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Jubilate: The Fourth Sunday of Easter

The Sunday of Christian Joy

3 May A+D 2020

Welcome in the name of Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining us where Christ our Lord has promised to be with his gifts of faith, forgiveness, and everlasting life through His Word and Sacraments!

Today's Service

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About This Service

This service is intended for our members to hear God's Word while services are suspended. Please sing along and participate in the service. Also, contact Pastor at 816-934-1741 (cell) or 660-259-2932 (church) to schedule Holy Communion. You may also schedule for Communion on our church's website at <https://www.gracelutheranlexington.org/register-for-holy-communion/>. Please send your offerings to the church. If you are mailing them, mark "offering" on the outside of your envelope.

Serving Today at Grace

Pastor Brian J. Thorson
Organist Jennifer Thorson
Altar Guild Marilyn Schumacher
 Christy Hollingsworth
Video Dan Lefholz

Our Response to God's Grace

Present Last Week

No services due to COVID-19.

Offerings Last Sunday

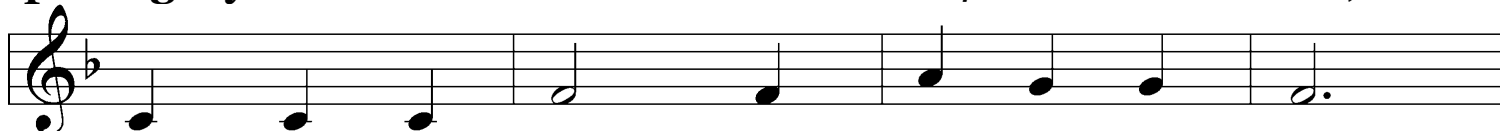
General	\$1455
Various Missions	\$230

*If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*

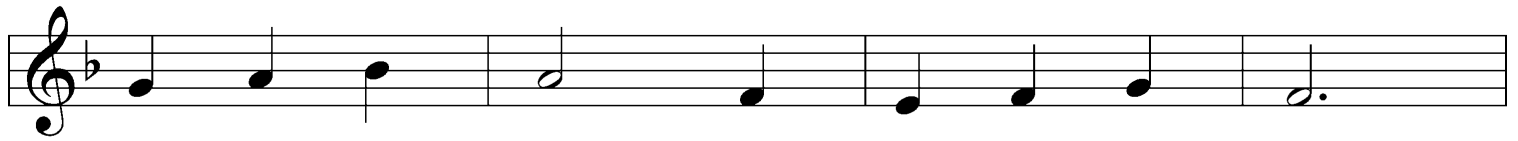
—2 Cor. 5:17

Opening Hymn

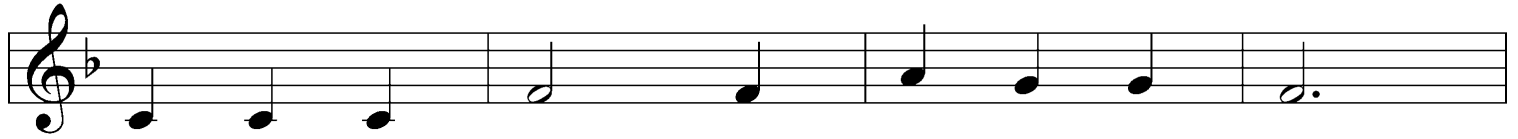
LSB 466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



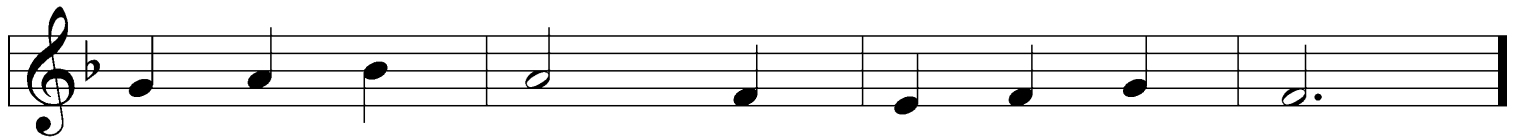
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
5 Christ has a - ris - en; He sets us free;



Re - jice and praise Him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to Him prais - es be.

