

Peace Lutheran Church, Deshler, NE ~ Pastor Joe Love
Easter Sunday ~ April 12, 2020

EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL! *What a wonderful day to celebrate God's victorious love in our lives! We welcome you with Easter joy! Jesus' death and resurrection is the greatest event in all history and the birthplace of all hope, peace, and true joy. St. Paul reminds us that without the resurrection our hope is empty and our faith is an illusion. The tomb is empty, but God's promises are not! Today, we celebrate His victory as our victory. We rejoice in His Kingdom, power and glory!*

We begin our celebration of victory in the name of the loving Father and of the living Son (+), and of the all-powerful Holy Spirit.

Amen!

EASTER GREETING

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The tomb is empty — **His promises are not!**

I will not die, but live. **I will proclaim the Lord's victory in all I do!**

Christ is risen! **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LBW 151

EASTER SCRIPTURE MEDLEY:

This is a true saying: "If we have died with Him, we shall live with Him." *2 Timothy 2:11*

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh, I will see God. *Job 19:25-26*

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." *John 11:25-26a*

ALLELUIA HYMN: "Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing" LBW 144 v.1

GOSPEL" Matthew 28:1-10 (NIV)

Jesus Has Risen

¹After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it.³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"Now All The Vault of Heaven Resounds"* LBW 143

MESSAGE: *"To The Victor Goes the Spoils: Eternal Kingdom, Power & Glory"*
Matthew 28:1-10

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy christian and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION *(Jude 24-25)*

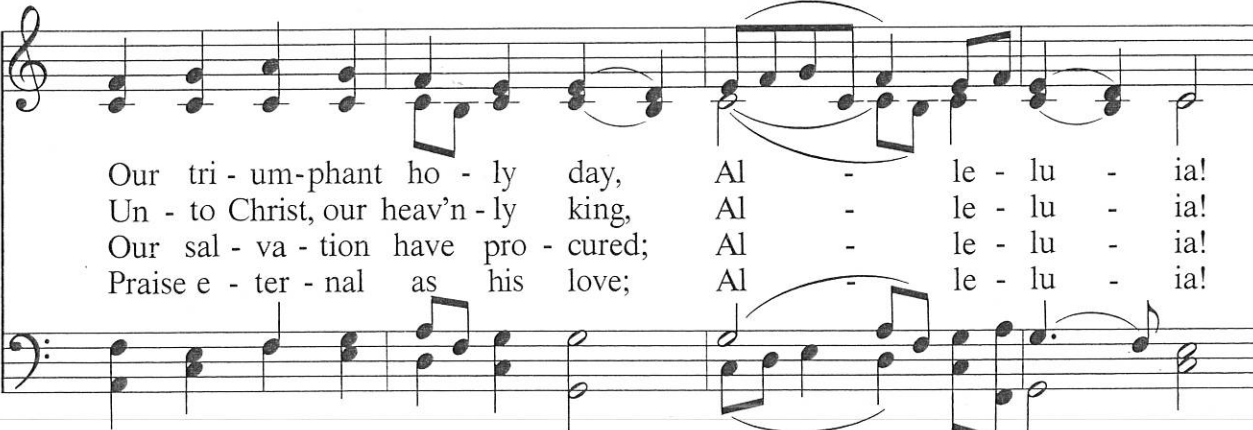
Now to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen.

Amen. Alleluia!

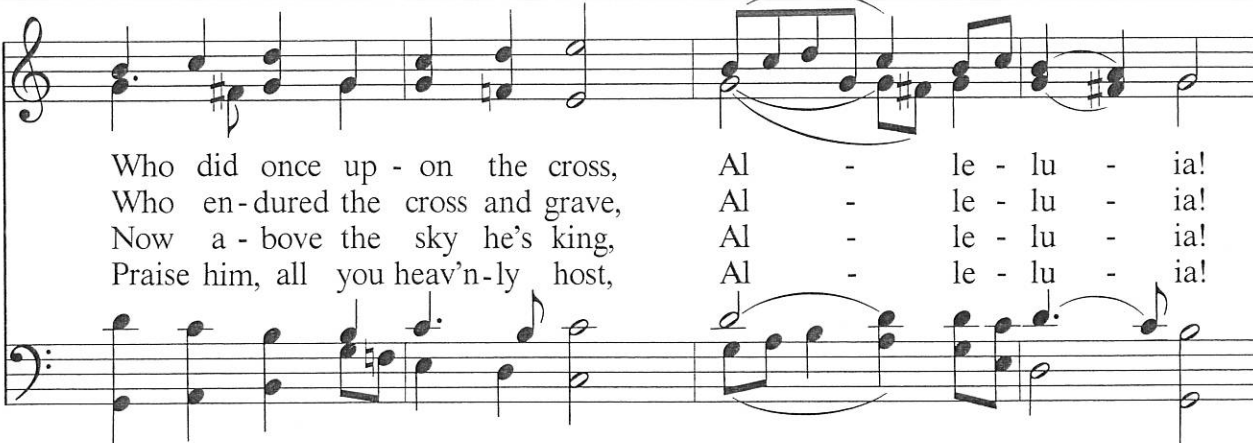
SENDING HYMN: *"Christ Is Risen! Alleluia!"* LBW 131



