



“Did not our hearts burn within us  
while He talked to us on the road,  
while He opened to us  
the Scriptures?”

+ Luke 24:32



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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Each Sunday of the Easter season highlights one or another dimension of our Lord’s resurrection victory, delivering to us the benefits of His cross and empty tomb. Pay special attention to the words of today’s *Collect* (the chief prayer of the day): “O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys.”

How is it that we receive this joy and gladness?

Our first reading from Acts 2 declares that God has made Jesus, His crucified Son, “both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36), whereby He rescues us from the distress and anguish of death, giving us new birth of the imperishable seed of God’s living and abiding Word, as we read in the epistle from 1 Peter 1(:23). The Psalm assigned for today highlights this, recalling that in Christ we may “walk before the LORD in the land of the living (Ps 116:9).” In the *Gospel* from Luke 24(:13-35), our risen Lord reveals Himself to the sad-hearted Emmaus disciples, turning their grief into joy.

Joy in the Lord’s salvation is the thread that runs through our readings this day—and the thread that runs through our lives as citizens of His Kingdom, “for the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and *joy* in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17, *emphasis added*).

Yours in Christ Jesus,

+Pastor Griebenaw

## ✠ MATINS ✠

### OPENING HYMN: With High Delight Let Us Unite

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1 With high de-light Let us u - nite In songs of great  
2 True God, He first From death has burst Forth in - to life,  
3 Let prais-es ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord



ju - bi - la - tion. Ye pure in heart, All bear your part,  
all sub-du - ing. His en - e - my Doth van-quished lie;  
ad - o - ra - tion. His hon - or speed By word and deed



Sing Je - sus Christ, our sal - va - tion. To set us  
His death has been death's un - do - ing. "And yours shall  
To ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So shall His



free For - ev - er, He Is ris'n and sends To all earth's  
be Like vic - to - ry O'er death and grave," Saith He, who  
love Give us a - bove, From mis - er - y And death set



ends Good news to save ev - 'ry na - tion.  
gave His life for us, life re - new - ing.  
free, All joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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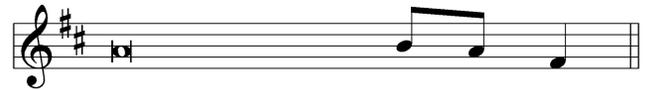
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### OPENING VERSICLES

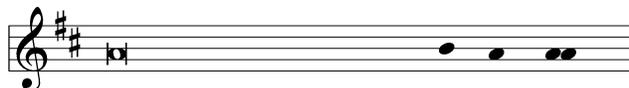
*Psalm 51:15; Psalm 70:1*



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

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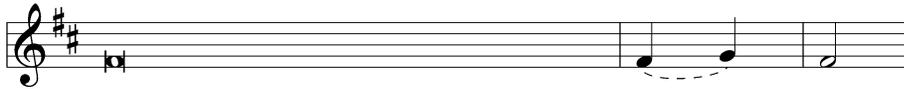
**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

Psalm 95: 1-7



**C** 1 O come, let us sing . . . . . to the Lord,  
2 For the Lord is a . . . . . great God  
3 The sea is His, for He . . . . . made it,  
  
5 Glory be to the Father and . . . . . to the Son



1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.  
2 and a great . . . . . king a - bove all gods.  
3 and His hand . . . . . formed the dry land.  
  
5 and to the . . . . . Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,  
2 The deep places of the earth are . . . . . in His hand;  
3 O come, let us worship and . . . . . bow down,  
4 For He . . . . . is our God,  
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to . . . . . Him with songs of praise.  
2 the strength of the hills is . . . . . His al - so.  
3 let us kneel before the . . . . . Lord, our mak - er.  
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.  
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



**L** The Lord is risen in - deed. Al - le - lu - ia.



**C** O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Sit

OFFICE HYMN: Who Are You Who Walk in Sorrow

LSB 476



1 Who are you who walk in sor - row Down Em - ma - us'  
 2 Who is this who joins our jour - ney, Walk - ing with us  
 3 Who are You? Our hearts are o - pened In the break - ing  
 4 Who are we who trav - el with You On our way through  
 5 "Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!" Is the Eas - ter



bar - ren road, Hearts dis - traught and hope de - feat - ed,  
 stride by stride? Un - known Strang - er, can You fath - om  
 of the bread— Christ the vic - tim, now the vic - tor  
 life to death? Wom - en, men, the young, the ag - ing,  
 hymn we sing! Take our life, our joy, our wor - ship



Bent be - neath grief's crush - ing load? Name - less mourn - ers,  
 Depths of grief for one who died? Then the won - der!  
 Liv - ing, ris - en from the dead! Great com - pan - ion  
 Wak - ened by the Spir - it's breath! At the font You  
 As the gift of love we bring. You have formed us



we will join you, We who al - so mourn our dead;  
 When we told You How our dreams to dust have turned,  
 on our jour - ney, Still sur - prise us with Your grace!  
 claim and name us, Born of wa - ter and the Word;  
 all one peo - ple Called from ev - 'ry land and race.



