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**SERVICE of WORSHIP**  
*Setting 1 from Lutheran Book of Worship*

THE PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thought of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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.

Most merciful God,

**We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. 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 us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

## I Know that My Redeemer Lives!

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1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 3 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 4 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives ex - alt - ed,  
 guide me with his eye; He lives to com - fort  
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
 throned a - bove; He lives to rule his Church in love,  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.

5 He lives to bless me with his love;  
 He lives to plead for me above;  
 He lives my hungry soul to feed;  
 He lives to help in time of need.

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.

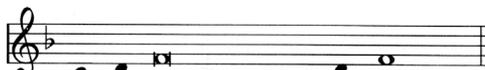
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;  
 He lives and loves me to the end;  
 He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;  
 He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

8 He lives, all glory to his name!  
 He lives, my Savior, still the same;  
 What joy this blest assurance gives:  
 I know that my Redeemer lives!

## THE GREETING &amp; KYRIE

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

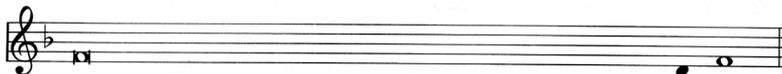
**And also with you.**



**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



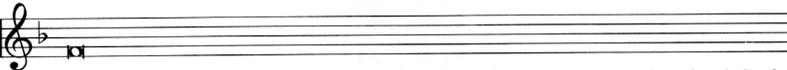
**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** 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.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



**G** Lord, have mer - cy.

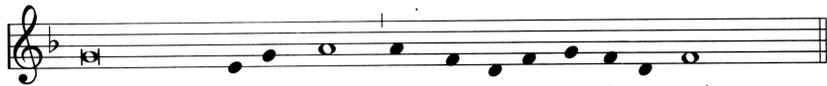


**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



**G** A - men

# THE HYMN OF PRAISE



**A** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



**B** Lord God, heav-en - ly king, al - might-y God and Fa - ther:



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



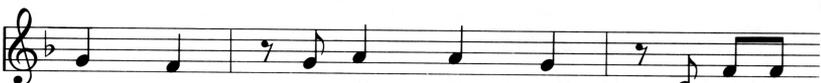
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



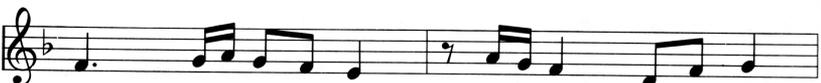
Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - men

## THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

## THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Easter Medley*

Rebecca Alferink, handbells

## THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

<sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

<sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.”

<sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

## THE PSALM

*Psalms 116:1-3, 10-17*

<sup>1</sup> I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.

**<sup>2</sup> The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.**

<sup>3</sup>Then I called upon the name of the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, save my life.”

<sup>10</sup>**How shall I repay the LORD**

**for all the good things he has done for me?**

<sup>11</sup>I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>12</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>13</sup>Precious in the sight of the LORD

is the death of his servants.

<sup>14</sup>**O LORD, I am your servant;**

**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;**

**you have freed me from my bonds.**

<sup>15</sup>I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

And call upon the name of the LORD.

<sup>16</sup>**I will fulfill my vows to the LORD**

**in the presence of all his people.**

<sup>17</sup>In the courts of the LORD’s house,

in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

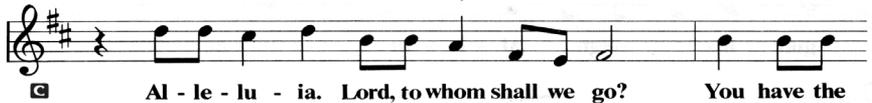
## THE SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-23

<sup>17</sup>If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your inheritance from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup>He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup>Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

<sup>22</sup>Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup>You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go”



## THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24<sup>th</sup> chapter.



## THE GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening

the scriptures to us?" <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN: "Stay with Us" vs 1,2,3,4,5

# Stay with Us

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1 Stay with us, till night has come: our praise to  
 2 Walk with us, our spir - its sigh: hear when our  
 3 Walk with us, the road will bend: make all our  
 4 Talk with us, till we be - hold a joy - ful  
 5 Stay with us, till day is done: no tears nor

you this day be sung. Bless our bread, o - pen our  
 wear - y spir - its cry, feel a - gain our loss, our  
 weep - ing, wail - ing end. Wipe our tears, for - give our  
 life you will un - fold: heal our eyes to see the  
 dark shall dim the sun. Cheer the heart, your grace im -

eyes: Je - sus, be our great sur - prise.  
 pain: Je - sus, take us to your side.  
 fears: Je - sus, lift the heav - y cross.  
 prize: Je - sus, take us to the light.  
 part: Je - sus, bring e - ter - nal life.

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## Thine Is the Glory

1 Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; End - less is the  
 2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, Ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he  
 3 No more we doubt thee, Glo - rious Prince of life; Life is nought with-

vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment  
 greets thee, Scat - ters fear and gloom; Let his Church with glad - ness  
 out thee; Aid us in our strife; Make us more than con-qu'rors,

Rolled the stone a - way, Kept the fold - ed grave - clothes  
 Hymns of tri - umph sing, For the Lord now liv - eth;  
 Through thy death - less love; Bring us safe through Jor - dan

*Refrain*  
 Where thy bod - y lay.  
 Death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, Ris - en, con-qu'ring Son;  
 To thy home a - bove.

End - less is the vic - t'ry Thou o'er death hast won!

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary,**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## THE OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY: "Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks" vs 1,2 WOV

### Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

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*Refrain* F Dm Gm C

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give thanks to the ris - en Lord;

F Dm Gm C F

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, give praise to his name.

1 Je - sus is Lord of all the earth;  
 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth;  
 3 We have been cru - ci - fied with Christ;  
 4 God has pro - claimed the just re - ward;  
 5 Come, let us praise the liv - ing God,

he is the king of cre - a - tion.  
 Je - sus has died and has ris - en.  
 now we shall live . . . for - ev - er.  
 life for all peo - ple, al - le - lu - ia.  
 joy - ful - ly sing to our Sav - ior.

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Separated in our residences but united by God’s promises of restoration, we pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With trust in your wise providing, O holy and gracious God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our wounded, risen saving Lord.

**Amen**

**THE 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.**

# THE BENEDICTION

HYMN: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" vs 1,3,4,5 LBW

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# Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing

1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands  
2 Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant  
3 Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -  
4 In ev - 'ry in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
years in Pal - es - tine, He comes to claim the  
moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the  
scorn, or wealth di - vide, He suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. In death his love shall nev - er die.  
here and now And con - quer ev - 'ry place and time.  
midst of life, Our Sav - ior with the Fa - ther reigns.  
loves the more, And lives, though ev - er cru - ci - fied.

- 5 Christ is alive! Ascended Lord—  
He rules the world his Father made,  
Till, in the end, his love adored  
Shall be to all on earth displayed.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE