

# Communion Statement We will be celebrating Holy Communion at this service

We consider this to be a family meal partaken in and with the Real Presence of our Lord and Savior Iesus Christ. The term "Communion" describes the relationship between the participants, certainly between each person and our Savior whose meal it is, but also with all who come together to consume Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. To properly celebrate Communion all participants should be in communion; sharing the same confession of faith as is taught by the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS). We welcome all those who regularly confess this faith as members or regular attenders of Lamb of God. Those who belong to another LCMS congregation and wish to join with us as fellow family members are asked to speak to an Elder prior to the beginning of service. Those who are visiting but not members of an LCMS congregation may approach the communion rail and receive a blessing with their arms folded in front of their chest, or remain seated.

This has been the practice of the Church from the beginning, which according to earliest records would dismiss all those not baptized and confirmed before the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We are celebrating this Sacrament in keeping with this tradition. If you are from outside the LCMS confession, please know that we are not judging you or your faith. We are not implying that you are not a Christian or worthy of the gifts Christ won for you on the cross. We are simply acknowledging that since you do not have the same confession as we do you are not "in communion" with us. If you still desire to participate in Holy Communion in the future at Lamb of God please speak with Pastor Mark after the service. Thank you for honoring our celebration of Holy Communion.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: For those concerned about consuming alcohol-the individual cups in the center of each tray contain diluted wine. (1 drop of wine in water) There is gluten free wafers.

# **Lamb of God Lutheran Church**

Empowered by Christ's Sacraments to be His witness in Friendship/Fellowship/and Faith.

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

(Easter Day )

8:00 am

Divine Service 1

April 17, 2022

Worship begins in reverent silence, in a darkened Sanctuary, just as the world awaited the dawning of Easter Morn.

# Entrance of the Processional Cross

#### **Easter Acclamation**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### **Entrance of the Processional Cross**

P Please stand and face the Processional Cross



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# Confession and Absolution

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

#### Invocation

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

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation LSB 151

- 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.

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

#### **Confession of Sins**

LSB 151

- **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.

Absolution LSB 151

- 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 + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

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# Service of the Word

# Responsive Reading

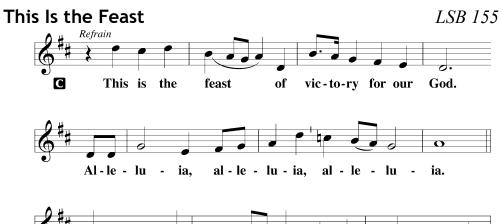
Psalm 16

- **P** <sup>1</sup> Preserve me, O God,
- for in you I take refuge.
- P <sup>2</sup> I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;
- I have no good apart from you."
- As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,
- In whom is all my delight.
- P <sup>4</sup> The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;

- their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
- P <sup>5</sup> The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;
- **G** you hold my lot.
- **P** <sup>6</sup> The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
- indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
- **P** <sup>7</sup> I bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
- **©** in the night also my heart instructs me.
- P 8 I have set the LORD always before me;
- **©** because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.
- P Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
- my flesh also dwells secure.
- P <sup>10</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
- or let your holy one see corruption.
- P 11 You make known to me the path of life;
- in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.
- 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.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P 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 mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.





#### **Easter Acclamation**

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# Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Isaiah 65:17-25

## C Amen.

#### Please be seated

#### **Old Testament Lesson:**

<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.

# Thanks be to God.

Epistle Lesson:

# 1 Corinthians 15:12-26

12Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. 15We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. 16For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. 17And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. 18Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19If 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.
- Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able

#### **Easter Acclamation**

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- G He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Holy Gospel:

Luke 24:1-12

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

#### **Easter Acclamation**



P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen in-deed! Alle-luia!

be seated

Please

# Children's Message

# 486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death

(Sung to the tune from LSB #362 "O Sing of Christ")

- If Christ had not been raised from death Our faith would be in vain,
  Our preaching but a waste of breath,
  Our sin and guilt remain.
  But now the Lord is ris'n indeed;
  He rules in earth and heav'n:
  His Gospel meets a world of need—
  In Christ we are forgiv'n.
- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb Then death would be the end,

And we should face our final doom
With neither guide nor friend.
But now the Savior is raised up,
So when a Christian dies
We mourn, yet look to God in hope—
In Christ the saints arise!