We have stood by graves un - yield - ing,  
 Then You o - pened wide the Scrip - tures  
 Make each day a new Em - ma - us;  
 At the ta - ble still You feed us,  
 Make the Church Your ser - vant bod - y,



Eat - en death's bare, bit - ter bread.  
 Till our hearts with - in us burned.  
 On our hearts Your im - age trace!  
 Host us as our ris - en Lord!  
 Sent to share Your heal - ing grace!

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## READINGS

### FIRST READING

*Acts 2:14a, 36–41*

<sup>14</sup>Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, . . . <sup>36</sup>Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup>Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” <sup>38</sup>And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup>For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to Himself.” <sup>40</sup>And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation.” <sup>41</sup>So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND READING

*1 Peter 1:17–25*

<sup>17</sup>If you call on Him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup>knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup>but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. <sup>20</sup>He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for your sake, <sup>21</sup>who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup>Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, <sup>23</sup>since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; <sup>24</sup>for

“All flesh is like grass  
and all its glory like the flower of grass.  
The grass withers,  
and the flower falls,  
<sup>25</sup>but the word of the LORD remains forever.”

And this word is the good news that was preached to you.

**L** O Lord, have mercy on us.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### ALLELUIA & VERSE



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

*Romans 6:9; Luke 24:32*

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over Him. Alleluia. Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures? Alleluia.



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

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Saint Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>13</sup>That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup>and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup>While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. <sup>16</sup>But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. <sup>17</sup>And He said to them, “**What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?**” And they stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup>Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered Him, “Are You the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” <sup>19</sup>And He said to them, “**What things?**” And they said to Him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a Man who was a Prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup>and how our chief priests and rulers delivered Him up to be condemned to death, and crucified Him. <sup>21</sup>But we had hoped that He was the One to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. <sup>22</sup>Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, <sup>23</sup>and when they did not find His body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that He was alive. <sup>24</sup>Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see.” <sup>25</sup>And He said to them, “**O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup>Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?**” <sup>27</sup>And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.

<sup>28</sup>So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if He were going farther, <sup>29</sup>but they urged Him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So He went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup>When He was at table with them, He took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup>And their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him. And He vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup>They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures?” <sup>33</sup>And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, <sup>34</sup>saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup>Then they told what had happened on the road, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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



**G** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**RESPONSORY: Easter**

*Psalm 96:2; Psalm 29:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:220*



**L** 1 Sing to the Lord and bless His name, proclaim His salvation from day to day.  
 2 Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the firstfruits of them that sleep.  
 3 Glory be to the  
 Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



**G** Give to the Lord all glo - ry and strength, give Him the

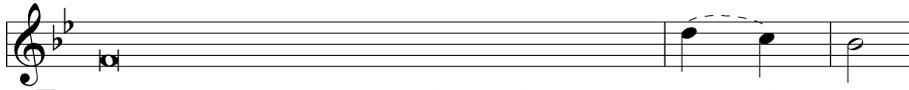


hon - or due His name. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

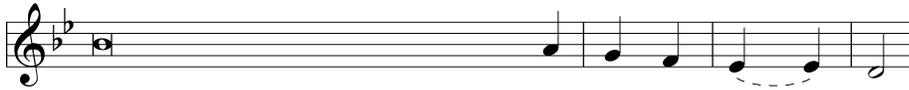
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TE DEUM: We Praise You, O God



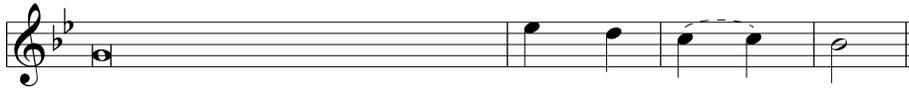
1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . Sab - a - oth;  
3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . praise — You.



