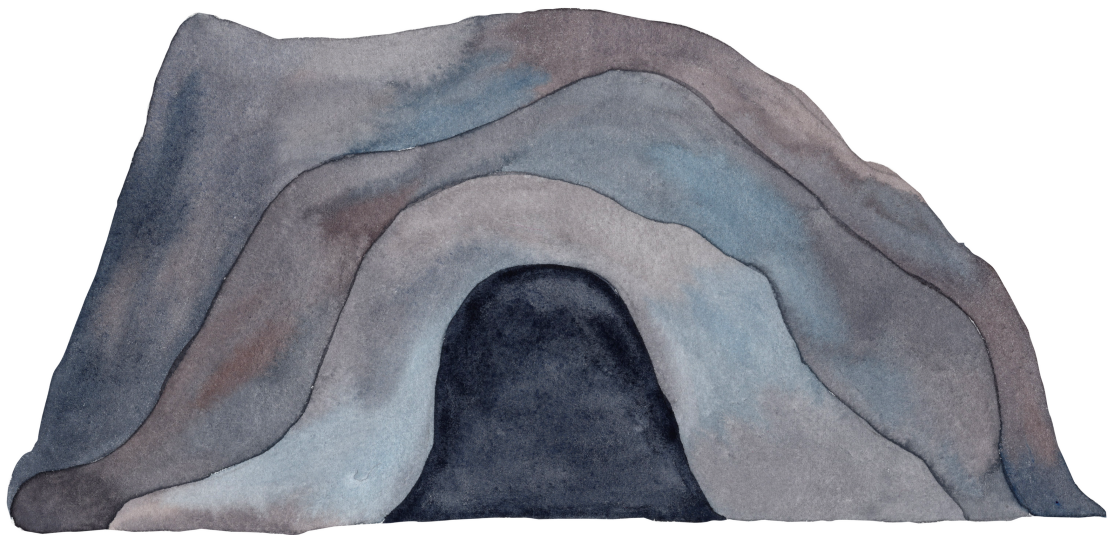


*Jesus lives!*



HE IS NOT HERE: FOR HE IS RISEN.

April 16, 2023

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## SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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### WELCOME

We are glad that you have chosen to spend time with us in worship. In our worship, we gather, before Jesus, our Good Shepherd, to offer him our love and praise. Our Lord builds us up in faith through his Word and equips us for living now and in eternity. Our prayer is that the good news of Christ's love touches your heart and transforms your life. Whether you're worshipping with us here this morning or watching online, we are happy you have joined us today.

### WORSHIP SERVICE

The goal of our worship is to praise God and enrich your faith through his Word. To make your experience this morning easier, the worship folder you're holding has the entire order of service. The pieces marked [P] are spoken by the pastor, and the parts marked [C] are to be spoken or sung by the congregation.

### FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

Our congregation enjoys the "worshiping family." Each service includes a children's message which teaches God's truth to your kids. Parents with small children are an essential part of God's kingdom. That's why children are never considered an inconvenience to our worship. We also want your family to be comfortable. There is a cry room outside the main doors to the right if you need a moment.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor's Conference:** This week Pastor Denney will be out of town for a Pastor's Conference in the Twin Cities. He will be leaving on **Tuesday, April 17th** and will be back on **Friday, April 21st**. If you need to reach pastor while he is away, please email him or call his cell phone: 517-392-8494.

**Women's Care Center:** We will have a presentation from the Women's Care Center during the adult bible study on **April 23, 2023**. This presentation is an excellent opportunity to learn about all the Center does for our area's mothers, babies, and families. We will kick off our spring/summer giving to the Care Center with Splish-Splash items for bath time and summer clothing/item needs. If you have any questions, please speak with Kim Kirkland.

**Help Wanted:** We are seeking a committed individual to fill an upcoming vacancy in the Property Caretaker position. Under the direction of the Chairman of the Board of Property Management (David Hedin), the Property Caretaker will maintain the congregation's property and grounds in good order by performing general groundskeeping, minor facility maintenance, snow-blowing/shoveling, and cleaning of the facilities. A full job description is posted on the bulletin board by the mailboxes, as well as printed copies. The position works an average of 40 hrs per month at \$17.00/hour. If interested, please contact Brad Bird by phone (218) 310-8077 or by email at [birdbiz2021@gmail.com](mailto:birdbiz2021@gmail.com).

**VBS Planning Meeting:** There will be a VBS planning meeting on **Monday, April 24th at 6:00 PM**. If you would like to help with this year's summer VBS, please come. If you can't make it, and would like to be involved, please speak with Pastor Denney.

**Meditations:** The new Meditations booklets are available in the hallway by the mailboxes and in the common area by the coffee station.

**New Giving QR Code:** Now you can easily give an offering from your phone. Use the code below to give from anywhere.



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, Break - ing through the  
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O  
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion; All my sins on  
 4 Grant me grace, O bless - ed Sav - ior, And your Ho - ly

gloom of night, On the earth its glo - ry spend - ing  
 Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us,  
 you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion;  
 Spir - it send That my life and my be - hav - ior

So that dark - ness takes to flight, Thus my Je - sus  
 You have con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you  
 On the cross my debt was paid. From the grave I  
 May be pleas - ing to the end, That I may not

from the grave And death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave Rose tri -  
 did a - rise And have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
 shall a - rise And shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
 fall a - gain In - to death's grim pit and pain, Whence by

um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing At the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
 ful - ly sing the glo - ry Of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
 self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
 grace you have re - triev - ed me And from which you have re - liev - ed me.

## INVOCATION

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- P: Jesus has promised: "Where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."  
(Matthew 18:20) We worship, therefore, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## CONFESSION OF SIN & GOD'S PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

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- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. Almighty Father, your Son died and was raised up in power. Now enable us to die to our sin in repentance, so we may rise to new life in him. We confess to you:
- C: **Almighty God, I confess that I have not loved you with all my heart. I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. In what I have done and left undone, I have not loved my neighbor as myself. I have fallen short of your holy standard. When I think of this past week, I am deeply sorry for my sins and sincerely repent of them.**
- P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ who suffered and died for us.
- C: **Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen my faith and my love for you.**
- P: God our Heavenly Father, saw you when you were born sinful and loved you so much that he sent his one and only Son, Jesus to remove sin's hold on your life. Jesus' death has paid for your sins past, present, and future. Through faith in him, you have freedom from the guilt that sin brings. God's Word promises you: all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

## RESPONSE OF FORGIVENESS

**"Glory to God"**

Pg. 16 in front of the Hymnal

*Sing at the beginning of music...*

Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will to men.  
We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you,  
We glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,  
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,  
God the Fa-ther al-mighty.  
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ;  
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.  
You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.  
For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord.  
You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
Are most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples, and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

## ✠ READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD ✠

### FIRST READING

Acts 2:14, 22-32

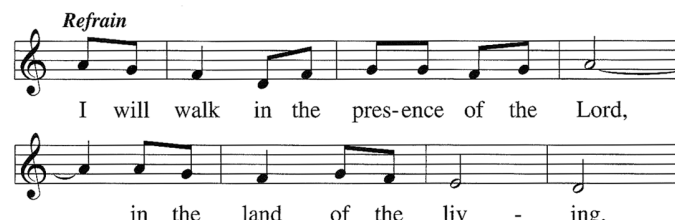
- <sup>14</sup> Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.
- <sup>22</sup> "Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. <sup>23</sup> This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. <sup>24</sup> But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. <sup>25</sup> David said about him: "I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. <sup>26</sup> Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, <sup>27</sup> because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence." <sup>29</sup> "Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. <sup>30</sup> But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. <sup>31</sup> Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. <sup>32</sup> God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 16

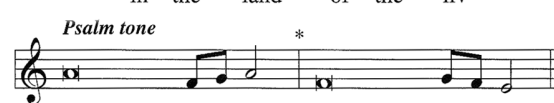
pg. 68 in front of the Hymnal

*Refrain*



I will walk in the pres-ence of the Lord,  
in the land of the liv - ing.

*Psalm tone*



Keep me safe, O God,\*  
for in you I take refuge.  
I said to the LORD, "You are my Lord;\*  
apart from you I have no good thing."  
I have set the LORD always before me.\*  
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

*Refrain*

My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;\*  
my body also will rest secure,  
because you will not abandon me to the grave,\*  
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.  
You have made known to me the path of life;\*  
you will fill me with joy in your presence.

**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.**

*Refrain*

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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**P:** Alleluia. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Alleluia. (John 20:29)

**C:** **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia.**

## SECOND READING

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1 Peter 1:3-9

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup> In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup> These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup> Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup> for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**P:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION OF CHRISTIAN FAITH

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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 fully 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,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



1 He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;  
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry  
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,  
 4 Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.  
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.  
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan he van - quished, his foes.  
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.  
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song  
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,  
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts his ban - ner on high;  
 For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;  
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain,



And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.  
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.  
 He lives, yes, he lives, and will nev - er - more die.  
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.  
 Who now sits in glo - ry and ev - er shall reign.

### † THE MESSAGE †

#### JESUS LIVES! "To Give Me Proof and Peace"

John 20:19-31

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it."

