The Second Sunday of Easter

Quasimodo Geniti: The Sunday of the Confession of Thomas



"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

John 20:21

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 Kantorei/Kantor: High School/College Girls (8 a.m.); Brett Allen (10:45 a.m.)

The Word in Music

Prelude: "O Sons and Daughters of the King" – Setting by David von Kampen; "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain" – Setting by Charles Callahan Offering: "The Gifts Christ Freely Gives" – Setting by Kenneth T. Kosche Postlude: WERDE MUNTER (Tune for "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious") – Setting by Max Drischner

The Congregation at Prayer

Those ill or recovering: Pastor Lindau, Lance Maness, Marcia Timm, Jayne McIlrath, Elizabeth Bowerman, Karen Brandenburg, Gertrud Rossbund, Shirley Gust, Ryan Pedersen (son of Art & Julie Gardner), Ryker Nihsen (relative of Denise Krohn), Ann McClelland (sister-in-law of Sue Trede), Trent Casey, John Shafer (father of Kelli Salin), Robert Henning (brother of Brenda Wurdeman), Ken Ripley (brother-in-law of Brenda Wurdeman)

The family of Floyd Foreman, who mourn his death

Carol Brockman and all our shut ins.

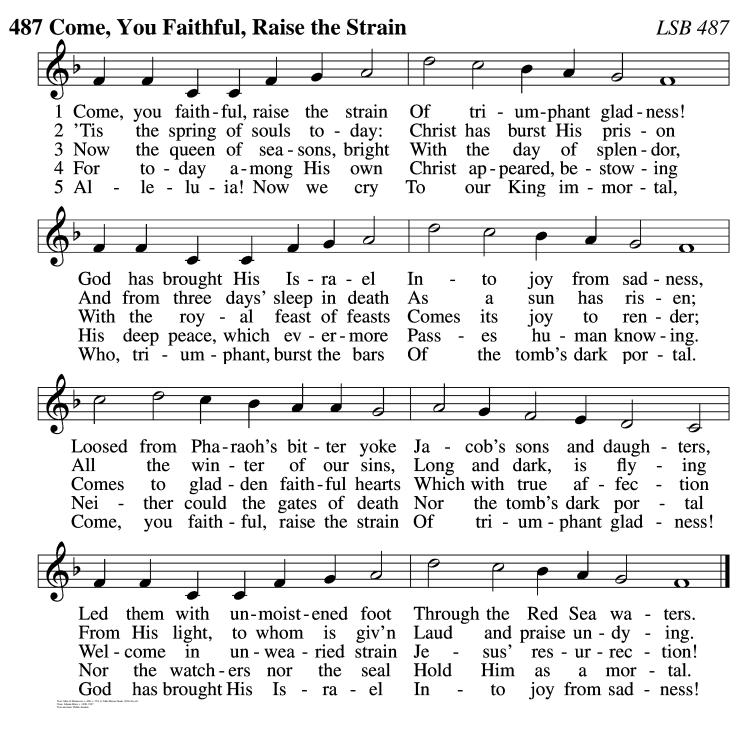
Our missionaries: Deaconess Sandra Rhein & Ms. Becky Bartelt

Our sister congregations in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Our nation, city, and community

Those serving in the armed forces

Divine Service Setting 1



Confession and Absolution

LSB 151

Service of the Word

Introit * Psalm 81:1, 7a, 10, 16b; antiphon:	1 Peter 2:2a				
Like newborn infants, Alle- luia,*					
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- luia.					
Sing aloud to God our strength;* shout for joy to the Cod of Jacob!					
shout for joy to the God of Jacob! In distress you called, and I de- livered you;*					
I answered you in the secret place of thunder.					
I am the LORD your God,*					
who brought you up out of the land of Egypt.					
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it;*					
and with honey from the rock I would sat- isfy you.					
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.					
Like newborn infants, Alle- luia,*					
long for the pure spiritual milk [of the Word.] Alle- luia.					
Kyrie	LSB 152				
This Is the Feast	LSB 155				
C This is the feast of victory for our God.					
Alleluia, alleluia.					
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to					
be people of God.					
This is the feast of victory for our God.					
Alleluia, alleluia.					
Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.					
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.					
			Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:		
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Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. ²And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. ³And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophesy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD."

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army.

¹¹Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' ¹²Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

С

Thanks be to God.

Gradual: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness 1 Awake, my heart, with gladness,

See what today is done; Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun. My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.

3 This is a sight that gladdens— What peace it doth impart! Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart. No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

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; LSB 467: sts. 1, 3, 6

He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

Epistle

1 John 5:4–10

⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

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

Stand

458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

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 20:19–31

 $\mathbf{\tilde{P}}$ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them

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and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

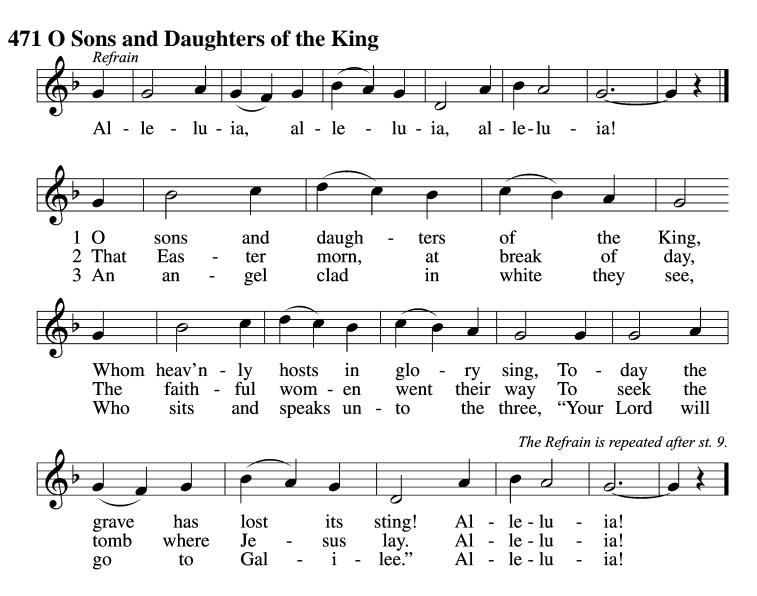
²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sit



- 4 That night the_apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia!
- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia!

- No longer Thomas then denied;
 He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia!
- 8 How blest are they who have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been, For they eternal life shall win. Alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia! Refrain

Sermon: "I am sending you"

John 20:19-31

Stand

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.

Prayer of the Church

Sit

Offering

Stand

Service of the Sacrament					
Preface		LSB 160			
P	The Lord be with you.				
С	And also with you.				
P	P Lift up your hearts.				
С	C We lift them to the Lord.				
P	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.				
С	It is right to give Him thanks and praise.				
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

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

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."

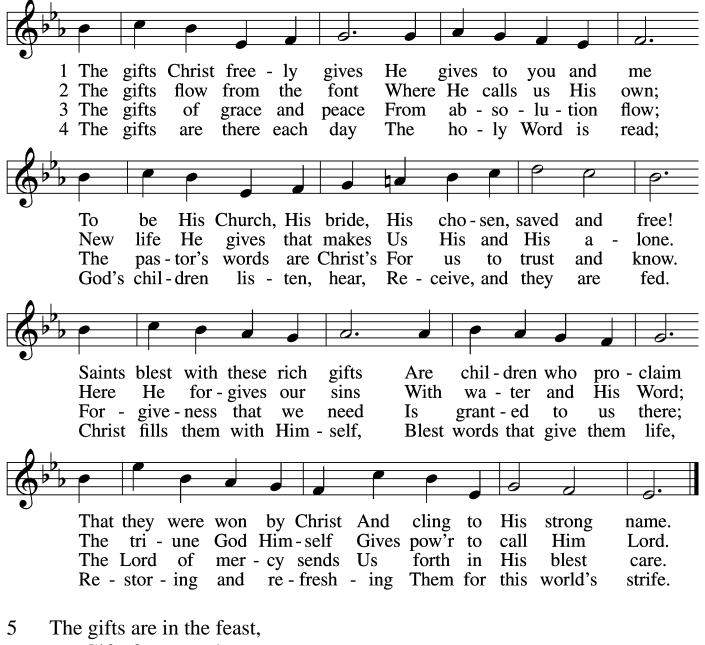
Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C 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.