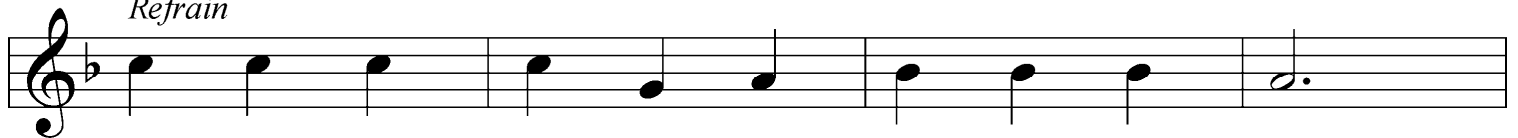


For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go;
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare;
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done;
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

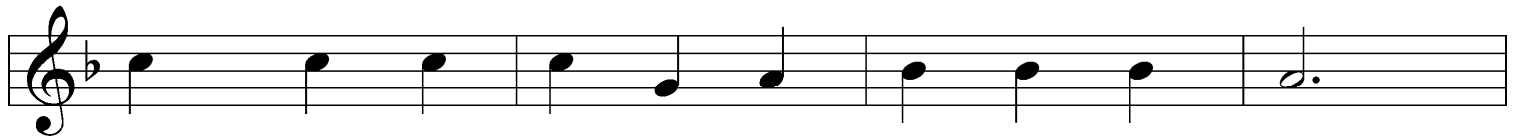


E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest His might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

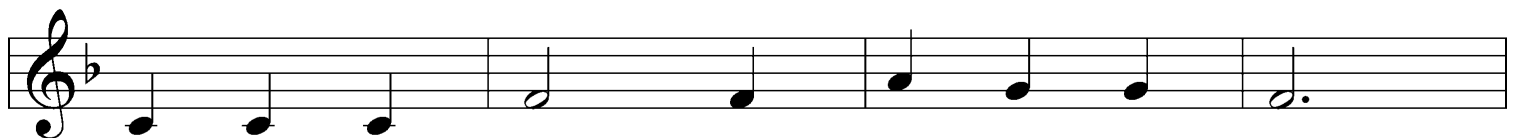
Refrain



Let us sing praise to Him with end - less joy;



Death's fear - ful sting He has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2



Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.
Say to God, “How awesome | are your deeds!”*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you.”
Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,
who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.

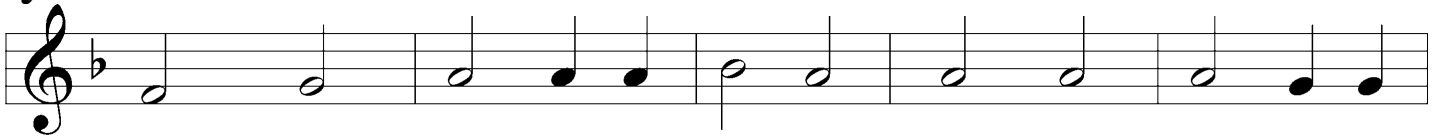
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

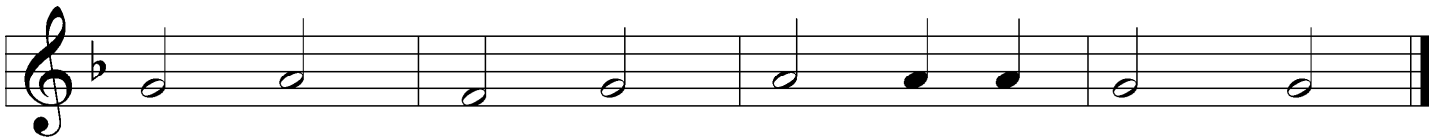
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Kyrie

