



THE DIVINE SERVICE FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Crown of Life Evangelical Lutheran Church + San Antonio, Texas

Sunday, March 31, 2024

10:00 am

+ IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST +

The PRE-SERVICE MUSIC:

The PASTORAL WELCOME is spoken from the back of the Sanctuary.

The Festival Chimes are carried forward as an audible and visual call to worship.

The EASTER DIALOG:

Throughout the penitential Lenten season – as part of our voluntary restraint of praise – the “Alleluia” has not been sung or spoken. Today we sing glorious “Alleluias” again, called to this song by the children’s banners which announce the Resurrection of our Lord. The congregation stands and turns to face the cross at the rear of the Sanctuary, turning to follow the cross in procession.

P Grace and peace to you from Him who is, who was, and who is to come, from our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us a kingdom and priests to serve God the Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever!

P Let us sing *Alleluia*. The word of Scripture is accomplished. We speak a word not of combatants, but of victors:

C Death has been swallowed up in victory!

P Let us sing *Alleluia*!

C O Death, where is your sting?

P Let us sing *Alleluia*!

C The sting of death is sin; but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



The PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(LSB #457)



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 endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 △ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant 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 ye 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!

The INVOCATION:

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Risen Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

The CONFESSIONAL ORDER:

- P** Jesus Christ was the first to conquer death; He is King of kings and Lord of lords. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **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.**
P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification. For His sake He 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.

- P** In Christ you have new life. In Christ you have the promise of eternal life...for Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The HYMN OF PRAISE: "This Is the Feast of Victory"

(LSB, page 155)

Refrain



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



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



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



Final Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The SALUTATION and the COLLECT OF THE DAY:

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

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- C** Amen.

(We are seated for)

The CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:

The OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Isaiah 25:6-9

The prophetic Word anticipates a great feast of rich food. On that day the LORD will dry all tears and remove all disgrace from those He loves.

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷And He will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for Him, that He might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him; let us be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

The EASTER ANTHEM: "He is Not Here"

(Sanctuary Choir)

'Twas at the break of day when women came with spices to anoint our Lord.
And walking to the tomb, said, "Who will move the mighty stone that bars the door?"
Then behold, they found no stone; but a man was standing there instead,
Dazzling bright in raiment white, saying, "Jesus is not dead!"

*He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.*

When John and Peter heard the strange account, they doubted that it could be true;
But running there to find the empty tomb, they suddenly believed, believed it too.
In the place where Jesus lay sat the burial clothing of the dead,
Laid aside, like death denied, for He was no longer dead!

*"He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day.*

And so we do proclaim on Easter Day that Jesus is not in the grave;
But risen from the dead, just as He said, in majesty and pow'r to reign.

*"He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter!*

*"He is not here! He is risen! See, the tomb is empty where He lay.
He is not here! He is risen!" Jesus rose on Easter Day. Alleluia!*

The EPISTLE:

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The apostle Paul 'delivers' these truths of first importance regarding Jesus Christ: He died; He was buried; He was raised; and He appeared following His victory.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you – unless you believed in vain.

³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

As the hymn stanzas are sung, the Cross and Paschal Candle – accompanied by the Chime-bearers – lead the Proclaimer into the midst of the congregation for the reading of the Holy Gospel. The Congregation stands and turns to face the signs carried among them, symbolizing the proclamation of this Gospel to and through the people of God.



1 Good Chris-tian friends, re-joice and sing! Now is the tri-umph
 2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
 of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 strew His way; Let all the world re-joice and say:
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

