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April 16, 2023 🗘 The Second Sunday of Easter

St. John's Lutheran Church is a supporting congregation Calvary Lutheran High School, Jefferson City, 638-0228.

Today the paraments are white, because Jesus has risen from the grave! Death cannot hold the Author of Life, the One whose blood cleanses all of your sins!

The Lord's Supper is celebrated today. If you have been instructed and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and believe that with the bread and wine Christ gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins and belong to the LCMS fellowship, you are invited to join in this blessed Sacrament. Gluten-free wafers are available; speak with Pastor or an elder prior to worship. (If you are desiring to commune for the first time at St. John's as a Lutheran or you are a non-Lutheran, **please see the pastor prior to the service**).

Last Sunday, April 9, 2023: Attendance: 111 (1) / 30 (3) Offerings: \$3942 / \$114.36 / \$336 (electronic) Saturday, April 8 35 (error) / Friday, April 7 45 (2) / \$414 Thursday, April 6 35 (3) / \$671

Calvary Lutheran High School News and Information

CALVARY INSIDER - What happened at Calvary in the past week?

- Pastor Diener lead chapel with an Easter message.
- Baseball Lions enjoyed playing ball in the beautiful spring weather early this week against Crocker and New Haven. They ended their week competing in the Calvary tournament.

LION ATHLETICS -

- Baseball vs. MMA Thurs, April 20, 4:30pm
- Drama students will perform *The Women of Lockerbie* in the MSHSAA State Competition, beginning Thursday, April 20.

LAST CALL FOR TICKETS – Purchase your tickets by Wednesday, April 19 for the 2023 Crimson and Silver Dinner Auction at the St. Martin's Knights of Columbus Hall on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 4:00pm. Ticket price is \$50 per person, and tables of 8 are available for \$375. Get your tickets at www.calvarylhs.org/auction.

POSITION AVAILABLE – Calvary is seeking a mission-minded, enthusiastic individual with a passion for promoting Calvary to the greater Mid-Missouri region. Responsibilities of the Outreach Coordinator will include marketing plus assisting with admissions and development work. Resumes for this **20-hr** position are to be submitted to Calvary Lutheran High School, 2525 Rte B, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by April 17.

CALVARY GOLF TOURNAMENT – Join us for the 19th annual Calvary Golf Tournament *Friday, June 2, 2023* at Tanglewood Golf Course in Fulton! Whether you're interested in entering a team, sponsoring a hole, or volunteering to help with the event, we would love to have you! Contact John Christman at 573-638-0228 or administrator@calvarylhs.org with your interest. To register your team, go to <u>calvarylhs.org/golftournament</u> Space is Limited!

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT CALVARY'S GIFT - Do you have a few hours a week and have a servant's heart? Calvary's Gift would welcome your volunteerism! While "shopping hours" are Wednesday through Saturday, volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday. Contact John Meisel for more information, 573-821-8875.

SAVE THE DATE -

- Apr. 25 Calvary Blood Drive
- Apr. 29 Crimson & Silver Dinner Auction
- May 5 Spring Concert, 7PM
- May 27 Graduation, 10 AM
- June 2 19th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament
- June 10 Alumni Basketball Game

Happening at St. John's:

Voters' meeting is today after church.

Congratulations to Ezra Flores & Anna neé Schneider, who were united in marriage here yesterday.

"Today, we often find lines, divisions, and hate, but we hope to spread a little love and hope. Life is a valuable gift at all ages and all stages of life, and it should be protected." *Kambria Steinhaus, Knights 4 Life – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org*

EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING

CHRIST...Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: Putting Children at the Center of Family Policy, Responding to Unanswered Bible Questions, The Doctrine of the Trinity & the Bible, Lies about Human Nature, The Sacrifice of the Mass and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

This week:

Sunday, 4/16	9am 10am	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Fellowship / Voters' Meeting
Wed, 4/19	4:30pm	Confirmation
Sunday, 4/23 Creek	9am 10am 2pm	Sunday School / Adult Bible Class / LYF Divine Service Circuit Forum Meeting at Immanuel, Honey

Confession and Absolution

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- This joyful Eastertide
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified,
 Has sprung to life this morrow: Refrain
- ref Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!
- Death's flood has lost its chill
 Since Jesus crossed the river;
 Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver: Refrain
- 3 My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: Refrain Text: George R. Woodward, 1848–1934 Text: Public domain

Stand

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

Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

- If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

Confession of Sins

- **P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- **G** 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.

Absolution

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake 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 +H Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Stand

Service of the Word

Introit

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- vation-* if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good. Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name;* make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing prais- es to him;* tell of all his | wondrous works! Glory in his | holy name;* let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice! Seek the LORD and his strength;* seek his presence con- tinually! Remember the wondrous works that | he has done,* his miracles, and the judgments he uttered. He remembers his covenant for- | ever,* the word that he commanded, for a thousand gener- | ations. Glory be to the Father and to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. Amen. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to sal- | vation-*

if indeed you have tasted that the | Lord is good.

Kyrie

A In peace let us pray to the Lord.

- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

- A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

First Reading

²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

³³When they heard this, they were enraged and wanted to kill them. ³⁴But a Pharisee in the council named Gamaliel, a teacher of the law held in honor by all the people, stood up and gave orders to put the men outside for a little while. ³⁵And he said to them, "Men of Israel, take care what you are about to do with these men. ³⁶For before these days Theudas rose up, claiming to be somebody, and a number of men, about four hundred, joined him. He was killed, and all who followed him were dispersed and came to nothing. ³⁷After him Judas the Galilean rose up in the days of the census and drew away some of the people after him. He too perished, and all who followed him were scattered. ³⁸So in the present case I tell you, keep away from these men and let them alone, for if this plan or this undertaking is of man, it will fail; ³⁹but if it is of God, you will not be able to overthrow them. You might even be found opposing God!" So they took his advice, ⁴⁰and when they had called in the apostles, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. ⁴¹Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. ⁴²And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

Alleluia.
 Lord, to whom shall we go?
 You have the words of eternal life.
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and

said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

470 O Sons and Daughters of the King

- O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing, Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day, The faithful women went their way To seek the tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- An angel clad in white they see,
 Who sits and speaks unto the three,
 "Your Lord will go to Galilee."
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4 That night the_apostles met in fear; Among them came their master dear And said, "My peace be with you here." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 5 When Thomas first the tidings heard

That they had seen the risen Lord, He doubted the disciples' word. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 6 "My piercèd side, O Thomas, see, And look upon My hands, My feet; Not faithless but believing be." Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 9 On this most holy day of days Be laud and jubilee and praise: To God your hearts and voices raise. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
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Sermon

Stand

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.

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 + of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- In peace, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For faith to believe the resurrection of Christ and to trust the forgiving words of His servants, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For all servants of the church; for Pastor Etzler; for missionary Gerald Paul; and for military chaplains Theodore Hoham and Dennis Wenholz, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the members of Trinity Lutheran Church and School, as they recover and clean up from the fire, that adversity may draw them closer to you and to each other, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

- For all enemies of the Church, that their hearts may be brought to repentance; and for all Christians, that they may be strengthened in faith and vocation, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the households of our church, that begotten in Holy Baptism, we may grow in His grace and share together in His forgiveness and life; especially for Sharon Fischer and for Greg & Cathy Scheperle as they celebrate this week and for Ezra Flores and Anna Schneider as they begin their married life together, let us pray to the Lord:
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P For the authorities God has placed over us in federal, state and local

governments, that He would give them the desire to serve with integrity and honor and to work for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord:

- C Lord, have mercy.
- For the sick and sorrowful, for those who mourn, and for all who stand in need of our prayers, <u>[especially Paula Scheperle, Lois Belshe, and Cindy</u> <u>Eagen</u>,] let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- For confidence in the mercy of Christ and glad hearts as He greets us with peace, that we would be forgiven, renewed and strengthened by His body and blood, let us pray to the Lord:
- C Lord, have mercy.
- ▶ Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You that out of Your indescribable grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel and instituted the blessed Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and the forgiveness of sin. Grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily believe Your Word, and through the Holy Sacraments establish our faith day by day, until at last we obtain eternal salvation; through the Boly Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

Offering / Offertory

 What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?
 I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.
 I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **G** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface (Full)

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:

Sanctus

 Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

- **P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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

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

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Sit

Distribution

640 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior

- Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, Thee, Who in Thy Sacrament art pleased to be; Both flesh and spirit in Thy presence fail, Yet here Thy presence we devoutly hail.
- In this memorial of Thy death, O Lord,
 Thou dost Thy body and Thy blood afford:
 Oh, may our souls forever feed on Thee,
 And Thou, O Christ, forever precious be.
- Thou, like the pelican to feed her brood,
 Didst pierce Thyself to give us living food;
 Thy blood, O Lord, one drop has pow'r to win
 Forgiveness for our world and all its sin.
- 4 Fountain of goodness, Jesus, Lord and God: Cleanse us, unclean, with Thy most cleansing blood; Increase our faith and love, that we may know

The hope and peace which from Thy presence flow.

5 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, May what we thirst for soon our portion be: To gaze on Thee unveiled and see Thy face, The vision of Thy glory, and Thy grace. Amen.
Text: Thomas Aquinas, c. 1225–1274; (sts. 1–2, 4–5): tr. James R. Woodford, 1820–85, alt.; (sts. 2–3): tr. Stephen P. Starke, 1955
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In Thee is gladness

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Amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart. By Thee are given The gifts of heaven, Thou the true Redeemer art. Our souls Thou wakest, Our bonds Thou breakest: Who trusts Thee surely Has built securely; He stands forever: Alleluia! Our hearts are pining To see Thy shining, Dying or living To Thee are cleaving; Naught can us sever: Alleluia! 2 Since He is ours. We fear no powers, Not of earth nor sin nor death. He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath. Wherefore the story Tell of His glory With hearts and voices: All heav'n rejoices In Him forever: Alleluia! We shout for gladness, Triumph o'er sadness, Love Him and praise Him And still shall raise Him Glad hymns forever: Alleluia!

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531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus

 Hail, Thou once despisèd Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King! Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring. Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame! By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.

 Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid; By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.
 All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;
 Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.

 Jesus, hail! Enthroned in glory, There forever to abide;
 All the heav'nly hosts adore Thee, Seated at Thy Father's side.
 There for sinners Thou art pleading; There Thou dost our place prepare, Ever for us interceding Till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive; Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise; Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

Text (sts. 1, 3–4): Hymns Addressed to the Holy, Holy, Holy, Triune God, 1757, London, alt.; (sts. 2–4): A Collection of Psalms and Hymns, 1760, London, alt. Text: Public domain

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

Post-Communion Collect

A 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.

Benediction

- 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.

480 He's Risen, He's Risen

- He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death's prison, the_incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree. In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.
- But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
 And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
 The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
 For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- △ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

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