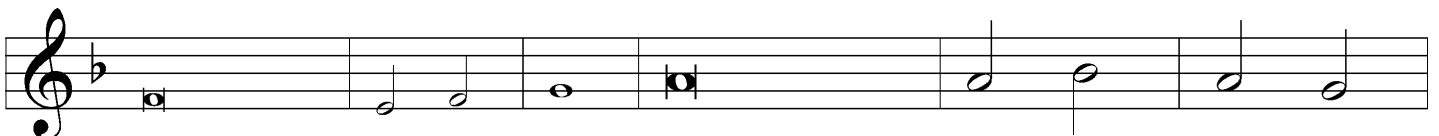


☐ Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

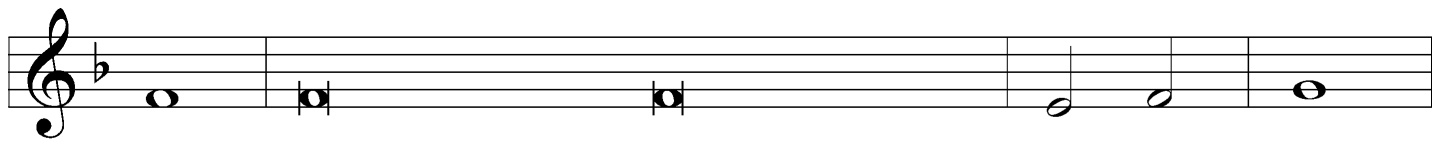


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis



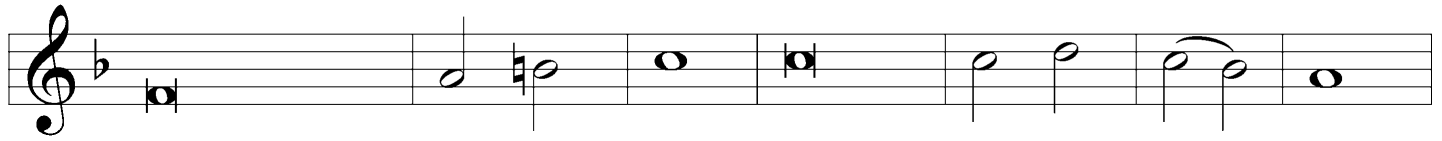
☐ Glory be to God on high: ☐ and on earth peace, good - will toward



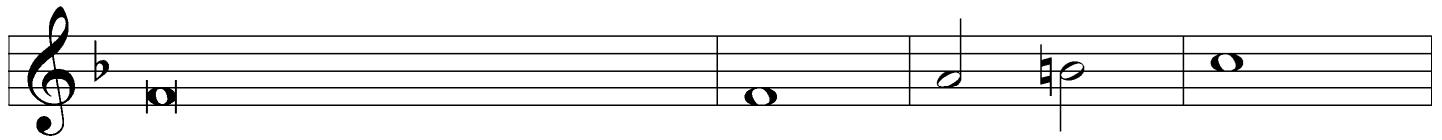
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



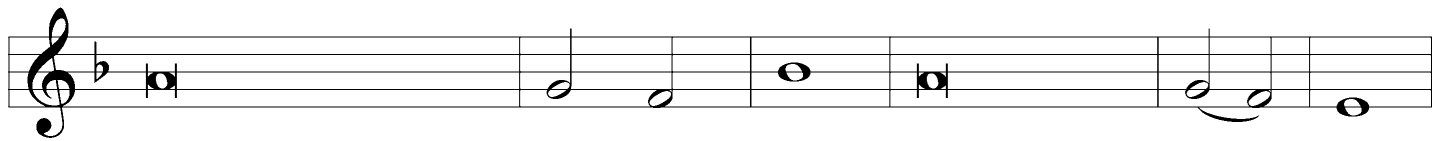
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



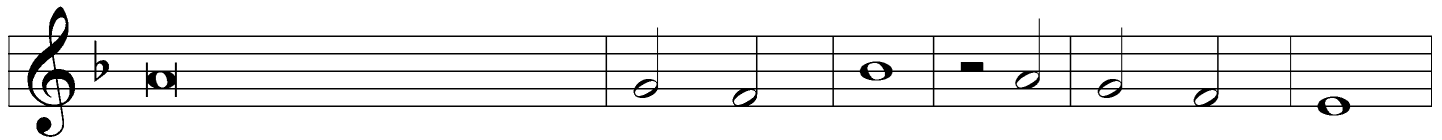
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



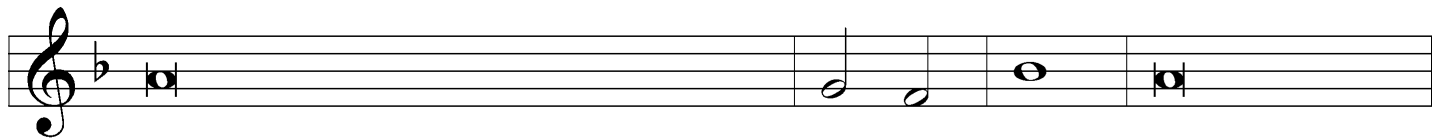
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



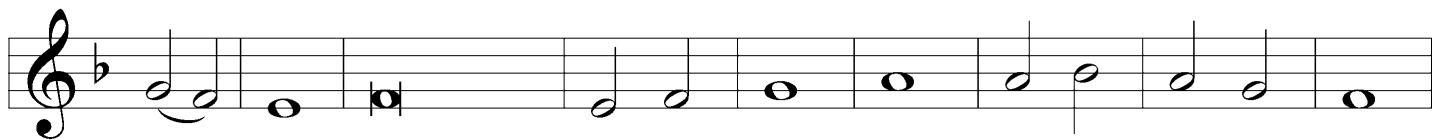
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.



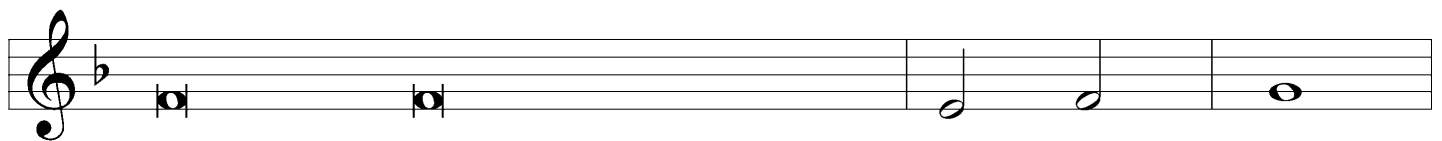
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.



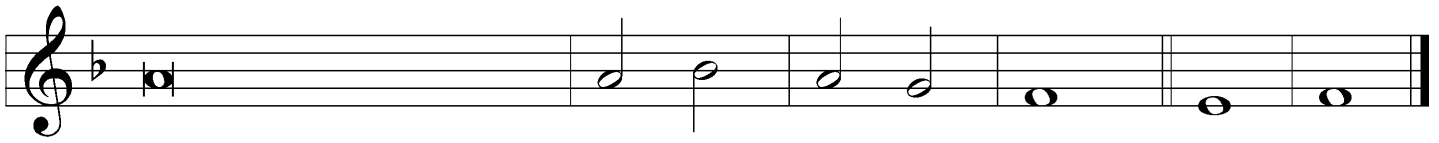
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Collect of the Day

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ’s Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be Seated

Old Testament Reading

Lamentations 3:22–33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul who seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for a man that he bear
the yoke in his youth.
²⁸Let him sit alone in silence
when it is laid on him;
²⁹let him put his mouth in the dust—
there may yet be hope;
³⁰let him give his cheek to the one who strikes,
and let him be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
cast off forever,
³²but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion

according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
33for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve the children of men.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

LSB 469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today



1 “Christ the Lord is ris’n to - day!” Saints on earth and an - gels say;
2 Love’s re - deem - ing work is done, Fought the fight, the bat - tle won;
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, ye heav’ns, and earth, re - ply.
Lo! Our Sun’s e - clipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more.
Death in vain for - bids His rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?

