



Saturday April 4th, 2026 @ 7pm

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH - (MISSOURI SYNOD)

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Mission Statement

"Empowered by God's Word, we joyfully share the Love of Jesus with all people."

Vision Statement

"We will be a vibrant, welcoming church serving the needs of our members, community, and missions by partnering with other churches and organizations while preaching and teaching the inspired Word of God and our Savior Jesus Christ."

SUNDAY MORNINGS (SEPTEMBER- MAY)

- ✝ Divine Service w/Holy Communion:
 - 9:00 a.m. (also Facebook Live; and Radio 1170 AM/106.3 FM)
- ✝ Adult Bible Study: 10:30 a.m.
- ✝ Sunday School: 10:15 am – 11:15 am

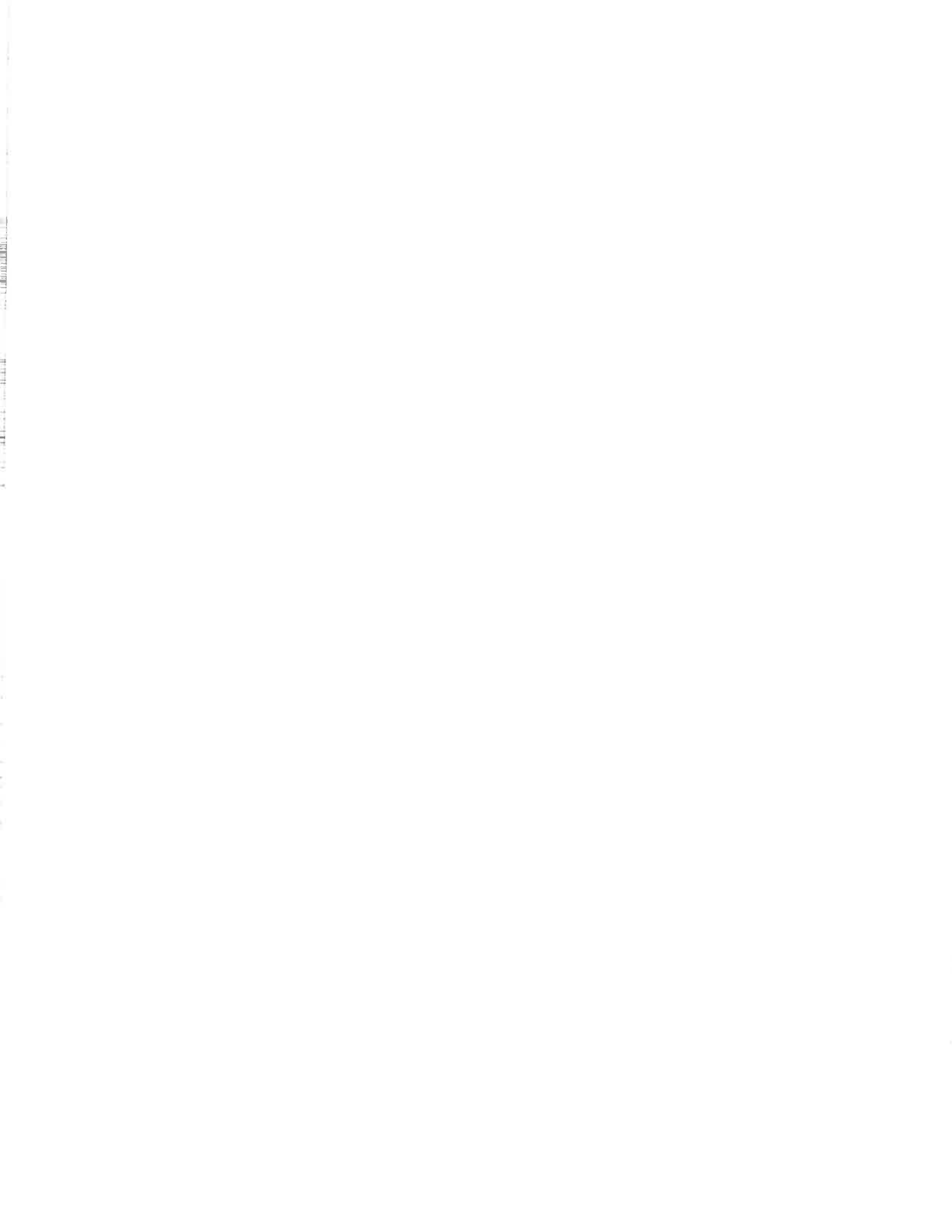
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As We Gather : For Us He Rose from Death Again

Jesus Christ is risen from the dead! This simple, incontrovertible fact changes everything. He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised up for our justification (Romans 4:25). This night, as we hear the sweeping story of God's salvation throughout history, all of it will come into sharp focus as we learn how we are now justified by faith through Jesus' death and resurrection. Satan is defeated, sin is forgiven, and death is overthrown on this wondrous, glorious night. It is all done for us, His children, His Bride, His church, His everything.