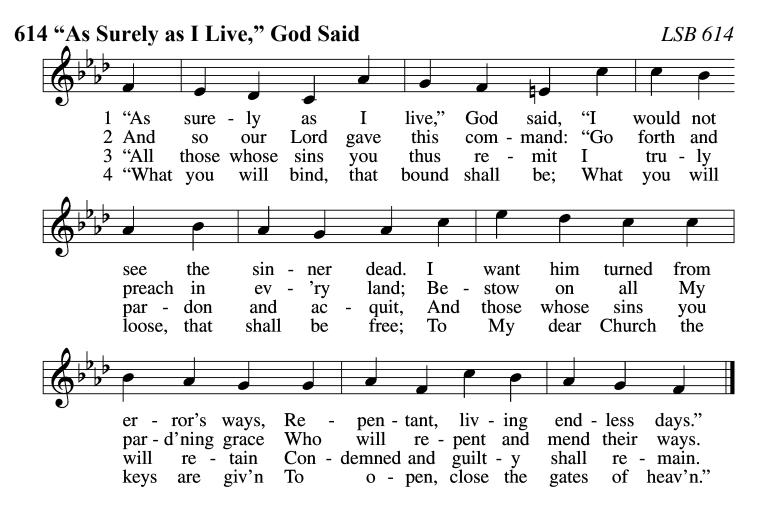
602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives

LSB 602



Gifts far more than we see; Beneath the bread and wine Is food from Calvary. The body and the blood Remove our ev'ry sin; We leave His presence in His peace, renewed again.

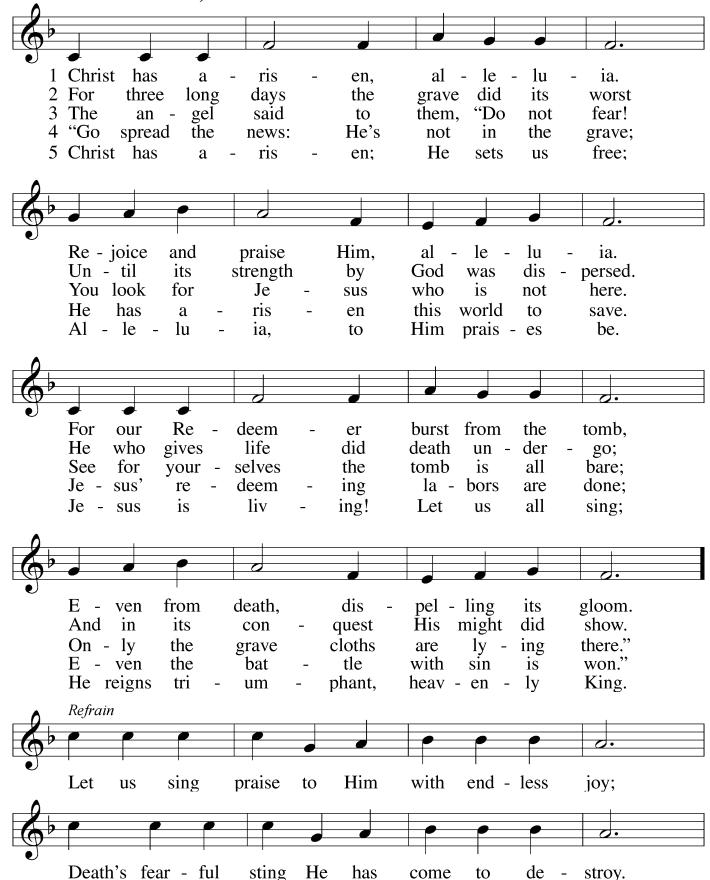
6 All glory to the One Who lavishes such love; The triune God in love Assures our life above. His means of grace for us Are gifts He loves to give; All thanks and praise for His Great love by which we live!