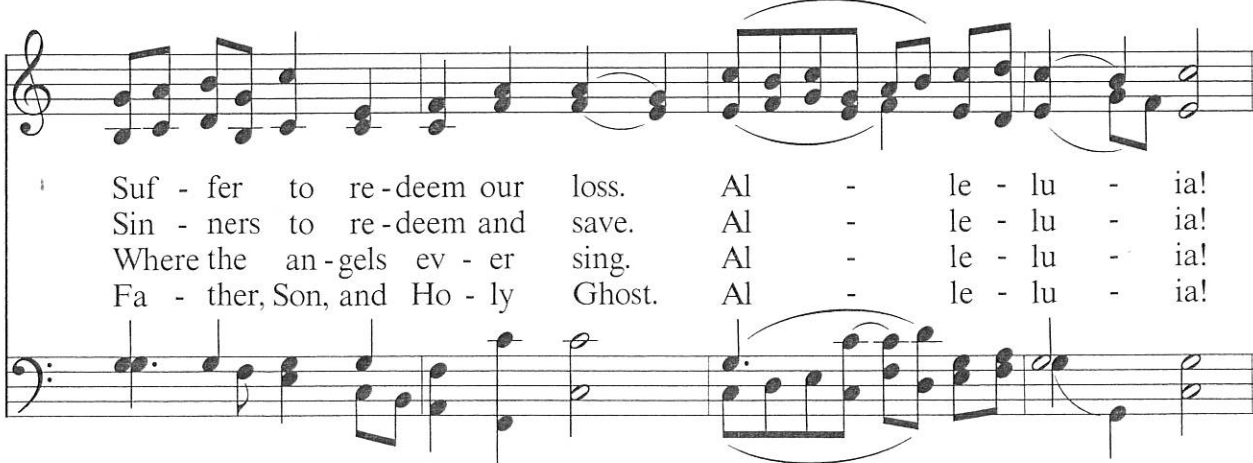
1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um-ph'ant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!



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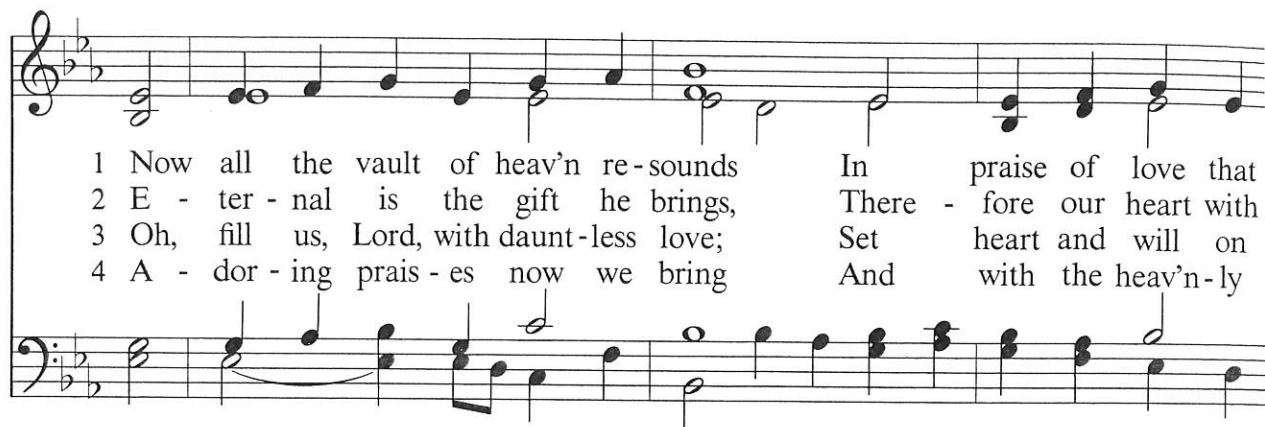
Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