5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll’wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav’n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv’n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!

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Epistle

1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise

those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Sequence Hymn

LSB 459 Christ Is Arisen



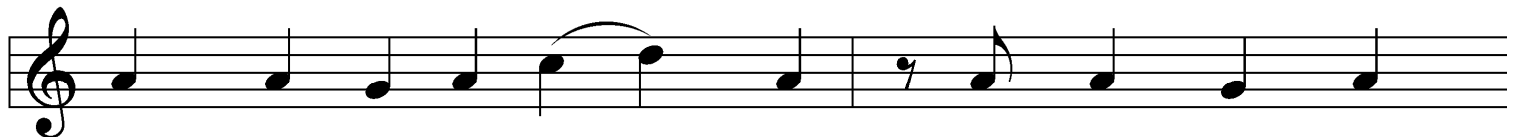
1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,

We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;

Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Holy Gospel

John 16:16–22

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.

G Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] “A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me.” ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, “What is this that he says to us, ‘A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me’; and, ‘because I am going to the Father?’” ¹⁸So they were saying, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We do not know what he is talking about.” ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, “Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, ‘A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me’? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, 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.**

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

LSB 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness, See what to - day is done;
2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed When Christ lay in the tomb;
3 This is a sight that glad - dens—What peace it doth im - part!
4 Now hell, its prince, the dev - il, Of all their pow'r are shorn;



Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, Comes forth the glo - rious sun.
But lo, he now is rout - ed, His boast is turned to gloom.
Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens The joy with - in my heart.
Now I am safe from e - vil, And sin I laugh to scorn.



My Sav - ior there was laid Where our bed must be made
For Christ a - gain is free; In glo - rious vic - to - ry
No gloom shall ev - er shake, No foe shall ev - er take
Grim death with all its might Can - not my soul af - fright;



When to the realms of light Our spir - it wings its flight.
He who is strong to save Has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.
It is a pow'r - less form, How - e'er it rave and storm.

- 5 The world against me rages,
Its fury I disdain;
Though bitter war it wages,
Its work is all in vain.
My heart from care is free,
No trouble troubles me.
Misfortune now is play,
And night is bright as day.
- 6 Now I will cling forever
To Christ, my Savior true;
My Lord will leave me never,
Whate'er He passes through.

He rends death's iron chain;
He breaks through sin and pain;
He shatters hell's grim thrall;
I follow Him through all.

- 7 He brings me to the portal
That leads to bliss untold,
Whereon this rhyme immortal
Is found in script of gold:
"Who there My cross has shared
Finds here a crown prepared;
Who there with Me has died
Shall here be glorified."

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Sermon

Pastor Brian Thorson

Stand

Offertory



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

The Offering is Received

Please mail your offering to church

Stand

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

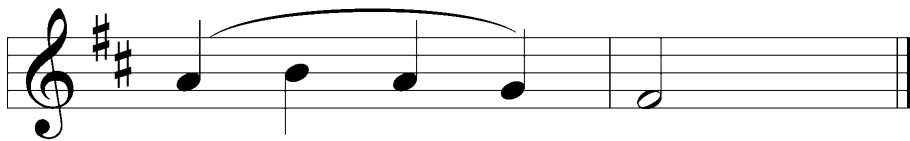
P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

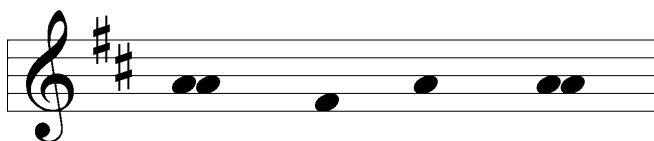
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

A Let us pray.