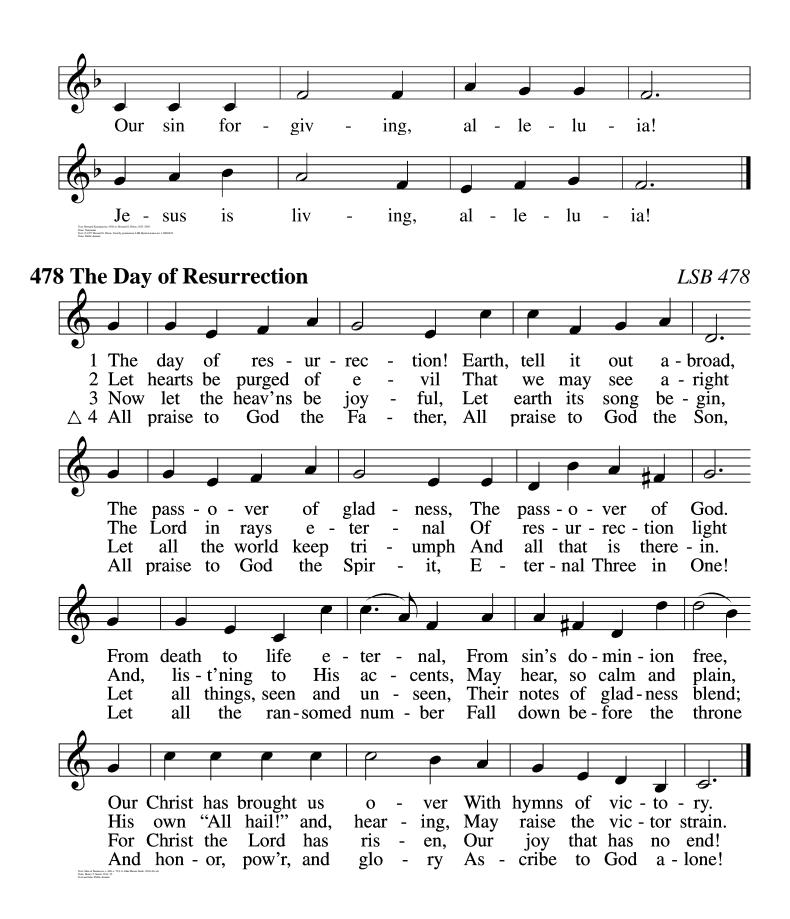
- 5 The words which absolution give Are His who died that we might live; The minister whom Christ has sent Is but His humble instrument.
- 6 When ministers lay on their hands, Absolved by Christ the sinner stands; He who by grace the Word believes The purchase of His blood receives.

- 7 All praise to You, O Christ, shall be For absolution full and free, In which You show Your richest grace; From false indulgence guard our race.
- \triangle 8 Praise God the Father and the Son And Holy Spirit, Three in One, As was, is now, and so shall be World without end, eternally!

466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia



LSB 466



Thank the Lord

C 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.

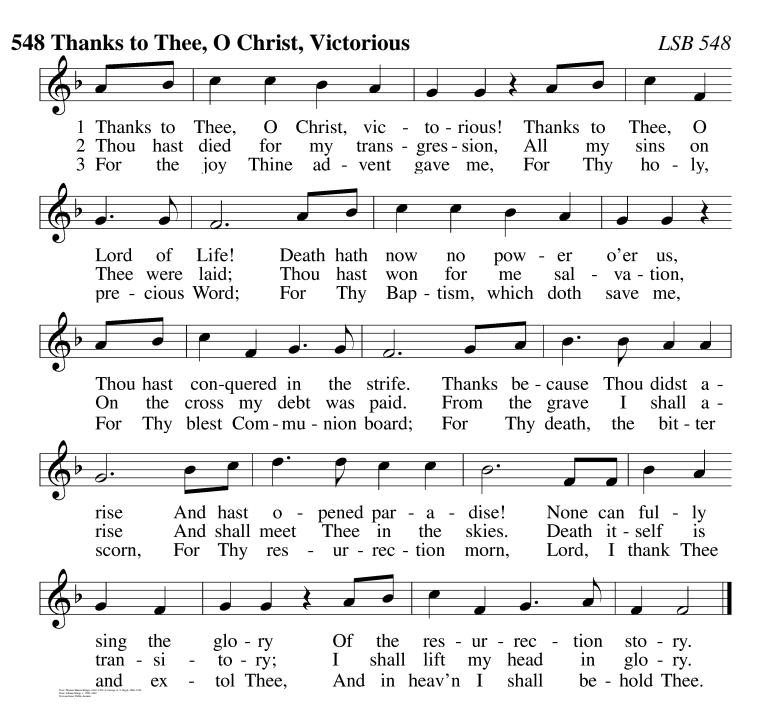
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.