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1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to -

tri - umph of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
song to strew his way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
life which can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
day with one ac - cord, The life laid down, the life re - stored:

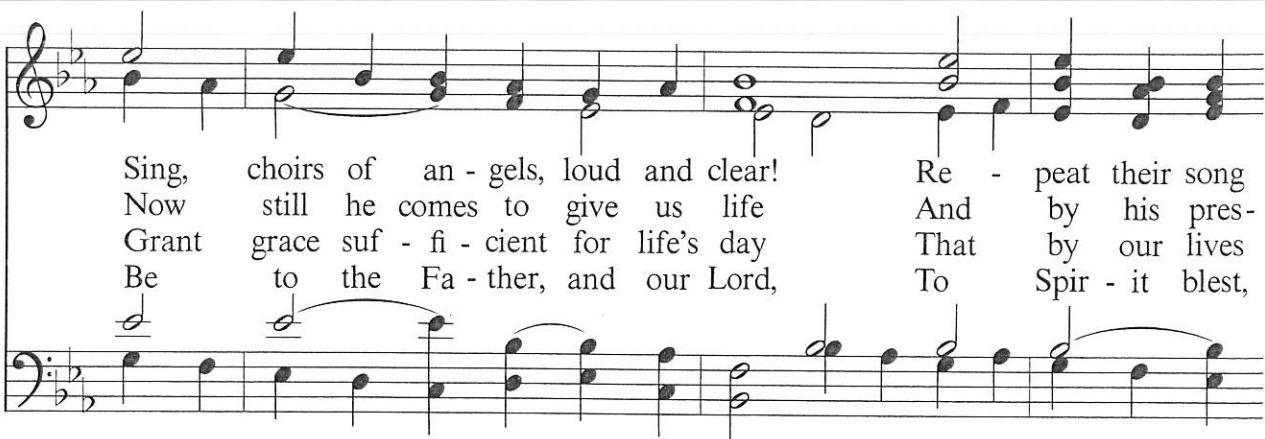
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re-sounds In praise of love that
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, There - fore our heart with
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt-less love; Set heart and will on
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And with the heav'n-ly



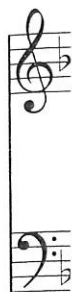
still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 things a - bove That we con - quer through your tri - umph;
 bless-ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!"



Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song
 Now still he comes to give us life And by his pres-
 Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's day That by our lives
 Be to the Fa - ther, and our Lord, To Spir - it blest,



of glo - ry here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
 ence stills all strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 we tru - ly say: Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 most ho - ly God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!




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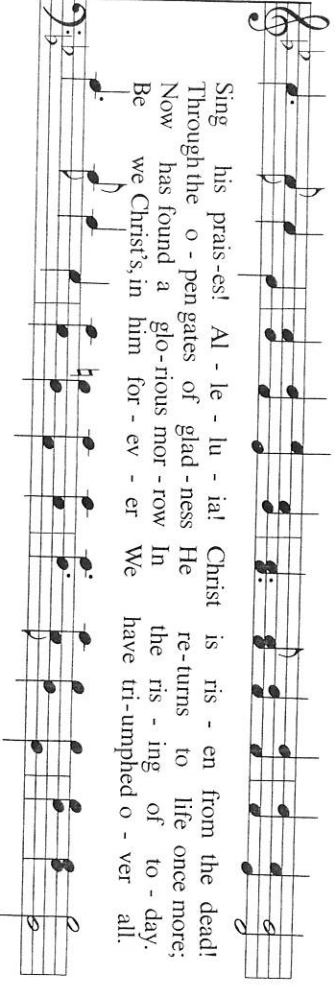