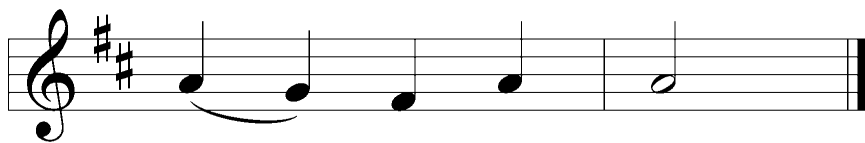
O Lord, graciously receive the prayers of Your Church that, being delivered from all adversity and error, it may serve You in safety and freedom and dwell in Your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.



C A - men.

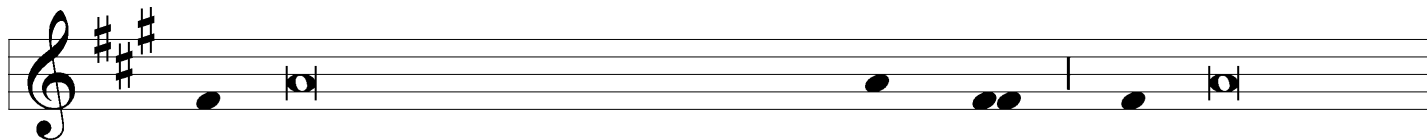


A Bless we the Lord.

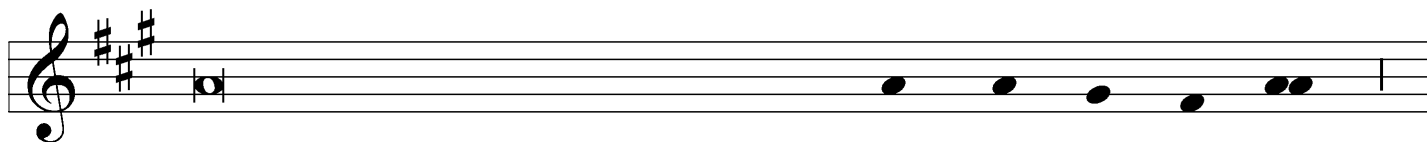


C Thanks be to God.

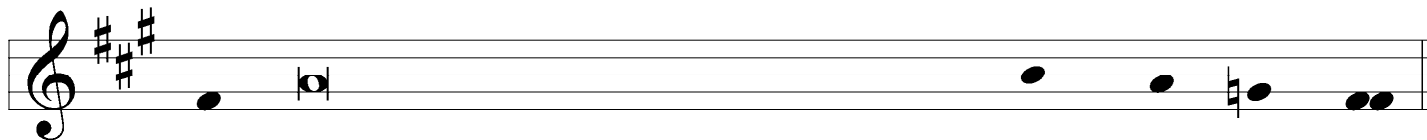
Benediction



P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make



His face shine upon you and be gra - cious un - to you.



The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

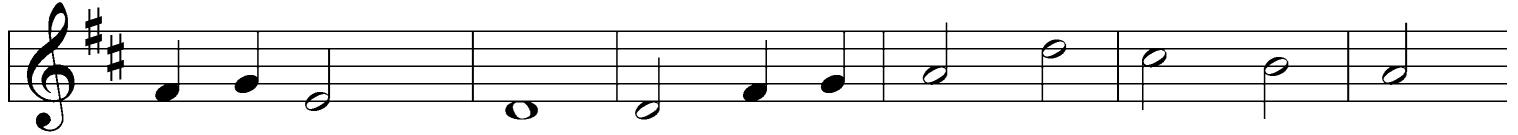
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Closing Hymn