Service of Light

The congregation gathers in a convenient place outside of the church.

In the semidarkness a fire is kindled.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Invitation and Collect**Blessing of the Paschal Candle**

An assistant, holding the Paschal Candle, steps forward.

The pastor traces the cross on the candle (✝) ...

He traces the Greek letters Alpha (Α) and Omega (Ω) on the candle...

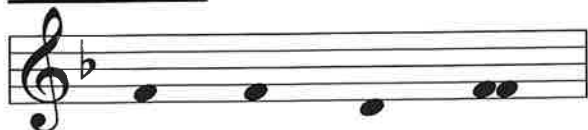
He traces the year on the candle...

He touches to the five nails on the candle, indicating the five wounds of Christ...

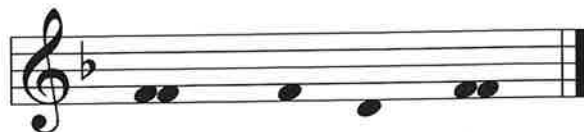
Then, the Pascal Candle is lighted from the newly kindled fire.

All follow the Paschal Candle in procession into the darkened church. This procession represents the people of Israel following the Pillar of Fire in the wilderness, which is an Old Testament manifestation of Christ. Candles are given to all as they enter the nave.

At the entrance of the nave, the bearer of the Paschal Candle stops and chants:

Lux Christi

A The light of Christ.

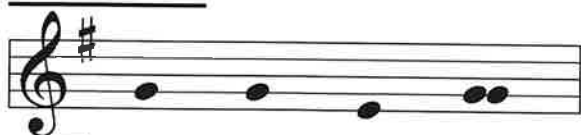


C Thanks be to God.

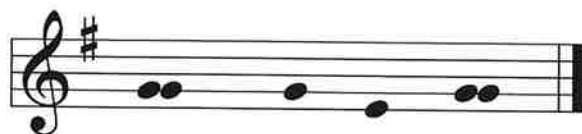
The pastors light their candles from the Pascal Candle and pass the light on to the congregation. The procession continues with the acolytes lighting the pew torches.

When the candle bearer reaches the middle of the nave, he chants for the second time:

Lux Christi



A The light of Christ.

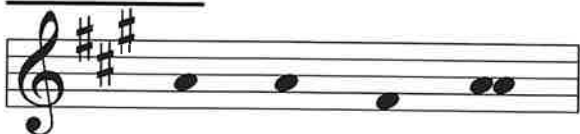


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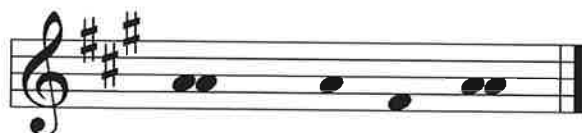
When the candle bearer arrives at the candle stand, he turns to face the congregation.

The bowl from the baptismal font is brought to the Pascal Candle and the candle is dipped in the water three times. This is symbolic of the baptismal font being the womb from which the faithful are born again, given life by Christ and His resurrection. After all have reached their places, the candle bearer lifts the candle high and chants the third time:

Lux Christi



A The light of Christ.



C Thanks be to God.

Exsultet

A Rejoice now, all you heav'nly choirs of angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King. Rejoice too, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King; know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished. Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.

Preface Dialogue

P The Lord be with you.



C And al-so with you.

P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.

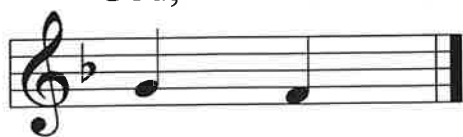
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Easter Proclamation

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places, with all our heart and mind and voice, praise You, O Lord, Holy Father, almighty everlasting God, and Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. For He is the very Paschal Lamb who offered Himself for the sin of the world, who has cleansed us by the shedding of His precious blood. This is the night when You brought our fathers, the children of Israel, out of bondage in Egypt and led them through the Red Sea on dry ground. This is the night when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality. This is the night when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night. Oh, how wonderful and beyond all telling is Your mercy toward us, O God, that to redeem a slave You gave Your Son. How holy is this night when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away. How holy is this night when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast. How blessed is the night when man is reconciled to God in Christ. Holy Father, accept now the evening sacrifices of our thanksgiving and praise. Let Christ, the true light and morning star, shine in our hearts, He who gives light to all creation, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Service of Readings

All may extinguish their candles at this time. A few lights in the nave may be turned on.

