



# **EASTER SUNRISE**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

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## Today's Worship

To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high. The victory is ours, now and forever.

## Serving in Worship

**Presiding Minister** .....*Pastor Michael Kampman*  
**Preaching Minister** .....*Pastor Elijah Ehlert*  
**Senior Choir**.....*Directed by Kathy Thurow*  
**Chime Director**.....*Directed by Becky Miller*  
**Organist** .....*William Hinn*  
**Flute** .....*Wendy Holmes*

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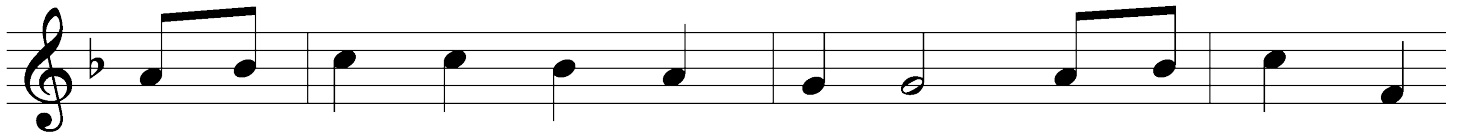
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## Preservice Music

### Hymn

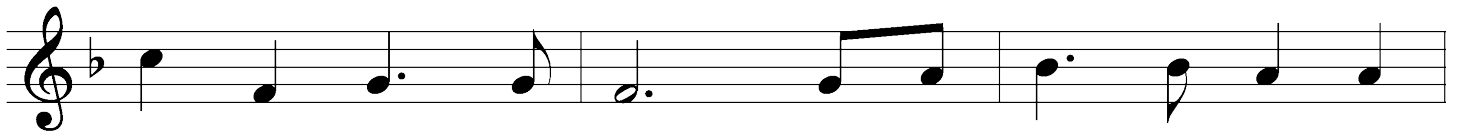
*Like the Golden Sun Ascending—470*



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 For the joy your ad - vent gave me, for your gos - pel's



gloom of night, on the earth its glo - ry spend - ing so that  
Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, you have  
you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion, on the  
great re - ward, for your bap - tism which has saved me, for your



dark - ness takes to flight, thus my Je - sus from the  
con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you did a -  
cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -  
sup - per and your Word; for your death, the bit - ter



grave and death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave rose tri -  
rise and have o - pened par - a - dise! None can  
rise and shall meet you in the skies. Death it -  
scorn, for your res - ur - rec - tion morn: Lord, I



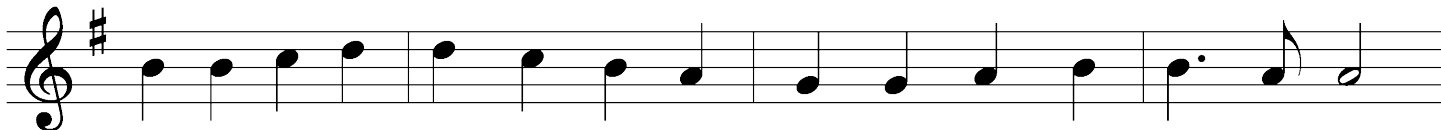
um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing at the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.  
ful - ly sing the glo - ry of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.  
self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.  
thank you and ex - tol you, and in heav'n I shall be - hold you.

## Easter Dialogue

*Interspersed with verses from "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven" CW460*

Christ is risen!

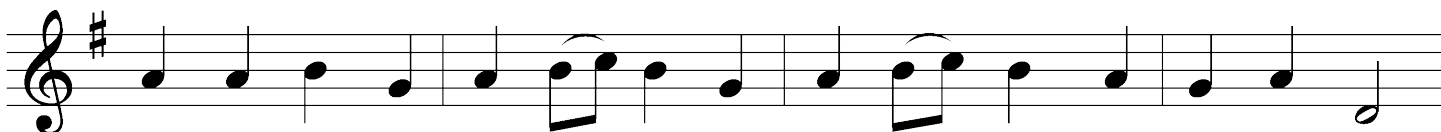
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.

Jesus Christ was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

**Since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God.**

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

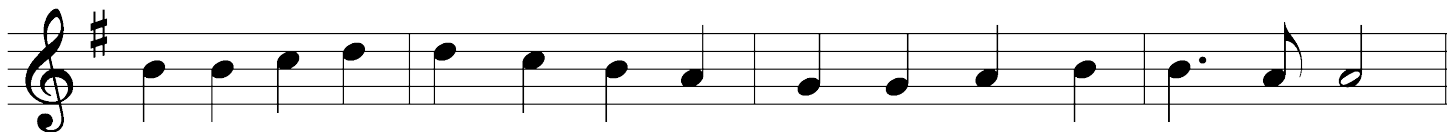
**In all things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

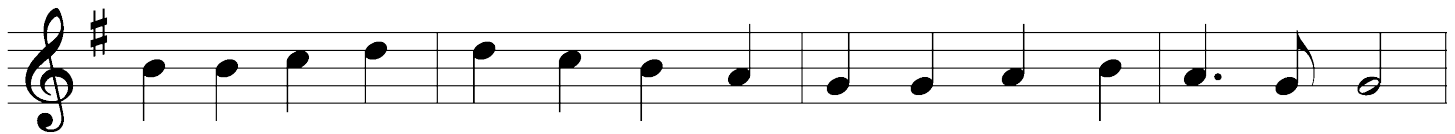
**Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil, or fade.

**This inheritance is kept in heaven for us.**



2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



see the an - cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;



once he died, and once was bur - ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,



Je - sus Christ, the world's Re - deem - er, whom we wor - ship and a - dore.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in him will live, even though they die.

**And those who live by believing in him will never die.**

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand on the earth.

**I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.**

Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**When Christ, who is our life, appears, we will appear with him in glory.**

Why do you look for the living among the dead?

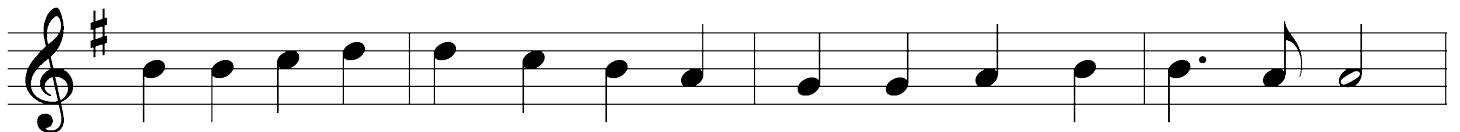
**He is not here; he has risen!**

This is the day the Lord has made.

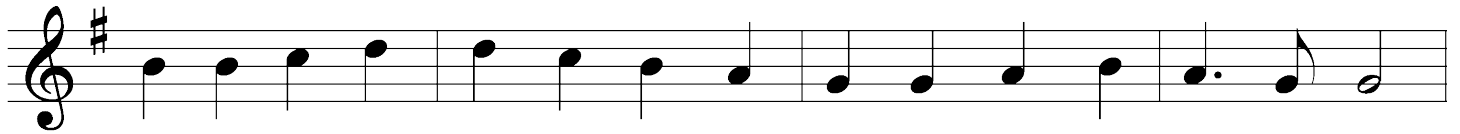
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Christ is risen!

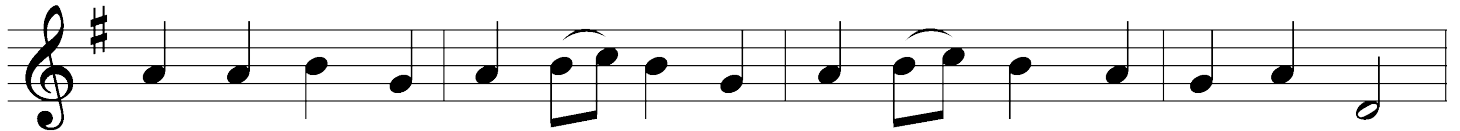
**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**



3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to God on high:



al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who has gained the vic - to - ry;



al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, fount of love and sanc - ti - ty!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia to the tri - une Maj - es - ty!

### Confession and Absolution

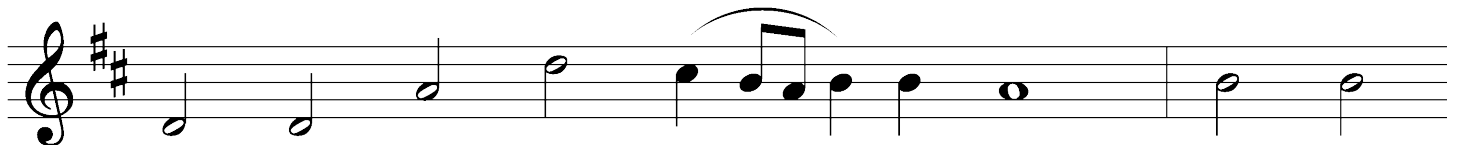
Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

**Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.**

Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

### Sung Response

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing—675:7*



7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -

lone can sin de - stroy; from sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free,  
 new - born souls in you to be. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**First Reading**

*Isaiah 25:6-9*

6 On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. 7 On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; 8 he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign Lord will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people’s disgrace from all the earth. The Lord has spoken. 9 In that day they will say, “Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

**Choir Anthem**

*Awake, Arise! Go Forth!*  
 Sung by the St. Paul’s Choir

**Second Reading**

*1 Corinthians 15:12-20*

12 But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? 13 If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. 14 And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. 15 More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. 16 For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. 17 And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. 18 Then those also who

have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. <sup>19</sup> If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

*Stand*

## Verse of the Day

*1 Corinthians 15:22*

Alleluia. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia.

## Gospel Acclamation

*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing—675:6*

6 Now no more can death ap - pall, now no  
more the grave en - thrall; you have o - pened par - a - dise,  
and your saints in you shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!

## Gospel Reading

*John 20:1-18*

<sup>1</sup> Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. <sup>2</sup> So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they have put him!”

<sup>3</sup> So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, <sup>7</sup> as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus’ head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. <sup>8</sup> Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. <sup>9</sup> (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to where they were staying.