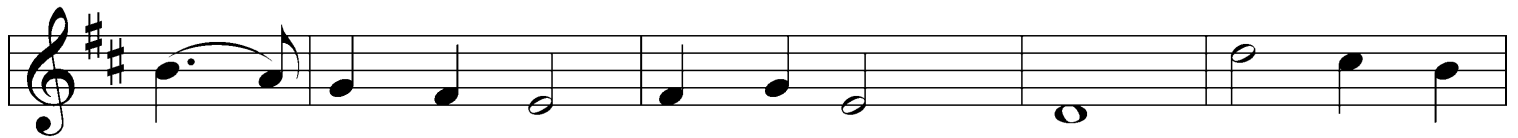
LSB 483 With High Delight Let Us Unite



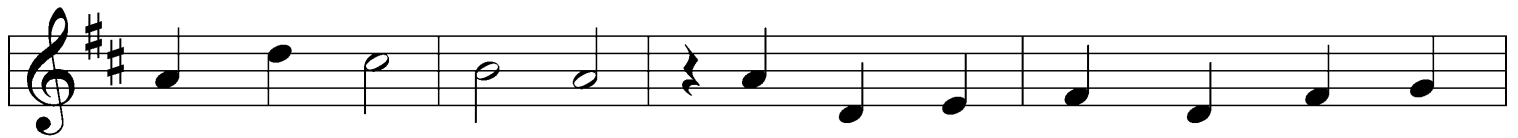
1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



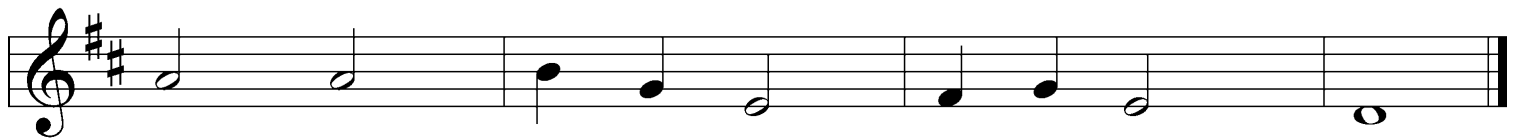
ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van - quished lie;
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



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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Announcements

We are planning to resume our regular service next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Please join us. While individual families may sit together, each family unit needs to sit at least 6' away from the next family. Every other pew will be available for seating. When you arrive, please use hand sanitizer, or wash your hands. You are welcome to wear a mask. Place your offering in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary.

If you are feeling ill or have any symptoms for illness, please stay home until you are better. Let Pastor know and be sure to schedule with him to receive Communion and DVD copies of our services. We will not place our services on YouTube when we resume, but the audio will be available on our website, along with the sermon manuscript. The audio from the phone will also be available.

Sunday School and Bible study will not resume quite yet. The State still requires social distancing of a minimum of 6 feet and the Missouri District recommends that we wait a few weeks before resuming these classes.

Ladies Circle and Vesper Guild will not meet in May.

If you have any additional agenda items for the next Voters meeting, please submit them to President Jim Steffens. Currently the agenda includes the election of officers, revisit the concrete decision on the front drive, and consider planting dogwood trees along the northern edge of our property. The meeting date will be on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

Education Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Centennial Committee will meet on Thursday, May 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Swaddling Clothes will be open this Saturday. We are doing drive-through pickup only and “shopper” must place their order online in advance. To order, fill out the form at <https://www.gracelutheranlexington.org/sc/>.

We rejoice with Michael Fox who was called as Associate Pastor to Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston, WI. A full list of calls and vicarage placements may be found at online at <https://www.csl.edu/academics/call-day-services> and <https://callday.ctsfw.edu>.

Graduates! If you have a graduate (high school, vocational/technical school, college, etc.) that you would like to be acknowledged in the bulletin, please submit names to the church by May 14 to be included in the Prayers of the Church on May 17.

We are glad you are participating in our online service. We are in the Easter season, which continues for a couple more weeks! We will continue to sing Easter hymns and hear of our Lord's triumphant resurrection throughout the Easter season! We pray that you will join us in-person next week.

Parents, while Sunday School and WWW are suspended, it is important to continue teaching your children the Christian faith. In addition to your regular Bible stories, devotions, and prayers that you do with your children, there are now some Sunday School resources available to you for free. Please make use of them. You can find links to them from our church website under “In the Word.”

We are now podcasting our sermons. Details are found on our church homepage under “COVID-19 Update” and the sermon listing with audio and video are under “Sermons.”

We have a Preschool teacher. If you know of students who are interested in enrolling, please contact the Church Office to receive registration forms.

