

OPENING HYMN: *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (LSB 465)*

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!

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!

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!

△ 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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INVOCATION:

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

C **Amen.**

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C **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.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **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.**

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.**

INTROIT Psalm 30:1–5; antiphon: Psalm 16:11b

P In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

C **O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**

P O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

C **Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**

- P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
- C 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 In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.**
- P 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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: He Is Arisen! Glorious Word (LSB 488)

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!
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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. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

FIRST READING: Acts 3:11–21

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

EPISTLE: 1 John 3:1–7

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

ALLELUIA AND VERSE LSB 156

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36–49

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN: *Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide* (LSB 585)

Lord Jesus Christ, with us abide, For round us falls the eventide.
O let Your Word, that saving light, Shine forth undimmed into the night.

In these last days of great distress Grant us, dear Lord, true steadfastness
That we keep pure till life is spent Your holy Word and Sacrament.

To hope grown dim, to hearts turned cold Speak tongues of fire and make us bold
To shine Your Word of saving grace Into each dark and loveless place.

May glorious truths that we have heard, The bright sword of Your mighty Word,
Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, Bold, unified in act and song.

Restrain, O Lord, the human pride That seeks to thrust Your truth aside
Or with some man-made thoughts or things Would dim the words Your Spirit sings.

Stay with us, Lord, and keep us true; Preserve our faith our whole life through
Your Word alone our heart's defense, The Church's glorious confidence.

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SERMON: Open Minded Christians - Luke 24:36-49**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** *Nicene Creed*

C 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.

HYMN: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (LSB 457)

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!

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!

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!

△ 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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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P In thanksgiving for the constant presence of Christ with His Church, in which we find fullness of joy; in praise of His right hand, Christ Jesus, whose resurrected body has won peace forevermore; and for a lively hope in the resurrection of the dead, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the Church and her members, now made children of God through the incarnation of Christ and the reconciliation of His cross, that God would preserve the preaching of His Holy Word and its message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name among us and all the nations of the world, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our homes, that Christ would give them peace and enliven them with His resurrected life; that He would cause the forgiveness of sins to reign among husband and wives, parents and children; and that He would assure those who live alone that they, too, are His children, upheld by His right hand, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For our nation and its leaders, that God would preserve order and decency in this fallen world by their hands; and that He would restrain the sins and deceptions of the lawless so we may practice righteousness while awaiting that eternal peace found only in Christ's wounds, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the troubled in our midst, that Christ's wounds would continue to bring His gladness, peace and comforting presence to His disciples [especially _____]; and for those who weep, that in the difficult night of this world they would confidently expect the blessed joy of Easter morning, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all who commune, that Christ, who has blotted out our sins by His crucifixion, would send us the blessed refreshment of His bodily presence in the Sacrament of the Altar and make us fit partakers in repentance for the forgiveness of our sins, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

OFFERTORY LSB 192

C What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

LORD'S PRAYER**COLLECT FOR PEACE**

P Let us pray. O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; 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

P The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: He's Risen, He's Risen (LSB 480)

He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

△ Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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