The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jubilate
The Sunday of the Christian Joy



"Shout for joy to God, all the earth."

Psalm 66:1

Welcome

Welcome to all members and visitors! We are pleased to have you with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we respond in thanks and praise. Guests, please sign the guest register in the narthex. If you need assistance, please ask one of the ushers. Prayers of preparation for worship can be found on the inside front cover of the hymnal.

The Lord's Supper is offered every Sunday of the month. St. Paul's observes the biblical practice of closed communion. Members of sister congregations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod are encouraged to commune with us. We ask visitors who are not members of the LCMS to speak with one of our pastors if you are interested in learning more about our church and communion practices. Those who are not communing with us at this service are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms to indicate this desire.

Those Serving Us

Preacher: Rev. Nathan Sherrill Pianist: Rev. Timothy Frank

Kantor/Choir: Bambi Heckerman (8 a.m.); Frank Family Kantorei (10:45 a.m.)

The Word in Music

Prelude: MIT FREUDEN ZART ("With High Delight Let Us Unite") – Setting by Jonathan Kohrs; AUF, AUF, MEIN HERZ ("Awake, My Heart, with Gladness") – Setting by Rachel Chapin

Offertory: CHRIST LAG IN TODESBANDEN ("Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands") –

Setting by Nicolaus Vetter

Postlude: ICH SINGE DIR ("Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing") - Setting by Michael

Larkin

Hymn of the Season: "Christ Has Arisen! Alleluia!" (LSB 466) (www.stpaulscouncilbluffs.org/hymns)

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Mary Johannes, Pastor Lindau, Lance Maness, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Shirley Gust, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Ann McClelland (sister-in-law of Sue Trede), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin)

Allen & Marcia Timm and all our shut ins.

Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Our circuit congregations and pastors

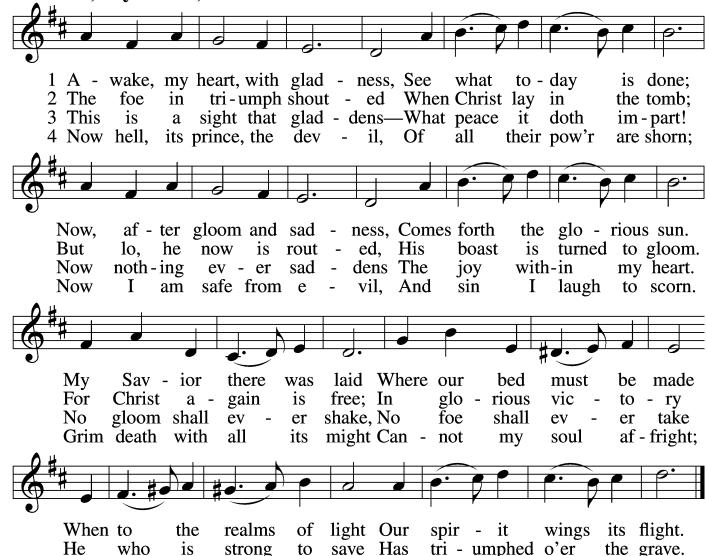
Our nation, city, and community

Those serving in the armed forces

Divine Service Setting 1

Please stand and face the processional cross.

467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness



5 The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;

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Though bitter war it wages,

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Its work is all in vain.

My heart from care is free,

No trouble troubles me.

Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

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- 6 Now I will cling forever
 To Christ, my Savior true;
 My Lord will leave me never,
 Whate'er He passes through.
 He rends death's iron chain;
 He breaks through sin and pain;
 He shatters hell's grim thrall;
 I follow Him through all.
- That leads to bliss untold,
 Whereon this rhyme immortal
 Is found in script of gold:
 "Who there My cross has shared
 Finds here a crown prepared;
 Who there with Me has died
 Shall here be glorified."

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- **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.
- 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.
- 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.

- 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.

Service of the Word



Psalm 66:3, 5, 8–9; antiphon: vv. 1–2

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Say to God, "How awesome | are your deeds!*

So great is your power that your enemies come cringing | to you."

Come and see what | God has done:*

he is awesome in his deeds toward the chil- | dren of man.

Bless our God, O | peoples;*

let the sound of his | praise be heard,

who has kept our soul among the | living* and has not let our | feet slip.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Shout for joy to God, all the earth. Alle- | luia.*

Sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Alle- | luia.

Kyrie LSB 152

- **A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.

The Kyrie concludes:

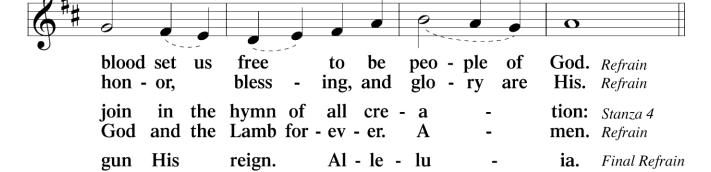
- Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

This Is the Feast LSB 155





Christ, the Lamb who was Wor-thy is whose slain. 1 — 2 Pow rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and er, 3 Sing the peo - ple of with all God, and glo - ry, and 4 Bless ing, hon - or, might be to _____ who was the 5 For Lamb_ slain be has







Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show those in error the light of Your truth so that they may return to the way of righteousness. Grant faithfulness to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Church that they may avoid whatever is contrary to their confession and follow all such things as are pleasing to You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

²⁵To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One.

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high and see:

who created these?

He who brings out their host by number,

calling them all by name,

by the greatness of his might,

and because he is strong in power

not one is missing.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,

"My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God,

the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;

his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint,

and to him who has no might he increases strength.

³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;

they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

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

482 This Joyful Eastertide

This joyful Eastertide
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified,
 Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain

ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen,
arisen, arisen;
But now has Christ arisen!