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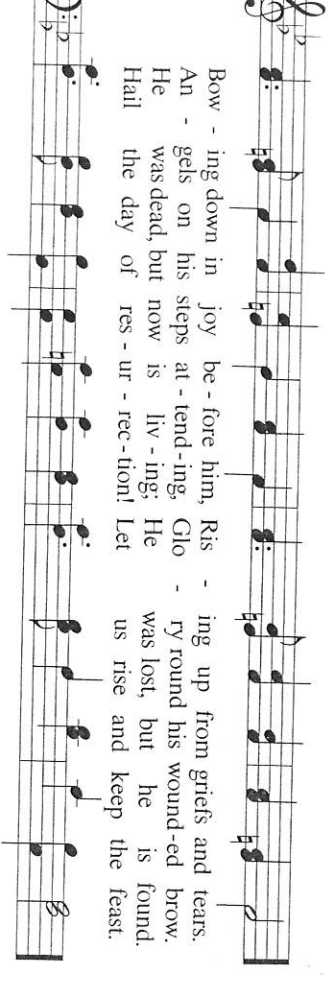
1 Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!
2 Christ is ris - en! All the sad - ness Of our Lent - en fast is o'er;
3 Christ is ris - en! All the sor - row That last eve - ning round him lay
4 Christ is ris - en! Hence - forth nev - er Death or hell shall us en - thrall;



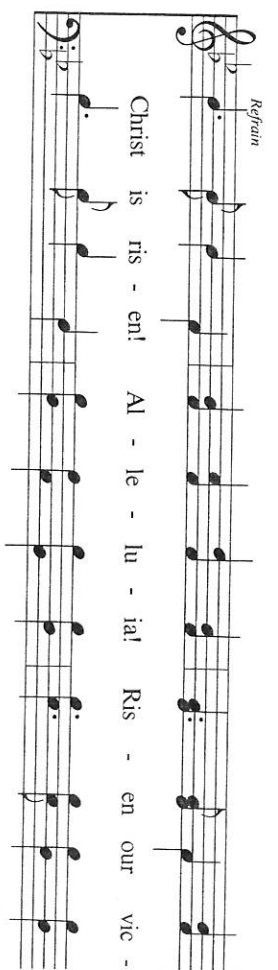
Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!
Through the o - pen gates of glad - ness He re - turns to life once more;
Now has found a glo - rious mor - row In the ris - ing of to - day.
Be we Christ's, in him for - ev - er We have tri - umphed o - ver all.



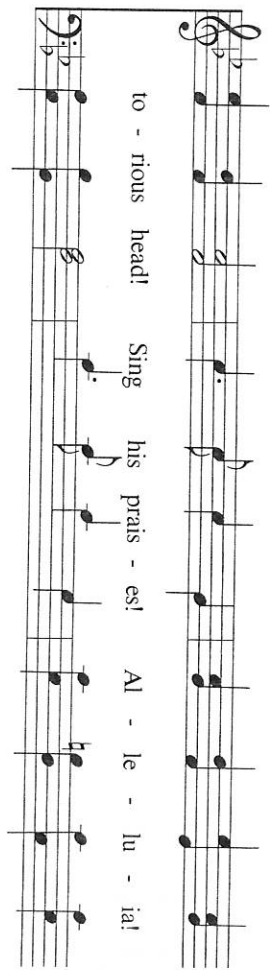
Grate - ful - ly our hearts a - dore him As his light once more ap - pears;
Death and hell be - fore him bend - ing See him rise, the vic - tor now,
See the grave its first - fruits giv - ing, Spring - ing up from ho - ly ground;
All the doubt - ing and de - jec - tion Of our trem - bling hearts have ceased;



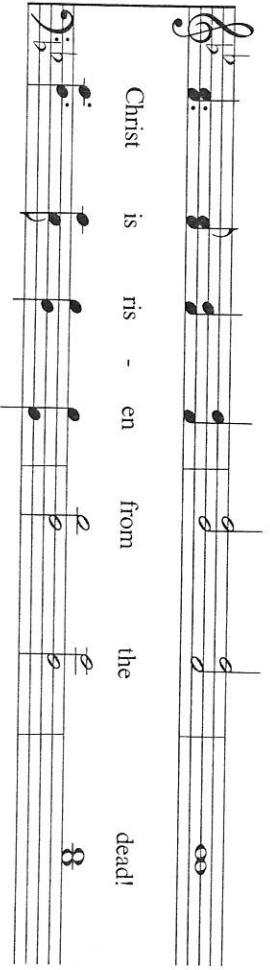
Bow - ing down in joy be - fore him, Ris - ing up from griefs and tears.
An - gels on his steps at - tend - ing, Glo - ry round his wound - ed brow.
He was dead, but now is liv - ing; He was lost, but he is found.
Hail the day of res - ur - rec - tion! Let us rise and keep the feast.



Refrain
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic -



to - rious head! Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!



Christ is ris - en from the dead!