Volunteers are needed to be trained in using the church’s automatic defibrillator (AED). A layperson’s CPR class and AED training will be offered at the Lexington Fire Department once a month for the next several months (a free 2-hour class). Please see Kristin Summerlin or Bernice Wagner for additional information.

Plans for Vacation Bible School are beginning. We need a VBS Director or a pair of codirectors. Please prayerfully consider serving this year. If interested, please see Pastor or Education Committee chairman Dan Lefholz.

Bridge of Hope Resource Center has outgrown its current space and purchased the old Bott Radio building on the south side of the square in Richmond. An anonymous donor has come forward to match \$25,000 in donations given by May 22, 2020. If you would like to help, please send your donation to Bridge of Hope, 112 S. College St., Richmond, MO 64085.

Our hymn of the Easter season is LSB 458, “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands,” written by Dr. Martin Luther (1483-1546). This hymn speaks of Christ’s triumph over death and Satan through His victorious resurrection. Study the words of this hymn and you will find it to clearly proclaim the Gospel.

An Order for Daily Prayer

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

In the morning, O Lord, You hear my voice;

In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for you and watch.

My mouth is filled with Your praise, **And with Your glory all the day.**

O Lord, open my lips, **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

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.

Hymn: LSB 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

6 So let us keep the festival

To which the Lord invites us;

Christ is Himself the joy of all,

The sun that warms and lights us.

Now His grace to us imparts

Eternal sunshine to our hearts;

The night of sin is ended.

Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day

On Christ, the bread of heaven;

The Word of grace has purged away

The old and evil leaven.

Christ alone our souls will feed;

He is our meat and drink indeed;

Faith lives upon no other!

Alleluia!

Catechism Recitation: The Sacrament of the Altar

How can bodily eating and drinking do such great things? Certainly not just eating and drinking do these things, but the words written here: "Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words, along with the bodily eating and drinking, are the main thing in the Sacrament. Whoever believes these words has exactly what they say: "forgiveness of sins."

Scripture Recitation: 1 Corinthians 11:26

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Ten Commandments and the Creed may be confessed. A devotion may be read. The Lord's Prayer may be prayed.

Let us pray. 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.

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

Special Prayers

Homebound: Kay Alpers, Shirley Bertz, Arnold Viebrock

Sick, injured, recovering or special needs: Joel Brandon (Rev. Kurt Brandon's 3-year-old son in Higginsville who underwent surgery and is recovering), John Gooden, Kyle Harrison, Erma Hechsel, Terry Thorson, Diane Traczewski (undergoing knee surgery on Wednesday), Lyn & Barb Wilkey, and all who are affected by COVID-19

Expecting Parents: Rebecca & Scott Steele

Those in the armed forces: Jared Clapper, Sarah & Tom Seagroatt

Seminary Students: Michael Fox, Dale Krienke, and Tom Goodroad

Missions: Rev. John Fehrmann of CLEF, Rev. Charles Ferry in Southeast Asia, our preschool, and the work of our congregation

Our congregation, as we observe our centennial

To add or remove names from our prayer list, please contact Pastor. Thank you.

This Week at Grace

For hospital visits, private confession and absolution, communion for the homebound or any other pastoral calls, please contact Pastor.

Today, May. 3, 2020: Misericordias Domini, the Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday School (materials under "In the Word" at our website)

Divine Service (online at www.gracelutheranlexington.org)

Pastor is available to commune individual families throughout the entire week and on weekends. Please contact him to schedule a time or visit

<https://www.gracelutheranlexington.org/register-for-holy-communion/>.

Sat., May 9 9:00 a.m. Swaddling Clothes shopping day (until noon)

Next Sunday, May. 10: Cantate, the Fifth Sunday in Lent

10:00 a.m. Divine Service Resumes at Grace

Looking Ahead

May 13	Education Committee
May 14	Centennial Committee
May 19	Trustees and Voters
Oct. 4	Centennial Celebration