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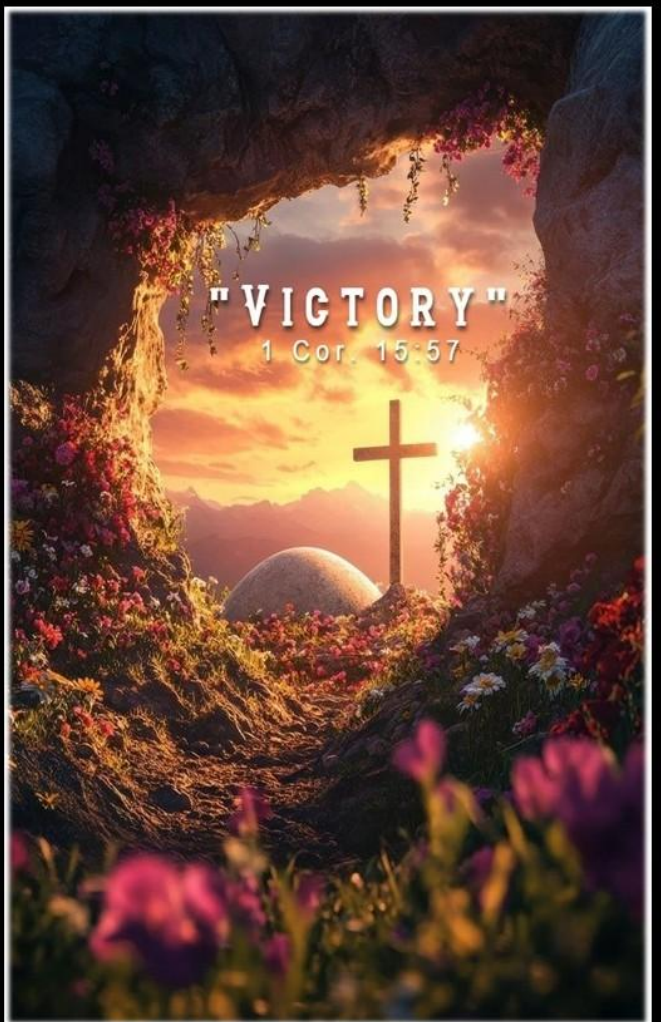
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"VICTORY"  
1 Cor. 15:57

# St. Paul

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~The congregation will meet in the Welcome Center to begin the service ~

### **Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

### **Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

### **Processional Hymn**

"Christ Is Arisen"

LSB 459

Choir sings st.1 // Congregation sings st. 1-3

1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark  
pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still  
our pris - on. Now, with Him to life re - stored,  
We praise the Fa - ther of our Lord. Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Now let our joy rise full and free;  
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!

### **Easter Proclamation**

- P** Let all the people of God rejoice this morning in the splendor of this feast;
- C** **let us all blissfully enter into the joy of our risen Lord;**
- P** Let no one grieve over his poverty,
- C** **for the universal kingdom has now been revealed.**
- P** Let no one weep over his sins,
- C** **for pardon has shone from the grave.**
- P** Let no one fear death,
- C** **for the death of our Savior has set us free.**
- P** He has destroyed it by enduring it.
- C** **He has despoiled hell by going down into its kingdom.**
- P** He has angered it
- C** **by allowing it to taste of his flesh.**
- P** Christ is risen and life is freed!
- C** **Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead!**
- P** To Him be glory and power
- C** **forever and ever. Amen!**

*Kneel/Sit for Confession of Sins*

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** Time and again, Scripture has called us to "remember." Remember, the apostle Paul says in Acts 5, "Jesus, whom you killed by hanging on a tree." Remember, Peter says in Acts 3 "Jesus whom you delivered over... and asked for a murderer to be granted to you; that you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead." Remember, people of Christ, what had happened...
- C** **Lord, we remember. We remember that we dishonored the one who honored us. We held in contempt the one who held us in esteem. We denied the one who publicly acknowledged us. We renounced the one who proclaimed us as his own. We killed the one who made us to live. Even now in thought, word, and deed, we remember our sins against you. Revive us in your mercy and destroy our sins as you destroyed death.**

- P** Remember: "I am the living one. I died, and behold, I am alive forevermore" (*Revelation 1:18*). Remember: "I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you" (*Isaiah 44:22*). Remember that these things are written so that you may believe and have life in his name (*John 20:31*). Remember, and believe. In the victory Christ has won for us, be revived in mercy: As a called and ordained servant of the Risen Lord, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

## **This is the Feast**

LSB 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.