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<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

<sup>30</sup> Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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## WORSHIPING THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

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*Members of Shepherd of the Hills respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully and freely according to how the Lord has blessed them. If you are a guest today, please know that there are no expectations for you to make a donation. If you wish to support us by making an online offering, visit our website: [www.duluthlutheran.org](http://www.duluthlutheran.org) and click on the “Give” tab. You can also use the QR code on the front, inside cover of the worship folder to give from your mobile device.*

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## ✠ PRAYERS ✠

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### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*Prayer and petitions offered on behalf of the Church*

### 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.**

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## ✠ SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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**P:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C:** **It is good and right so to do.**

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P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, and we praise you especially for the glorious resurrection of your Son, the true Passover Lamb, who by his sacrifice took away the sins of the world and by his resurrection restored everlasting life. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying: "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.  
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men.



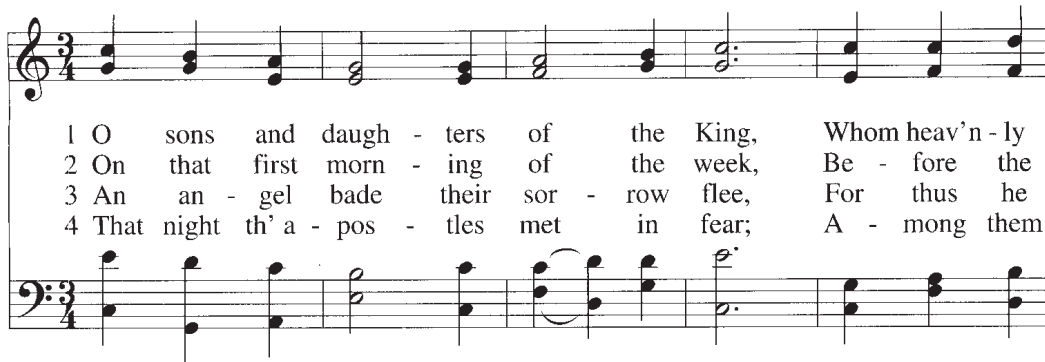
# DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper is a wonderful gift in which we receive Christ's true body and blood for our forgiveness and the strengthening of our faith. It is our practice that only those who are members of Shepherd of the Hills or members of another WELS congregation come forward to receive Holy Communion. If you are a visitor from another Christian church, we kindly ask that you refrain from participating in the Lord's Supper this morning. If you are interested in learning more about becoming part of our fellowship, please speak to Pastor Denney after the service.

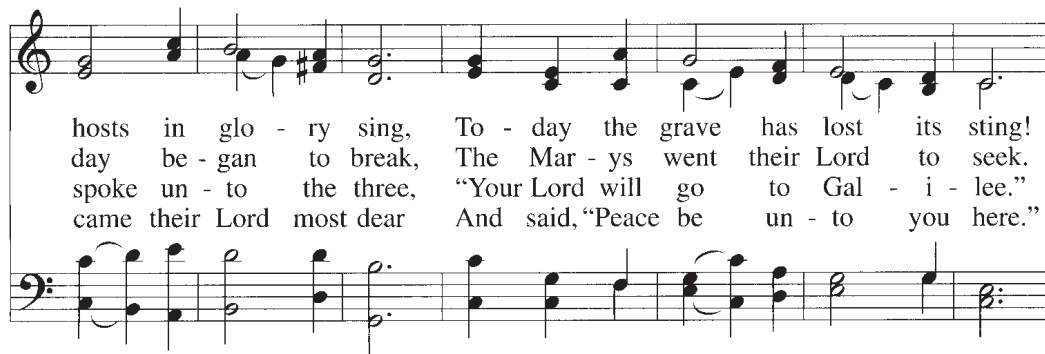
## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

## "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

CW 165



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly  
2 On that first morn - ing of the week, Be - fore the  
3 An an - gel bade their sor - row flee, For thus he  
4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; A - mong them



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!  
day be - gan to break, The Mar - ys went their Lord to seek.  
spoke un - to the three, "Your Lord will go to Gal - i - lee."  
came their Lord most dear And said, "Peace be un - to you here."



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5 When Thomas afterwards had heard  
That Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
He doubted that it was the Lord.  
Alleluia!

7 No longer Thomas then denied;  
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried.  
Alleluia!

6 "Thomas, behold my side," said he,  
"My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me."  
Alleluia!

8 Blessèd are they that have not seen  
And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign.  
Alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days  
To God your hearts and voices raise  
In laud and jubilee and praise.  
Alleluia!

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Song of Simeon”

*After a brief introduction, please sing...*



C: Lord, now you let your servant de - part in peace ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have pre-  
pared be - fore the face of all people, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo-ple Is - ra - el.

## CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING

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- P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- P: The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
- C: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

New Hymnal

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1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.  
 4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.  
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.  
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.  
 Je - sus’ re - deem - ing la - bors are done.  
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 And in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there.”  
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won.”  
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

*Refrain*



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death’s fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!