<sup>11</sup> Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb <sup>12</sup> and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus’ body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. <sup>13</sup> They asked her, “Woman, why are you crying?”



“They have taken my Lord away,” she said, “and I don’t know where they have put him.”

<sup>14</sup> At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> He asked her, “Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?” Thinking he was the gardener, she said, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means “Teacher”).

<sup>17</sup> Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: “I have seen the Lord!” And she told them that he had said these things to her.

*Be Seated*

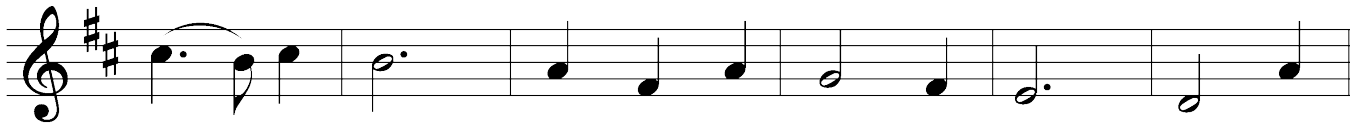


# Hymn of the Day

*Awake, My Heart, with Gladness—443*



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness— see what to -  
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay  
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— what peace it  
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my  
 5 He brings me to the por - tal that leads to



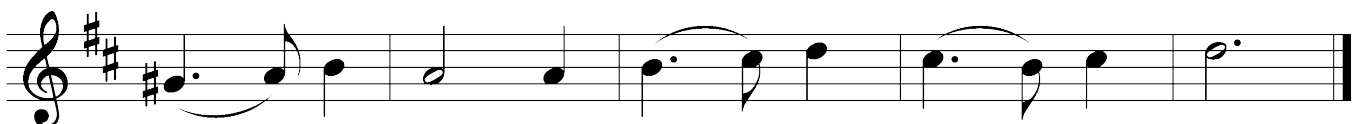
day is done! Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes  
 in the tomb; but lo, he now is rout - ed, his  
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the  
 Sav - ior dear. My Lord will leave me nev - er; with  
 bliss un - told, where - on this rhyme im - mor - tal is



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was  
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is  
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er  
 him I need not fear. He rends death's i - ron  
 found in script of gold: "Who there my cross has



laid where our bed must be made when to the  
 free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he who is  
 shake, no foe shall ev - er take the hope which  
 chain; he breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters  
 shared finds here a crown pre - pared; who there with



realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.  
 strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.  
 God's own Son in love for me has won.  
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.  
 me has died shall here be glo - ri - fied."

“Risen”

**Apostles Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**Amen.**

**Offering**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

Played by St. Paul's Chime Choir

*Stand*

**Prayer 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.**

**Blessing**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

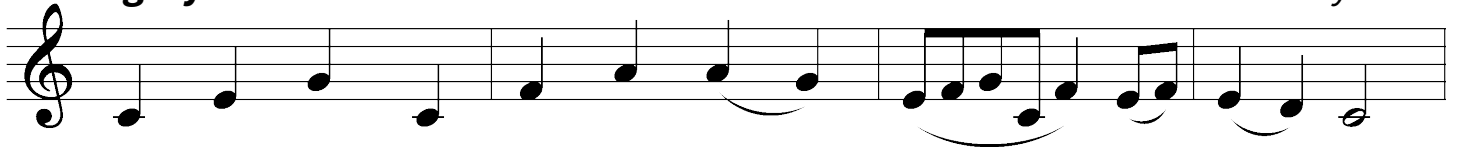
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

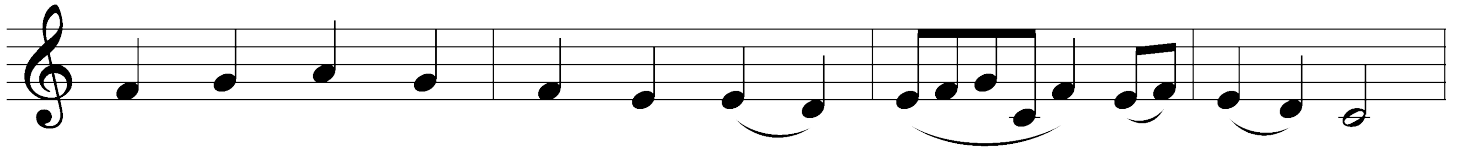
**Amen.**

# Closing Hymn

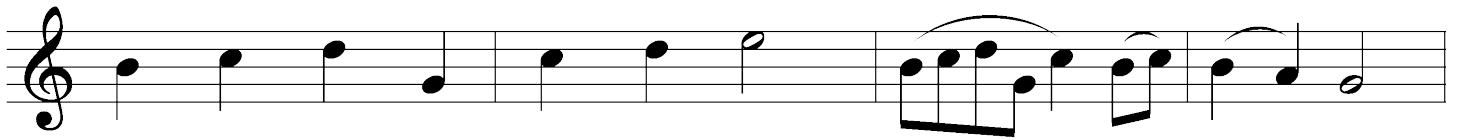
*Jesus Christ is Risen Today—438*



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 en - dured, 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 you 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!