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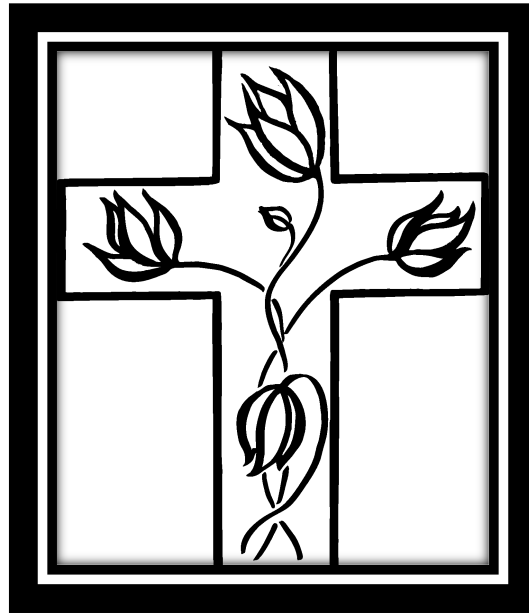
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# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

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## EASTER FESTIVAL



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# Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Processional Song**  
***Jesus Christ Is Risen Today – No. 365***

**Vs. 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!**

**Vs. 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!**

### **Vs. 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!**

### **Vs. 4**

**Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

# Kyrie

let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

**Song Of Praise**  
***This is the Feast – Page 193***

**Refrain**

**This is the feast of vict'ry for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Vs. 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing and glory are his. *Refrain***

**Vs. 2 Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. *Amen. Refrain***

**Vs. 3 For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia, alleluia. *Refrain***

## Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

***Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the Lord, for the | Lord is good;  
God's mercy en- | dures forever.

<sup>2</sup> **Let Israel | now declare,  
"God's mercy en- | dures forever."**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord is my strength | and my song,  
and has become | my salvation.

<sup>15</sup> **Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the  
tents | of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup> The right hand of the Lord | is exalted!  
The right hand of the | Lord acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup> **I shall not | die, but live,  
and declare the works | of the Lord. R**

18 The Lord indeed pun- | ished me sorely,  
but did not hand me o- | ver to death.

19 **Open for me the | gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks | to the Lord.**

20 "This is the gate | of the Lord;  
here the righ- | teous may enter."

21 **I give thanks to you, for you have | answered me  
and you have become | my salvation. R**

22 The stone that the build- | ers rejected  
has become the chief | cornerstone.

23 **By the Lord has | this been done;  
it is marvelous | in our eyes.**

24 **This is the day that the | Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be | glad in it. R**

***Refrain: This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.***

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Christ, our paschal  
lamb, | has been sacrificed.\*  
Therefore, let us | keep the  
feast. Alleluia.**

# Gospel Reading

Word of God, word of life.  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## Hymn of the Day

### *Woman, Weeping in the Garden – No. 935*

#### **Vs. 1**

**Woman, weeping in the garden,  
who has pushed the stone aside?  
Who has taken Jesus' body,  
Jesus Christ the crucified?**

#### **Vs. 2**

**Woman, waiting in the garden,  
after men have come and gone,  
after angels give their witness,  
silently you watch the dawn.**

### **Vs. 3**

**Woman, walking in the garden,  
Jesus takes you by surprise;  
when the gard'ner calls you, "Mary!"  
faith and joy meet in your eyes.**

### **Vs. 4**

**Woman, weeping in the garden,  
weep for joy, for you have seen  
Jesus, the Messiah, risen;  
Christ, of whom the prophets dream.**

### **Vs. 5**

**Woman, dancing from the garden,  
find the others and proclaim  
Christ is risen as he promised;  
tell the world he knew your name!**

**Baptism**  
***Clara and Elise***

**You belong to Christ,  
in whom you have been baptized.  
Alleluia.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.  
**We welcome you into the body of Christ and  
into the mission we share:  
join us in giving thanks and praise to God  
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the  
world.**

# Prayers of the People

God of hope and joy,  
**Hear our prayer, Alleluia!**

# Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen Christ  
be with you always.

**And also with you.**



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# **Offering Song**

***An Easter Fanfare - Besig/Price - choir***

# Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Holy

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest,  
hosanna in the highest.**

# Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth  
as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin  
against us. Save us from the time of trial and  
deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

## **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Communion Songs

### *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds – No. 367*

#### **Vs. 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! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

#### **Vs. 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!**

### **Vs. 3**

**Oh, 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!**

### **Vs. 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!**

## ***Now The Green Blade Rises – No. 379***

### **Vs. 1**

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,  
Wheat that in the dark earth many years has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

### **Vs. 2**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love Whom we had slain,  
Thinking that He'd never wake to life again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

### **Vs. 3**

**Up He sprang at Easter, like the risen grain,  
He that for three days in the grave had lain;  
Up from the dead my risen Lord is seen:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

### **Vs. 4**

**When our hearts are saddened, grieving or in pain,  
By Your touch You call us back to life again;  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.**

# ***Christ is Living – No. 934***

## **Vs. 1**

**Christ is living! Gone with sorrow! Tears and terror, be no more. Death and grave, you now are nothing; Christ is free of ev'ry pow'r. Why then seek the living Savior in the haunts of death and fear? Christ is risen! Shout the good news so that all the world may hear.**

## **Vs. 2**

**For if Christ is not arisen there is nothing to believe. Jesus' promise is accomplished: "Since I live, you too shall live. "Dust we are, to dust returning, but in Christ we are restored. Doubt dispelling, claim the triumph: Jesus is the living Lord!**

## **Vs. 3**

**Death is swallowed up in vict'ry;  
sin has lost its poison sting.  
Life will blossom from the grain sown,  
Christ the first fruits of the spring.  
For the sureness of salvation  
let us sing, "Thanks be to God!"  
Christ is risen! We are living!  
Spread the word of grace abroad.**

## **Sending Song**

***Day of delight and beauty unbounded – No. 933***

**Vs. 1**

**Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!**

**Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!**

**Sing of the sun from darkness appearing;  
sing of the seed from barren earth greening;  
sing of creation, alleluia!**

**Sing of the stream from Jesus' side flowing;  
sing of the saints in water made holy;  
sing of salvation, alleluia!**

## **Vs. 2**

**Day of delight and beauty unbounded,  
tell the news, the gospel spread!**

**Day of all wonder, day of all splendor,  
praise Christ risen from the dead!**

**Sing now of mourning turned into dancing;  
sing now the myst'ry, hope of our glory;  
sing with thanksgiving, alleluia!**

**Sing now of fasting turned into feasting;  
sing the Lord's favor lasting forever;  
sing, all things living, alleluia!**

# **Worship Leaders and Assistants**

**Assisting Minister:** Ben Lukenchuk

**Kantor:** Nathan McDonald

**Musician:** Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

**Festive Brass:** Stevan Paranosic, David Michaux,  
Graham Middleton, Brad Howland

**Choral Scholars:** DJ McGrath, Madison Blackman

**Livestream:** Josh Boutin

**Communion:** Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch

**Ushers:** Jack Braniff, Bob Kohlert

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