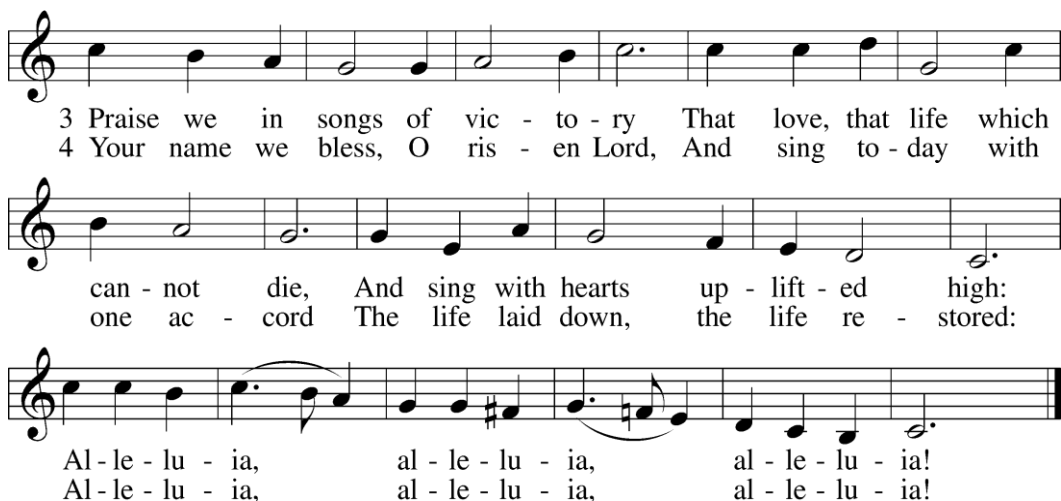
C Glory to You, O Lord!

+ St. Mark 16:1-8 +

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back – it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, “Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.” ⁸And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O risen Christ!



3 Praise we in songs of vic-to-ry That love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris-en Lord, And sing to-day with
 can-not die, And sing with hearts up-lift-ed high:
 one ac-cord The life laid down, the life re-stored:
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

(We are seated for)

The SERMON: “THE FINAL WORD IS NOT THE FINAL WORD”

(We stand for)

The CONFESSION OF FAITH:

Nicene Creed

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.

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 worshipped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets. 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.

The PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends with these words:

P Lord, in Your mercy;

C Hear our prayer.

The OFFERINGS and the "FRIENDS IN CHRIST" ATTENDANCE FORM:

*Please sign the "**Friends in Christ**" Register which is given to the first person of each row and then is passed to the others next to you.*

The GREETING OF PEACE:

P The apostle Peter proclaimed this message from God: "*Jesus Christ came to bring good news of peace.*" His cross and His resurrection are the source of the peace we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

*Worshippers are encouraged to greet each other by saying:
"**The peace of the Lord**" or "**Peace be with you.**"*

The OFFERTORY: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

Michael Burkhardt

A WORD ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION AT CROWN OF LIFE:

We are glad that you are here at Crown of Life Lutheran Church on this holy and joyous day. We rejoice in the gifts our Lord gives through His Holy Supper. Affirming the truths of His Word, we take seriously the call to a common confession of faith as we kneel at the altar.

If you are a member of a sister congregation of The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, we invite you to receive the Lord's Supper with us. We ask other guests to speak with Pastor Barz or Pastor Kachelmeier regarding your future participation in this Sacrament.

Those not yet instructed to receive within this confession and fellowship are invited to receive a Baptismal blessing at the railing, crossing your arms against your chest.

The HYMN: "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

(LSB #633)

Stanzas 1,2,3 – All

Stanza 5 – Men and boys

Stanza 4 – Women and girls

Stanzas 6,7,8 – All

The Congregation stands for the final verse of praise to the Trinity.



1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
3 Where the pas - chal blood is poured, Death's dread
4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
an - gel sheathes the sword; Is - rael's hosts tri - um-phantly go
vic - tim, pas - chal bread; With sin - cer - i - ty and love



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
Through the wave that drowns the foe. Al - le - lu - ia!
Eat we man - na from a - bove. Al - le - lu - ia!

5 Mighty Victim from the sky,
Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight,
You have brought us life and light.
Alleluia!

7 Easter triumph, Easter joy!
This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,
Newborn souls in You to be.
Alleluia!

6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!

△ 8 Father, who the crown shall give,
Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days:
Three in One, Your name we praise.
Alleluia!

✚ THE LITURGY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER ✚

The PREFACE is chanted responsively:



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so 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.

The PROPER PREFACE FOR THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD is chanted:

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

The SANCTUS:



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:



Heav-en 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 who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Hear us now as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

The LORD'S PRAYER is spoken in unison:

**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 are chanted:

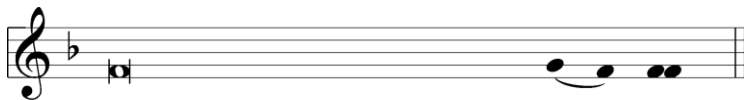
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P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✝ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

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."

The PAX DOMINI:

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P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



G A - men.

The AGNUS DEI:



G Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have



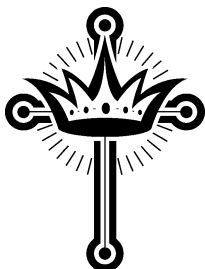
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace.



(We are seated for)

The DISTRIBUTION:

The Music and Hymns:

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

(Adult Handbells)

"The Lamb"

(LSB #547)

1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
4 He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.
5 He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now o - ver - flows.

Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.
So still, His will On our be - half the Law to fill.
He lives, for - gives, He gives me His own righ - teous - ness.
His song pro - long Till ev - 'ry heart to Him be - long.

Refrain

Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me His
own! The Lamb is reign - ing on His throne!

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

(LSB #461, stanzas 1-6)

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 bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to

this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort

once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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.

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

(LSB #466)



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 to 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!



(We stand for)

The COMMON DISMISSAL:

P The body and blood of our risen and reigning Lord strengthen and preserve you in true faith to life everlasting. Depart ☩ in peace.

C Amen.

The POST-COMMUNION COLLECT:

- P** We give thanks to You, O Lord Jesus Christ, for the breaking of this bread and drinking of this cup which proclaim Your death until You come again in glory. As You have refreshed us on this joyful day of Your resurrection with the gift of forgiveness through Your body and blood, send us forth in renewed faith to serve and witness of Your cross and open tomb. We bless You now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

The GREETING and ANNOUNCEMENTS:

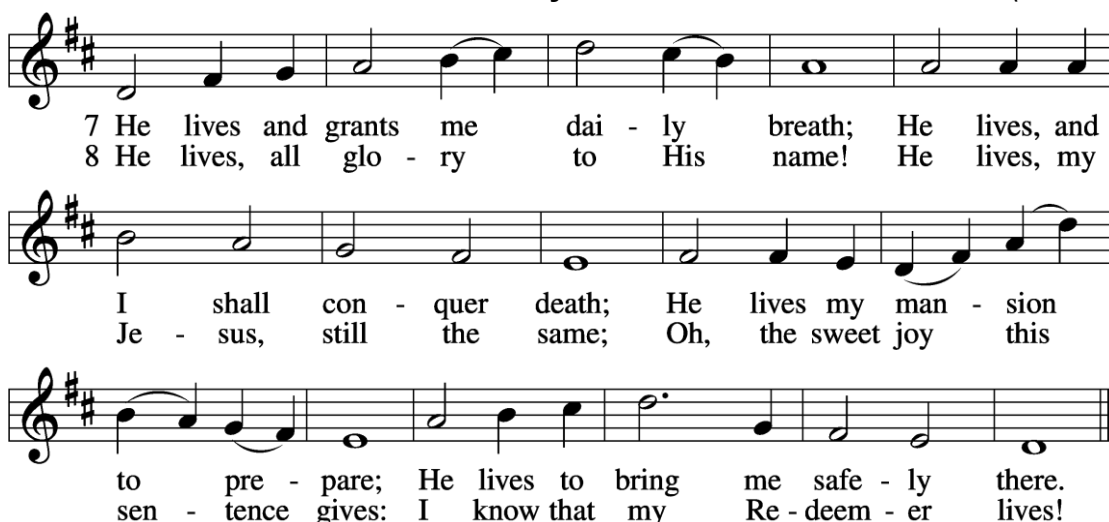
The BENEDICTION:

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

- P** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through ✠ Jesus Christ,
- C** **to Whom be glory forever and ever! Amen.**

The RECESSIONAL HYMN: “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

(LSB #461, stanzas 7,8)



7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

The POSTLUDE: “Duke Street Procession”

Philip Lehenbauer

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