- Death's flood has lost its chill
 Since Jesus crossed the river;
 Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver: Refrain
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest
 And for a season slumber
 Till trump from east to west
 Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain

Epistle 1 Peter 2:11–20

¹¹Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

¹³Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing

good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

¹⁸Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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

Stand

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands
For our offenses given;
But now at God's right hand He stands
And brings us life from heaven.
Therefore let us joyful be
And sing to God right thankfully
Loud songs of alleluia!
Alleluia!

Holy Gospel John 16:16–22

- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the sixteenth chapter.
- **G** Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will

rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. ²²So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you."

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit



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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.

Prayer of the Church

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Offering

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Service of the Sacrament

Preface LSB 160

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- **C** And also 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.
- **P** It is truly good, right, and salutary . . . evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus LSB 161

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer LSB 162

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- **C** 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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My

→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini LSB 163

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei LSB 163

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.

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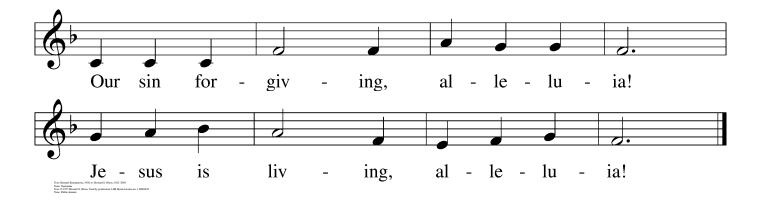
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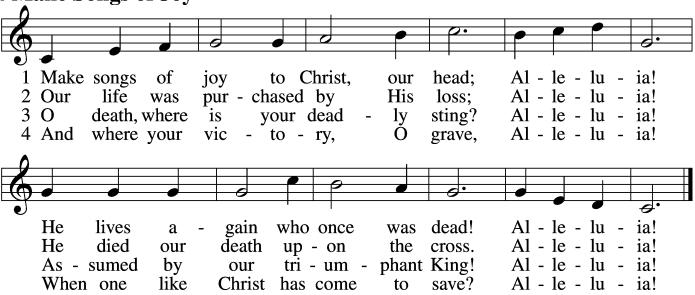
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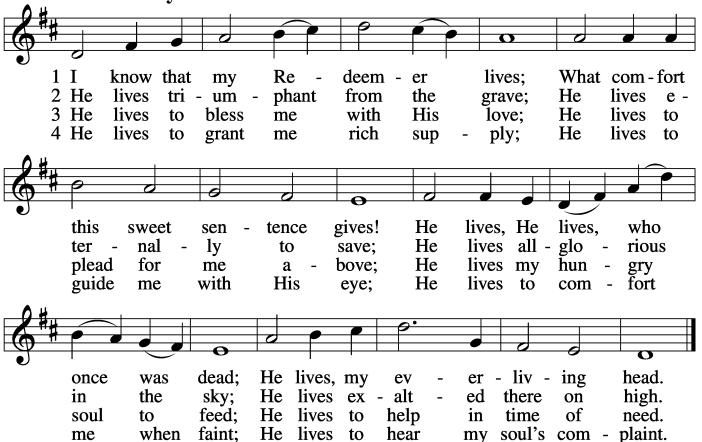


484 Make Songs of Joy



- Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!
- △ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
 Alleluia!
 The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
 Alleluia!

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



- 5 He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears; He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 He lives and loves me to the end;
 He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death; He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives!





Stand

Thank the Lord LSB 164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name. He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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 LSB 166

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

 The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

737 Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing



He only will with patience chide,His rod falls gently down;And all your sins He casts asideIn ocean depths to drown.

- His wisdom never plans in vain
 Nor falters nor mistakes.

 All that His counsels may ordain
 A blessèd ending makes.
- Upon your lips, then, lay your hand,
 And trust His guiding love;
 Then like a rock your peace shall stand
 Here and in heav'n above.

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Meal
	5:00 p.m.	Cantate Domino Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Christ Academy
	6:30 p.m.	Christ Academy Closing Program
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
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News and Notes

Join us **this Wednesday, April 24** for the last **Christ Academy** of the season. Several of our 8th graders will read their papers, followed by a **closing program at 6:30 p.m.** The **Rite of Confirmation** will be conducted on **Sunday, April 28** at the 10:45 p.m. service followed by a meal. All are invited!

Birthright of Council Bluffs is hosting an All Car Show on Friday, April 26 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 4 Valley View Dr from 5-9 p.m. with proceeds to benefit Birthright. For more information or to register, see the poster by the church office!

Bethany Lutheran Home is hosting an informative session on Medicare vs. Advantage on Thursday, May 9 at 10:30 a.m. For more information about this or other opportunities at Bethany, please visit with St. Paul's Bethany Board members Julie Moreno or Julia Burris.

Kantor's Notes: The title "*Jubilate*" for this Sunday comes from the opening words of the introit, *Jubilate Deo omnis terra* (Latin), "**Shout for joy** to God, all the earth." (Ps. 66:1) Appropriately, the appointed Hymn of the Day (LSB 483) contains great "jubilation" in the message of the Resurrection ("With high delight Let us unite In songs of great **jubilation**.") Today, our hymns are full of comfort and joy:

"Awake, my heart, with **gladness**....He brings me to the portal That leads to **bliss** untold." (LSB 467)

"Let us sing praise to Him with endless **joy**." (LSB 466)
"Make songs of **joy** to Christ, our head." (LSB 484)
"Oh, the sweet **joy** this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!" (LSB 461)

"He is your treasure, He your **joy**, Your life and light and Lord." (LSB 737)

Even as we endure trials and troubles in this "little while" before Jesus' return, we nevertheless have the **joy** secured through His resurrection from the grave. May this message encourage us this day and always!

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