



Christ

the Lord

is risen

TODAY



Concordia Lutheran Church
The Resurrection of Our Lord
April 5, 2026



Easter Lilies

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Our loved ones

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My loved ones in heaven

McKenna, Kenneth & Hazel, Keimo & Mega, Chiyo, Eiko, Susumo, Lee, & Pam

Our loved ones

Announcements for April 5, 2026

Sunday (5)	Easter Sunday 8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream Easter breakfast following worship service NO Adult Bible Class NO Youth Group
Monday (6)	Church Office Closed 4:30 pm Irish Class 7:00 pm Trustees
Tuesday (7)	9:00 am Holy Chair Yoga 6:00 pm Board of Ed
Wednesday (8)	5:30-6:30 pm STEPP Up and Confirmation Class 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study Begins
Saturday (11)	8:00 am – 5:00pm Boy Scout Chili Dinner
Sunday (12)	8:30 am Worship with Holy Communion & Live Stream 10:00 am Adult Bible Class 6:00-8:00 pm Youth Group

Welcome Concordia members & guests – please be sure to fill out the attendance/communion cards located in each pew. Thank you!

Last week at Concordia: Attendance: 44 Planned returning: \$3,136 Actual returning: \$895 YTD: (\$1,509)

Please join us after this morning's worship service for Easter Breakfast hosted by the Youth Group. Everyone is welcome!

Mark your calendars – Voters' Meeting on Sunday, April 19th following worship service. Voters' packets will be available soon. All members are invited to attend.

Attention Women – The Women's Bible Study will start up again beginning on **Wednesday, April 8th**. We will meet each Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the fellowship hall until Advent begins. We will be studying the Book of John. All women are welcome to join us!

FLAMINGOS HAVE ARRIVED! If you would like protection from these pink birds, please fill out a bird - insurance form. Orders are due April 26th. Forms are available on the Welcome Desk. **Thank you for your support of the Youth Group!**

Building Healthy Families: Here are true words to remember and boldly speak aloud today or any day you may be feeling overwhelmed with temptation or any of life's challenges: "Know ye then - sin, death, devil, and everything that assails me - that you are missing the mark. I am not afraid of you. For Christ, my dear Lord, has presented to me that triumph and victory of His by which you were laid low. And from this very gift of His I derive my name and am called a Christian. There is no other reason. My sin and death hung about His neck on Good Friday, but on the day of Easter they had completely disappeared. This victory He has bestowed on me. This is why I do not worry about you." (from Luther's Easter Sermon, 1530) A blessed, joyous, and lasting celebration of Easter to you and your family from Lutheran Family Service – here to serve you in person or via confidential telehealth link no matter where you live. Learn more at www.LutheranFamilyService.org **Lutheran Family Service**

April 11th is almost here! We hope you can join us for the LWML Cedar Rapids Zone Spring Event at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 2301 East Court Street, Iowa City. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., followed by brunch at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Dr. Brent Hartwig will be the guest speaker and talk about Foro: Joy in Working Together in Christ. The in-gathering will support the Domestic Violence Intervention Program (DVIP). Requested items are bath towels, washcloths, twin sheet sets, bed pillows, twin size blankets, body soap, shampoo and body lotions. Our Redeemer hopes to see you all at this event to support the LCMS Panama missions and those in crisis at the DVIP. RSVP to *your group president/contact person today*.

Singles: You are invited to join Zion Lutheran in Hiawatha for their **two April** church singles events. **Sunday, April 12:** Please join us to see a documentary movie (Legends of the Lost Ark) at Marcus Theatres in CR and meet at the theatre at 3:00pm. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. RSVP helps to provide notification in case of cancellation of the event or a change of venue. **Sunday, April 26:** Please join us for pizza and board games at 12:00pm at Zion Lutheran. Bring \$7 for the pizza and your favorite board or card game. Please RSVP to either Zion at 319/393-2013 or Cindy Gewecke at 319/929-3077 (text accepted with your name) 24 hours in advance of the event. RSVP helps to provide notification in case of cancellation of the event.

Divine Service Setting Three p.184

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

- 1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- △ 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessèd sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Confession and Absolution

Stand

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.
- P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C who made heaven and earth.
- P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.
The LORD will reign forever and ever.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Kyrie

LSB 186

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

P Glory be to God on high: **C** and on earth peace, good - will toward
men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

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.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.
I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Colossians 3:1–4

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–10

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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 \dagger of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

489 Hail Thee, Festival Day

- Ref** Hail thee, festival day!
Blest day to be hallowed forever;
Day when our Lord was raised,
Breaking the kingdom of death.
- 1e** All the fair beauty of earth
From the death of the winter arising!
Ev'ry good gift of the year
Now with its master returns: Refrain
- 2e** Rise from the grave now, O Lord,
The author of life and creation.
Treading the pathway of death,
New life You give to us all: Refrain
- 3** God the Almighty, the Lord,
The ruler of earth and the heavens,
Guard us from harm without;
Cleanse us from evil within: Refrain
- 4** Jesus, the health of the world,
Creator of all and redeemer,
Son of the Father supreme,
Only-begotten of God: Refrain
- 5** Spirit of life and of pow'r,
Now flow in us, fount of our being,
Light that enlightens us all,
Life that in all may abide: Refrain

**6 Praise to the giver of good!
O Lover and Author of concord,
Pour out Your balm on our days;
Order our ways in Your peace: Refrain**

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Sermon

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

Stand

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Sit

Offering

**Special music: Vocal meditation (no congregational singing)
“New Creation” - Jackie Francois CCLI**

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Prayer of the Church (each petition after ends)

...let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And with thy spirit.

- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

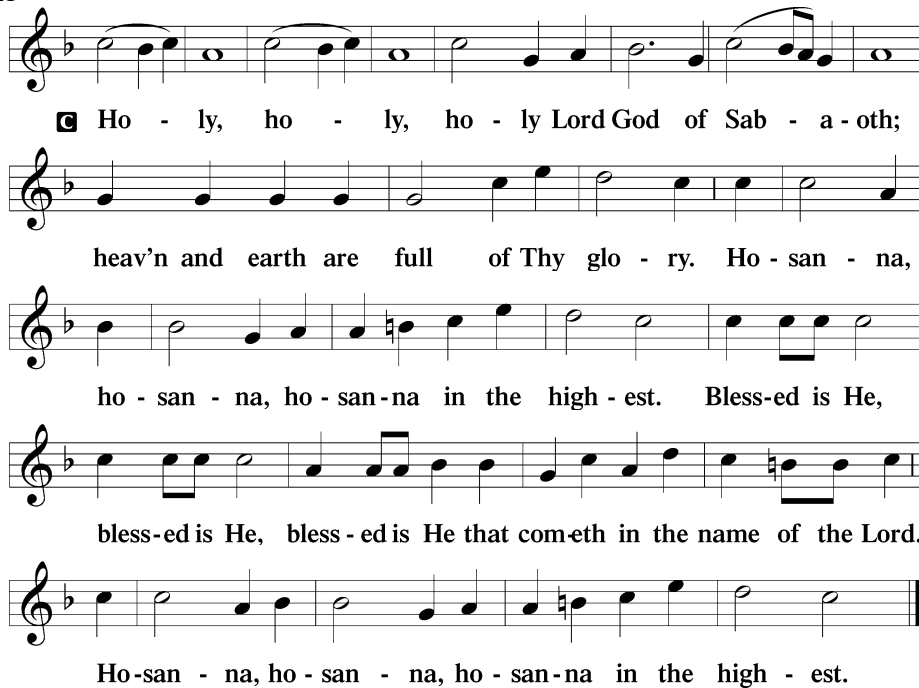
P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, 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:

Sanctus

LSB 195



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

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

LSB 197

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

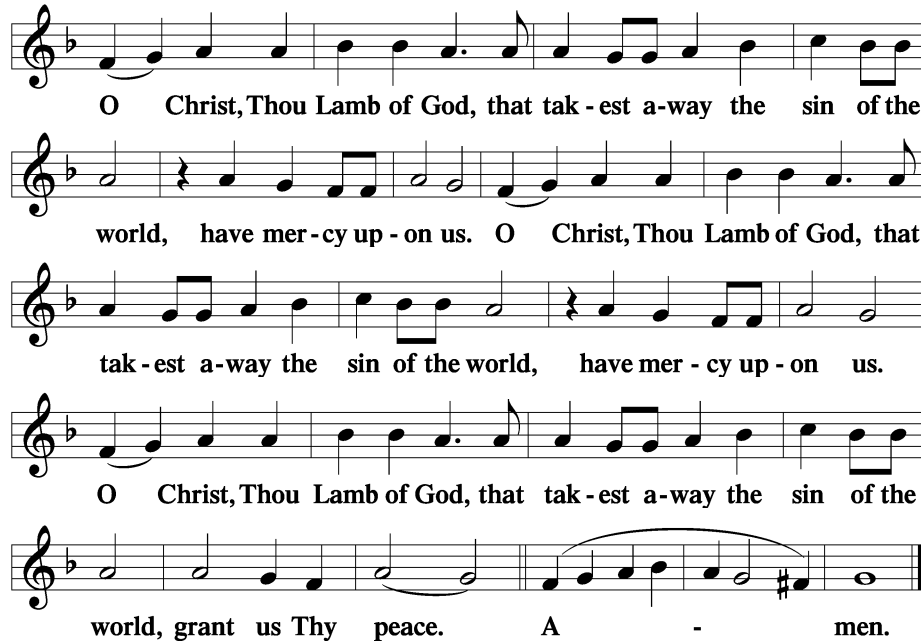
LSB 197

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.
Amen.

Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.
Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.
- C** Amen.

Miracle of Grace (Bread of Life) - Curtis Stephan

Verse 1

Miracle of grace mystery of faith
Calling us to venture to the deep
Though our senses fail Your graces still prevail
And we become the love that we receive

Chorus 1

Bread of Life Bread of Life
Those who eat this bread shall live and never die
Bread of Life Bread of Life
Your true presence in this holy sacrifice
Bread of Life

Verse 2

Unworthy though we are You feed the hungry heart
With bread come down from heaven above
And like a grain of wheat we fall down at Your feet
Dying here with You oh let us rise

Chorus 2

Bread of Life Bread of Life

Those who eat this bread shall live and never die

Bread of Life Bread of Life

Your true presence in this holy sacrifice

Bread of Life

Bread of Life

Bread of Life

Verse 3

Your faithfulness revealed

In this covenant You've sealed

With your very body and Your blood

Come claim Your bride again

With love that cannot end

For what God joins no one can divide

Chorus 3

Bread of Life Bread of Life

Those who eat this bread shall live and never die

Bread of Life Bread of Life

Your true presence in this holy sacrifice

Bread of Life

Bread of Life

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

- 1 **Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness,
 Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
 Jacob's sons and daughters,
 Led them with unmoistened foot
 Through the Red Sea waters.**
- 2 **'Tis the spring of souls today:
 Christ has burst His prison
 And from three days' sleep in death
 As a sun has risen;
 All the winter of our sins,
 Long and dark, is flying
 From His light, to whom is giv'n
 Laud and praise undying.**
- 3 **Now the queen of seasons, bright
 With the day of splendor,
 With the royal feast of feasts
 Comes its joy to render;
 Comes to gladden faithful hearts
 Which with true affection
 Welcome in unwearied strain
 Jesus' resurrection!**
- 4 **For today among His own
 Christ appeared, bestowing
 His deep peace, which evermore
 Passes human knowing.
 Neither could the gates of death
 Nor the tomb's dark portal
 Nor the watchers nor the seal
 Hold Him as a mortal.**

5 Alleluia! Now we cry
 To our King immortal,
 Who, triumphant, burst the bars
 Of the tomb's dark portal.
 Come, you faithful, raise the strain
 Of triumphant gladness!
 God has brought His Israel
 Into joy from sadness!

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466 Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
 Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
 For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
 Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain

ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
 Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
 Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
 Jesus is living, alleluia!

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 Until its strength by God was dispersed.
 He who gives life did death undergo;
 And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain

3 The angel said to them, "Do not fear!
 You look for Jesus who is not here.
 See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
 Only the grave cloths are lying there." Refrain

4 "Go spread the news: He's not in the grave;
 He has arisen this world to save.
 Jesus' redeeming labors are done;
 Even the battle with sin is won." Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
 Alleluia, to Him praises be.
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
 He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
 cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
 which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,

a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy
 peo-ple Is - ra-el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
 to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
 is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

P O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C and His mercy endureth forever.

P 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

P Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

481 Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom

1 Scatter the darkness, break the gloom;

Sun, reveal an empty tomb

Shining with joy for all our sorrows,

Hope and peace for all tomorrows,

Life uneclipsed by doubt and dread:

Christ has risen from the dead!

2 Bearing the standard from on high

As the Lamb of God to die;

He who for us, so cruelly treated,

Lives again—our foes defeated!

Where is your sting, O death and grave?

Christ has shown His strength to save!

**3 Banners of triumph, be unfurled!
Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing:
Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee—
Christ has gained the victory!**

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EASTER
— HE IS RISEN —