If Christ had not been truly raised
His Church would live a lie;
His name should nevermore be praised,
His words deserve to die.
But now our great Redeemer lives;
Through Him we are restored;
His Word endures, His Church revives
In Christ, our risen Lord.

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# Sermon: 1 Corinthians 15:19-25 "Hope In This Life and Beyond"

Please stand as you are able

#### **Easter Acclamation**

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#### Nicene Creed

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.

Offering and Prayers

# Offering Statement:

Please fulfill your obligation as a member to support the ministry that we have been given by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. You can drop your offering envelope off in the Offering Box in the Narthex as you leave today, mail us your envelope, give on-line at our website, or drop it off in the offering box in the lobby across from the Church Office Monday – Friday 9 AM-1 PM.

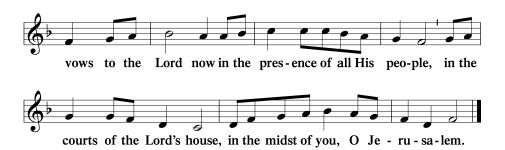
# Offering Verses:

# Psalm 16:5-6

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

<sup>6</sup>The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.





Please be seated

# Prayer of the Church

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P For a holy fear at the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of His power to save, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** ...let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- P We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels in festal gathering, with the assembly of the firstborn enrolled in heaven and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and we bring these petitions before You, dear Father, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

# **Easter Acclamation**

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### He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

#### Salutation

- **P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always
- And also with you.

Please share the Peace of Christ with those worshipping around you with a wave of your hand from where you sit.

Please stand as you are able

# Service of the Sacrament

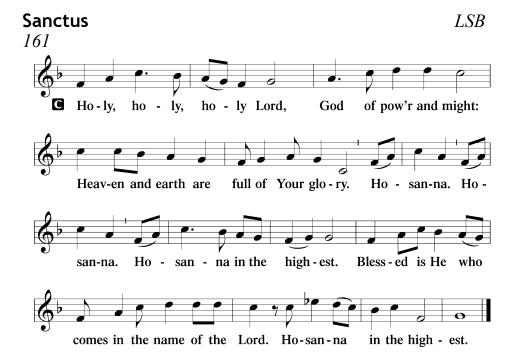
Preface LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

# Proper Preface (Full)

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:



# 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 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."

#### **Proclamation of Christ**

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

# Lord's Prayer

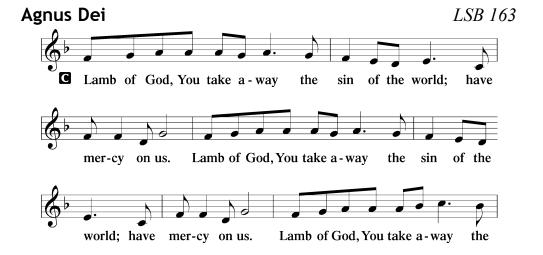
Our Father who art in heaven,

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.

Pax Domini LSB 163

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.





Please be seated

#### Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

# **Right Column**

LSB 164

The true body of Christ, given for you.

Amen.

The true blood of Christ, shed for you.

Amen.

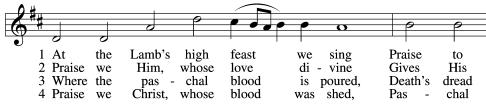
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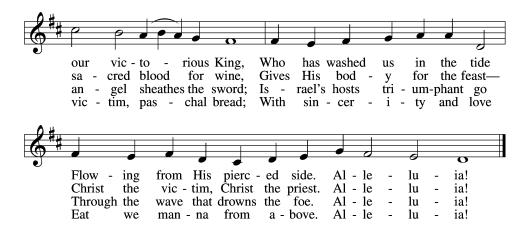
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P Depart now in His joy and peace, knowing that all of your sins have been forgiven.