## Salutation

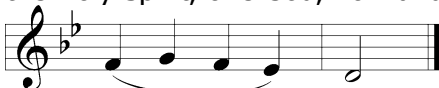
**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.

## An Easter Prayer

**P** Let us pray. You, eternal Word of the Father, God from God, light from light breaks through the prison of death and destruction and becomes visible again in Your risen body. O Lord, who will ever be able to understand the heart in which your divine love became flesh! Now I see, by Your wounded hands and side, that all those whom You hold in Your heart are lifted up with You, not only in Your cross, but also in Your resurrection, and so are given a place in Your Kingdom. In your heart we are forever hidden and present to God. Your heart is our permanent home, our resting place, our refuge and our hope. Be to us this glorious morning our risen and victorious Lord through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

## Old Testament

*Job 19:23–27*

“Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me!”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Choral Anthem

“Worthy is the Lamb”

Handel

## Epistle

*1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the

perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

“Death is swallowed up in victory.”  
“O death, where is your victory?  
O death, where is your sting?”

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Procession**

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477 st. 1*

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.

### **The Easter Gospel**

*John 20:1-18*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not

lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Gospel Recession**

"Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

*LSB 477 st. 2*

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.

**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.**

**Sermon Hymn**

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

*LSB 461*

(Choir sings verses 3, 5, 7)



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and  
 8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort  
 loves me to the end; He lives, and while He  
 Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.  
 lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.  
 sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!



**Sermon**

"Cool Guys Don't Look at Explosions"  
Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski, Senior Pastor

1 Corinthians 15:26

**Easter Offertory**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

LSB 463



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

**Gathering of Tithes and Offerings**

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**Instrumental Offertory**

**Prayer of the Church**

† THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION †

**Preface**

LSB 160



**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And with thy spir - it.



**P** Lift up your hearts.



**C** We lift them up un - to the Lord.



**P** Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P** Blessed are You, Lord, our God, King of the universe, for you have invited us, those who have been befouled with sins, to receive the forgiveness offered in this your heavenly banquet. For here at this table, you say to us: I am your forgiveness, I am the Passover of your salvation, I am the lamb which was sacrificed for you, I am your ransom, I am your light, I am your savior, I am your resurrection, I am your king, I am leading you up to the heights of heaven, I will show you the eternal Father, I will raise you up by my right hand. Raise us up, risen Lord, so that we may lift up our voices and sing to you, 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**

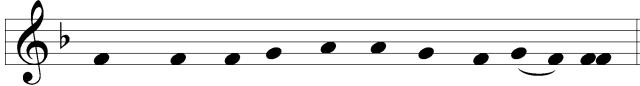
*Mt. 6:9-11*

**The Words of Our Lord**

*Mt 26:26-28; Mk 14:22-24; Lk 22:19-20; 1 Co 11:23-25*

**Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*



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



**C** A - men.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**Distribution Hymn**

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"

*LSB 633*

**Choral Anthem**

"On the Third Day"

*Harland*

**Distribution Hymn**

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

*LSB 469*

**Easter Blessing**

**P** May none of God's wonderful works keep silent, night or morning. Bright stars, high mountains, the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers: May all these break into song as we sing to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. May all of us here on earth and all the angels there in the heavens reply:

**C** **Amen! Amen! Amen! Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God, the only Giver of grace. Amen!**

*~ "An Egyptian Doxology" from the third century Church.*

**Easter Acclamation**

**P** Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Benediction**

*LSB 183*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

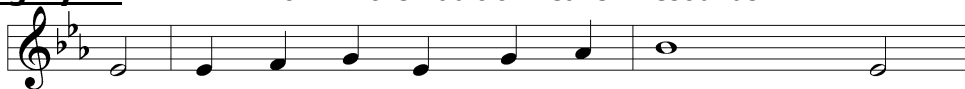
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

## "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

LSB 465



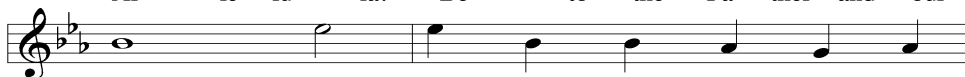
1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In  
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -  
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set  
△ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!  
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer  
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and  
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us  
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's  
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry  
life And by His pres - ence stills all  
day That by our lives we tru - ly  
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"  
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!  
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"  
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Postlude

## "Prelude in D Major"

Bach

### Serving us in Worship

Preacher Rev. Jakob Andrzejewski  
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