

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen” – LSB 474



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
3 Je - sus the vine, We are the branch - es; Life in the
5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, Gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, Heav - en for -
Spir - it the fruit of the tree; Heav - en to earth, Christ to the
ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, Riv - er of life, Saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
peo - ple, Gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
an - gels, Sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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INVOCATION

The sign of the cross ✝ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM *Rose Elizabeth Manuszak*

"Children of the Heavenly Father" – LSB 725

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther Safe - ly
2 God His own doth tend and nour - ish; In His
in His bos - om gath - er; Nest - ling bird nor star in
ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things He
heav - en Such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
spares them; In His might - y arms He bears them.

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COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

NEW TESTAMENT: ACTS 8:26-40

An angel of the Lord spoke to Philip: "Get up and go south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is the desert road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. There was an Ethiopian man, a eunuch and high official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to worship in

Jerusalem ²⁸ and was sitting in his chariot on his way home, reading the prophet Isaiah aloud.

²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, “Go and join that chariot.”

³⁰ When Philip ran up to it, he heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you’re reading?”

³¹ “How can I,” he said, “unless someone guides me?” So he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. ³² Now the Scripture passage he was reading was this:

*He was led like a sheep to the slaughter,
and as a lamb is silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.*

³³ *In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who will describe his generation?
For his life is taken from the earth.*

³⁴ The eunuch said to Philip, “I ask you, who is the prophet saying this about—himself or someone else?” ³⁵ Philip proceeded to tell him the good news about Jesus, beginning with that Scripture.

³⁶ As they were traveling down the road, they came to some water. The eunuch said, “Look, there’s water. What would keep me from being baptized?” ³⁸ So he ordered the chariot to stop, and both Philip and the eunuch went down into the water, and he baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord carried Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him any longer but went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ Philip appeared in Azotus, and he was traveling and preaching the gospel in all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE: 1 JOHN 4:1-11

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see if they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

²This is how you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³but every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming; even now it is already in the world.

⁴You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. ⁵They are from the world. Therefore what they say is from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶We are from God. Anyone who knows God listens to us; anyone who is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of deception.

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, because love is from God, and everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his one and only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰Love consists in this: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, if God loved us in this way, we also must love one another.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA and VERSE *LSB 156*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 15th chapter.

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²Every branch in me that does not produce fruit he removes, and he prunes every branch that produces fruit so that it will produce more fruit. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch is unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me. ⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You Christ.**

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” – LSB 633



1 At the Lamb’s high feast we sing Praise to
2 Praise we Him, whose love di - vine Gives His
6 Now no more can death ap - pall, Now no
7 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy! This a -
△ 8 Fa - ther, who the crown shall give, Sav - ior,



our vic - to - rious King, Who has washed us in the tide
sa - cred blood for wine, Gives His bod - y for the feast—
more the grave en - thrall; You have o - pened par - a - dise,
lone can sin de - stroy; From sin’s pow’r, Lord, set us free,
by whose death we live, Spir - it, guide through all our days:



Flow - ing from His pierc - ed side. Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest. Al - le - lu - ia!
And Your saints in You shall rise. Al - le - lu - ia!
New - born souls in You to be. Al - le - lu - ia!
Three in One, Your name we praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE SERMON

1 John 4:4: “You are from God, little children, and you have conquered them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

O God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your people. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy (Daniel 9:18).

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, Your only Son came in the flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. Protect us from all false teaching and the spirit of the Antichrist, that we may always confess Christ to be our only true God and remain faithful to Him. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Heavenly Father, You have grafted us onto the vine of Your Son. Prune us and cut off from us all sin and dead works, that we may always draw life from Your Son and produce the fruits of faith and good works. In the water of Holy Baptism, You welcome all people into Your kingdom and give them life. Grant that we would always honor and extol this gift. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, give health and guidance to our president, those appointed to serve, our judges and magistrates and all in authority, that they may serve honorably and in accord with Your good order. Preserve these United States; pour out Your peace upon Jerusalem; bring those with evil in their hearts to justice; protect children, infants, the weak, the infirm, and the elderly from war; grant Your divine protection to serving in our armed forces – may You be their Shield and defender in all circumstances. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Merciful God, You hear and answer Your children in their hour of need. Give aid to those who call on Your name for aid and comfort. Grant that they would bear their crosses with faith, ever looking to You, and so fix their hearts where true joy is found. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Holy Father, You are gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Hear and answer our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, and Your saints shall bless You; for You live and reign with the Holy Spirit, ever one God, now and forever.

People: 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.

BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

"Beautiful Savior" – LSB 537



1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
3 Fair is the sun - shine, Fair is the moon - light, Bright the
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of



God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love Thee, Tru - ly I'd
spar - kling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines
God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or, Praise, ad - o -



serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
pur - er Than all the an - gels in the sky.
ra - tion Now and for - ev - er - more be Thine!

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POSTLUDE

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Evangelism: Winning and keeping souls for Christ!

The word evangelism means *bringing good news*. Evangelism is the way in which the saving words and works of the Lord Jesus are shared with people everywhere and it strives to help everyone grow in faith, hope, and love. This process includes evangelizing both those who are already members of the church, as well as reaching out to those who do not yet know the Lord or who no longer practice their faith.

***The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is wise.
Proverbs 11:30***