# 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

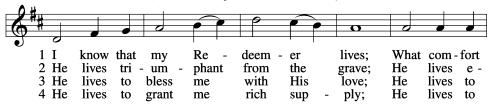
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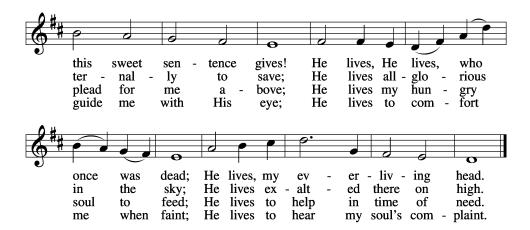


- 5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
  Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
  You have conquered in the fight,
  You have brought us life and light.
  Alleluia!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
  Now no more the grave enthrall;
  You have opened paradise,
  And Your saints in You shall rise.
  Alleluia!
- 7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
  This alone can sin destroy;
  From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
  Newborn souls in You to be.
  Alleluia!
- △8 Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

# **461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives**(A Lamb of God Favorite)

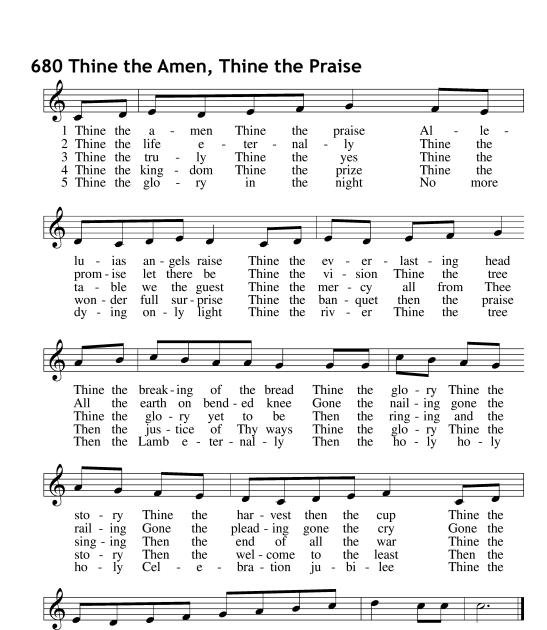






- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 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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#### The Dismissal

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart 

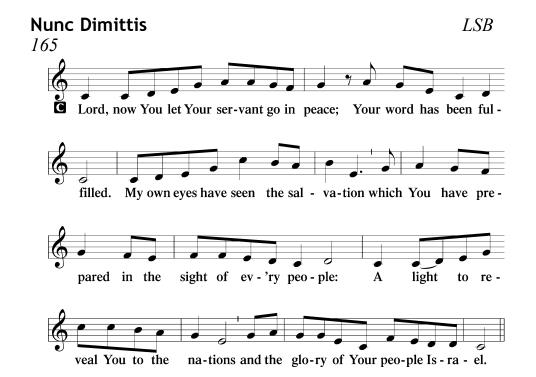
  in peace.
- C Amen.

# Close of the Service

Please Stand as you are able

#### **Easter Acclamation**

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as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

#### **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 throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no 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.

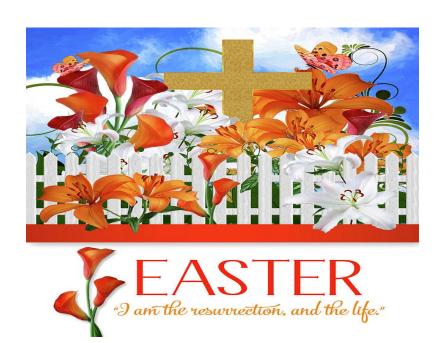
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

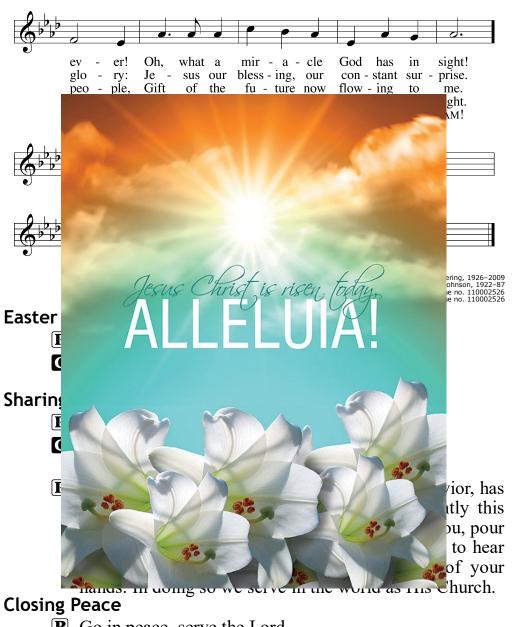
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

## 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen







- **P** Go in peace, serve the Lord
- C Thanks be to God

# Lamb Of God Lutheran Church

April 17, 2022



The Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter Day) 8:00 am

