Jesus called people to a holy life, telling them, “Go and sin no more.” Do you promise, with the help of the Holy Spirit, that you will amend your sinful life?
- C** **Yes, I promise by the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life, turning away from sin as I am strengthened by the Holy Spirit to lead a life that glorifies God.**
- P** Then hear the great news on the anniversary of that great third day: as a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen! He is risen indeed!**

### Hymn: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris’n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav’nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!  
Now above the sky He’s king, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- △ 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav’nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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## Introit

*Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b*

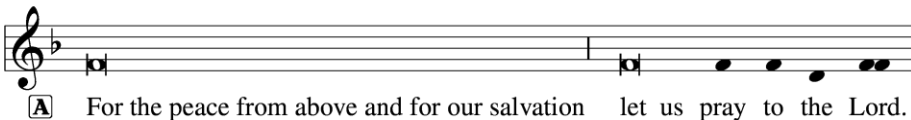
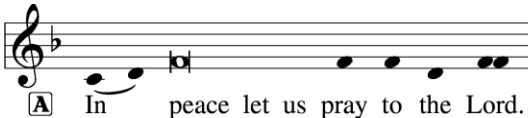
- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.
- C** **The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.**
- P** Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.
- C** **You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**
- P** You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established.
- C** **The LORD will reign forever and ever.**

**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.**

- P** I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously;  
**C** **the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.**

## Kyrie

*LSB 152*





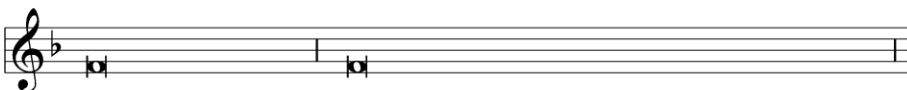
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



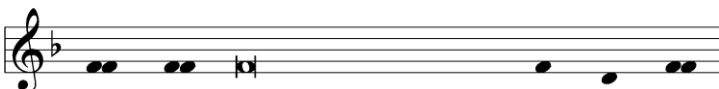
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.



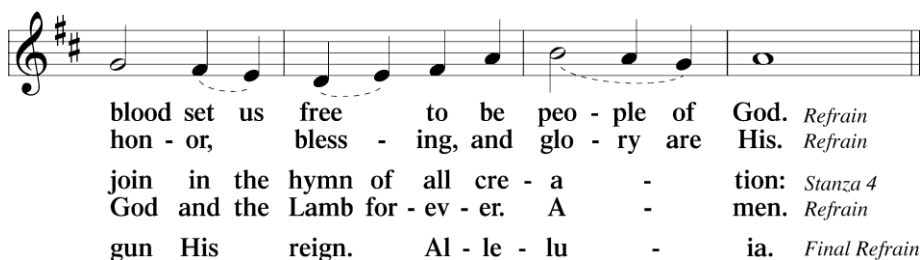
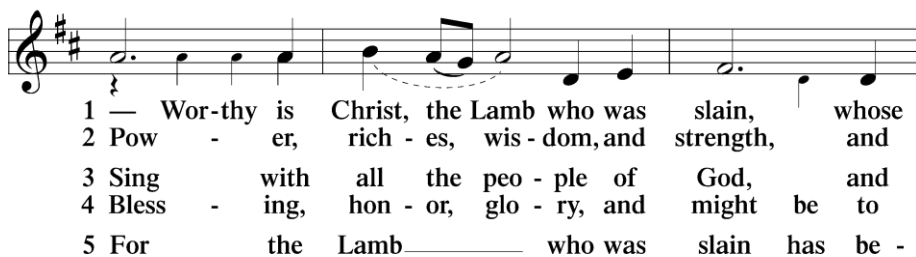
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



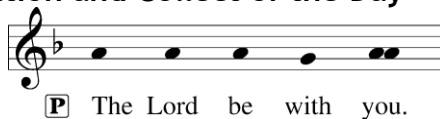
**C** A - men.

# This Is the Feast

LSB 155



## Salutation and Collect of the Day







- P** Let us pray.  
Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



*Sit*

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 65:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. <sup>18</sup>But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. <sup>19</sup>I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. <sup>20</sup>No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. <sup>21</sup>They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. <sup>22</sup>They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. <sup>23</sup>They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. <sup>24</sup>Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. <sup>25</sup>The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

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

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:19–26*

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## Alleluia and Verse

*LSB 156*



The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature 'C' and contains the melody for the first line of the verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

*Luke 24:1–12*

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

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

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of

Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.” <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Apostles' Creed

**C** **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.**

*Sit*

## Hymn: 461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 1 I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.
- 3 He lives to bless me with His love;  
He lives to plead for me above;  
He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply;  
He lives to guide me with His eye;  
He lives to comfort me when faint;  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 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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## Sermon

### The Gathering of our Tithes and Offerings

*Stand*

#### Offertory

*LSB 159*

**G** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to  
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will  
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

## Prayer of the Church

- P** Heavenly Father, Lord of all creation made new in resurrection, we give thanks to You that the light of Christ eclipses our sin and that the waters of Baptism keep us buoyant in a sure and certain faith unto life everlasting. We earnestly await the revelation of the new Jerusalem, where we will be resurrected and numbered with all the saints of light and life.

## Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*st. 1*

- 1 Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

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- P** Dearest Jesus, You are the Lord of hope, life, and joy for all those who have fallen asleep. In You all will be made alive! Resurrection shall be ours, when we are delivered into the Kingdom of God the Father. We give thanks that You destroyed the adversaries that seek to marginalize faith and divert us from knowing and confessing the one true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*st. 2*

- 2 O happy harbor of the saints,  
O sweet and pleasant soil!  
In thee no sorrow may be found,  
No grief, no care, no toil.

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- P** Lord of life, together with the eyewitnesses of Your empty tomb, move us from skepticism to bold confidence, from scared silence to convincing emphatic proclamation of the risen Christ. Let us rejoice that we stand in the lineage of the prophets who foretold the risen Savior, the apostles and saints who were Jesus' companions, and for all of us who eagerly await the final day of resurrection.

## Hymn: 673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home

*st. 6*

- 6 O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all our requests. Be with all those mentioned on our prayer list\_\_\_\_\_. We pray these and all the prayers of our heart in the name of Jesus, risen on the third day, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**
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## 7:00 AM Service

### The Lord's Prayer

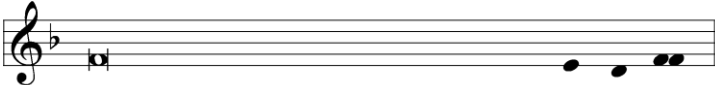
### Closing Collect

- P** Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that in steadfast faith we may serve You and, in the confession of Your name, abide unto the end; 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

*LSB 166*



- 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.



**C A - men.**

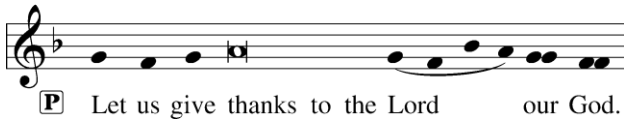
**Closing Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen . . . Go to page 22**

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# 10:30 Service continues with the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 160




**P** It is truly good, right . . . evermore praising You and saying:



## Sanctus

LSB 161



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

LSB 161

**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.

**G Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**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:

## The Lord's Prayer

### Pax Domini

LSB 163



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



**C** A - men.

### Agnus Dei

LSB 163



**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.

## Distribution Hymns

### 465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds  
In praise of love that still abounds:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!  
Repeat their song of glory here:  
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,  
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife.  
Christ has triumphed! He is living!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;  
Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say:  
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 Adoring praises now we bring  
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:  
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"  
Be to the Father and our Lord,  
To Spirit blest, most holy God,  
All the glory, never ending!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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#### 470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,  
Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,  
The faithful women went their way  
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 An angel clad in white they see,  
Who sits and speaks unto the three,  
"Your Lord will go to Galilee."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the apostles met in fear;  
Among them came their master dear  
And said, "My peace be with you here."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard  
That they had seen the risen Lord,  
He doubted the disciples' word.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see,  
And look upon My hands, My feet;  
Not faithless but believing be."  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been,  
For they eternal life shall win.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:  
 To God your hearts and voices raise.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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*Stand*

## Thank the Lord

LSB 164



**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.

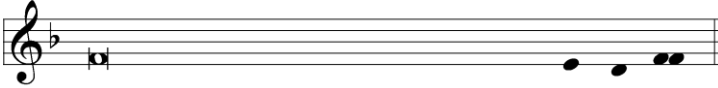
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Benediction

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**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  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## Closing Hymn: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

- 1 Alleluia!  
Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb,  
Heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain
- ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!
- 2 Walking the way,  
Christ in the center  
Telling the story to open our eyes;  
Breaking our bread,  
Giving us glory:  
Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain
- 3 Jesus the vine,  
We are the branches;  
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
Heaven to earth,  
Christ to the people,  
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

- 4 Weeping, be gone;  
Sorrow, be silent:  
    Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing:  
"O grave, be open!"  
    Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain
- 5 City of God,  
Easter forever,  
    Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
River of life,  
Saints and archangels,  
    Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain

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