Introduction to Readings

P In this most holy night our Savior, Christ the Lord, broke the power of death and by His resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for He truly keeps His Word. The sun of righteousness has dawned upon us who have sat in darkness and in the shadow of death.

The Creation

A A reading from Genesis, chapters one and two.

(after the reading)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, through Your Word and Spirit You most wonderfully created all things, and through the Word made flesh You brought new life to fallen humanity. Grant that in Your mercy we may be conformed to the image of Him who shares fully in our humanity, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: Light of Light, O Sole-Begotten

LSB 914

The Flood

A A reading from Genesis, chapters seven, eight, and nine.

(after the reading)

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

P Let us pray. O Lord, You kill and You raise to life; You brought the flood upon a wicked and perverse generation, and yet You saved faithful Noah and his family in the ark. Keep us in safety in the ark of Christ's body, the Church, that Your mercy may come to its fullness and Your salvation be preached to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: In the Very Midst of Life

LSB 755

Israel's Deliverance at the Red Sea

A A reading from Exodus, chapters 14 and 15.

(after the reading)

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

P Let us pray. O God, You once delivered Your people Israel from bondage under Pharaoh and led them by a pillar of cloud and fire through the sea to safety. Grant that we may so follow Christ that through the waters of Baptism we may daily die and rise with Him and walk in safety through the wilderness of this life until we see Your salvation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: Song of Moses and Israel

LSB 925

The Valley of Dry Bones

A A reading from Ezekiel, chapter 37.
(after the reading)

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

P Let us pray.

O God, Your Son came as the Son of Man to breathe His Word and Spirit upon the dry, dead bones of Adam's children. Grant that we may hear Your holy Word, receive Your Spirit, and rise each day from the death of sin to live in newness of life before You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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The Fiery Furnace

A A reading from Daniel, chapter three.
(after the reading)

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

P Let us pray.

O God, Your Son protected faithful Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the fiery furnace of the king. Grant us protection in our time of testing that we would boldly confess Your name, reject all false worship, and live and die in confidence, knowing that we are safe in Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

During the canticle, the paschal candle is carried to the baptismal font, and then both are carried in procession in the midst of the congregation.

The congregation is sprinkled with water from the bowl of the baptismal font in remembrance of Holy Baptism.

Canticle: All You Works of the Lord (*Pastor: Chants, Cong.: Refrain*)

LSB 931

Baptismal Remembrance

Renunciation

P Do you renounce the devil?	C Yes, I renounce him.
P Do you renounce all his works?	C Yes, I renounce them.
P Do you renounce all his ways?	C Yes, I renounce them.

Profession of Faith

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

C Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C Yes, I believe 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.

P Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C Yes, 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.

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C Amen.

P Peace † be with you.

C Amen.

The paschal candle is placed back in its stand, and the ministers return to their earlier stations.

Service of Prayer

Litany of the Resurrection

A O Lord, **C** have mercy.

A O Christ, **C** have mercy.

A O Lord, **C** have mercy.

A Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, **C** hear us.

A Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C have mercy on us.

A Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C have mercy on us.

A Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again," **C** have mercy on us.

A Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light, **C** have mercy on us.

- A** Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe, **C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish, **C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road, **C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them, **C** **have mercy on us.**
- A** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead, **C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By Your victory over sin and death, **C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** By the majesty of Your risen body, **C** **good Lord, deliver us.**
- A** We poor sinners implore You **C** **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- A** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness, **C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You, **C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints, **C** **grant us, good Lord.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
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C **have mercy on us.**
- A** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- A** O Lord, **C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Christ, **C** **have mercy.**
- A** O Lord, **C** **have mercy. Amen.**

Service of the Word

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The lights in the chancel are turned on and the altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 155

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Epistle

Romans 4:23–25

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Holy Gospel

Mark 16:1–8

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon and Offering (The offering is for our joint circuit mission support.)

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

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Those unable to manage the steps to the Altar are communed in their pews first.

Distribution Hymn: O Love, How Deep

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Distribution Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

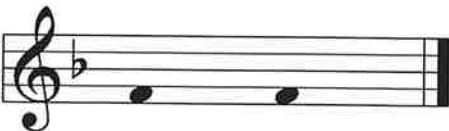
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Distribution Hymn: Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

LSB 481

Collect

P O God, for our redemption...one God, now and forever



C A - men.



A Let us bless the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.



C A - men.

Hymn: Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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