Postlude:

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Opportunities for Growth

This Sunday	8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m.	Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Study Divine Service
Treeslare		
Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	Meal
	5:00 p.m.	Cantate Domino Choir
	5:30 p.m.	Christ Academy Student Sections
	5:45 p.m.	Christ Academy Adult Section
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	Council Meeting
Next Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Divine Service
	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45 a.m.	Divine Service

News and Notes

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with our Holy Week and Easter services as well as with our Easter Breakfast. Thanks be to God!

Christ Academy This Wednesday (5:45 p.m.): Lutheran Music and Meaning (*Pastor Frank*). This week and next, we will conclude our Christ Academy series' theme "Sing to the Lord" by reviewing our Lutheran heritage of song. Is music "nothing more than an arrangement of notes and rhythms," or does music itself have meaning? Learn how Lutherans have historically regarded music and how music continues to find present application in service to the Gospel. Bring a friend!

Come to the **Sing-Along** at Dr. Christensen's <u>new home</u> at Fox Run Assisted Living (3121 Macineery Drive) on **Thursday, April 18 at 3 p.m.** Meet in the chapel on the first floor. Stay for visiting and cookies!

Kantor's Notes: The author of today's closing hymn "Thanks to Thee, O Christ, Victorious" is Danish pastor and poet Thomas Kingo (1634-1703). Known by some as the "poet of Easter," many of his hymns use the imagery of the rising sun to proclaim the Resurrection. In fact, the three stanzas we will sing this morning are part of a much longer Easter hymn entitled, "Like the Golden Son Ascending," as it is titled in *The Lutheran Hymnal* #107. Other hymns of Kingo in *Lutheran Service Book* are "On My Heart Imprint Your Image (LSB 422), "All Who Believe and Are Baptized" (LSB 601), "O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee" (LSB 632), and "Praise to You and Adoration" (LSB 692).

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

The lilies on the altar are to the glory of God and

In Honor of the Risen Christ By Mike & Penny Rollins

In Memory of Jim Mathisen In Honor of Tim Mathisen By Mom & Dad

In Memory of Caleb & Lily, Lois Escritt, & Our Grandparents By Matt & Elizabeth Escritt

> In Honor of Our Family By Don & Michele McKee

In Memory of Marilyn Harris, Charlie Harris and Louise Day By Jay & Kathy Meldrum

> To the Glory of God By Tim Mathisen

In Memory of Ted P and Eunice Hanusa By Lois Hanusa

> In Honor of the Risen Christ By Rick & Patti Guill

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In Memory of Ed Hornbeck By Jeff & Ronda Thomas

In Memory of Our Parents: Albert & Gladys Noelle and Lawrence & Dorothy Gust By Tony & Shirley Gust In Memory of Early & Elnora Johnson In Memory of John & Pat Montgomery By Dale & Julia Burris

In Memory of Bob & Marjorie Glynn In Memory of Burt & Mary Jean Seipold In Honor of our Risen Lord By Bob & Kathy Seipold

In Memory of Leonard & Evelyn Kruse In Memory of Kermit & Vivian Ravnsborg By Bill & Kathleen Kruse

> In Memory of Our Dads By Bryan & Heidi Bernhards

In Thanksgiving for St. Paul's Congregation By Rev. Timothy & Sandra Frank

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