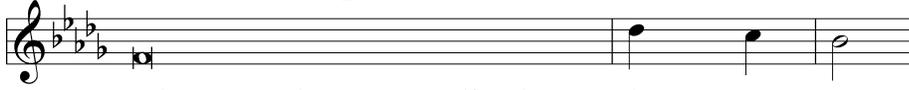
1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev - er - last - ing.  
2 heaven and earth are full of the majes - ty of Your glo - ry.  
3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac - knowl-edge You:



1 To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs there-in.  
2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . praise — You.  
3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on - ly Son;  
4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . O — Christ;



1 To You cherubim and seraphim con - tin - ual - ly do cry:  
2 The goodly fellowship of the . . . . . proph-ets praise — You.  
3 also the Holy . . . . . Ghost, the Com-fort - er.  
4 You are the everlasting Son . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You took upon Yourself to de - liv - er man,  
6 You sit at the right . . . . . hand of God



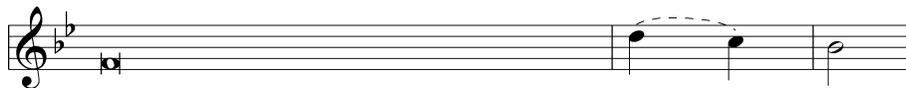
5 You humbled Yourself to be born of a vir - gin.  
6 in the glory . . . . . of the Fa - ther.



5 When You had overcome the . . . . . sharpness of death,  
6 We believe that . . . . . You will come



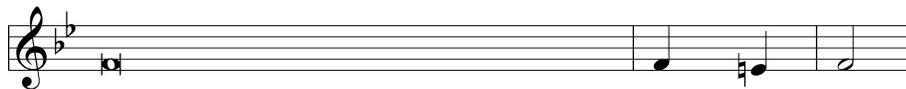
5 You opened the kingdom of heaven to all be - liev - ers.  
6 to . . . . . be — our — judge.



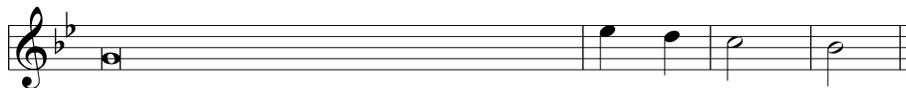
7 We therefore pray You to help Your . . . . . ser - vants,  
 8 O Lord, save Your people and bless Your . . . her - i - tage.  
 9 Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day with - out \_\_\_\_\_ sin.



7 whom You have redeem - ed with Your pre - cious blood.  
 8 Govern them and lift . . . . . them up for - ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy up - on \_\_\_\_\_ us.



7 Make them to be numbered . . . . . with Your saints  
 8 Day by day we . . . . . magni - fy You.  
 9 O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.



7 in glory . . . . . ev - er - last - ing.  
 8 And we worship Your name for - ever and ev - er.  
 9 O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be con - found - ed.

## PRAYER

*Kneel (or remain standing)*

### KYRIE

*Mark 10:47*



☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

### LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*



Our Fa - ther who art in heav - en, hal-low - ed be Thy name,



Thy king - dom come, Thy will be done on earth as



it is in heav - en; give us this day our dai - ly



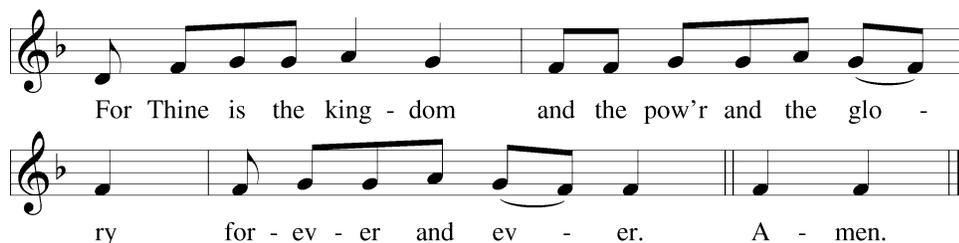
bread; and for-give us our tres-pass - es as we for-give



those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and lead us not in -

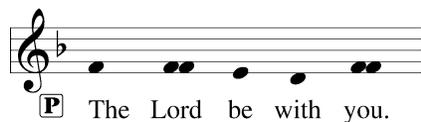


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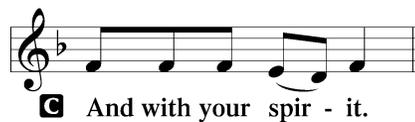


For Thine is the king - dom and the pow'r and the glo -  
ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

## COLLECTS



**P** The Lord be with you.



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

### *Collect of the Day*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### *Collect During an Epidemic*

**P** Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

*Additional collects may be prayed with the same form and response. The prayers then conclude with the Collect for Grace.*

### *Collect for Grace*

**P** O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

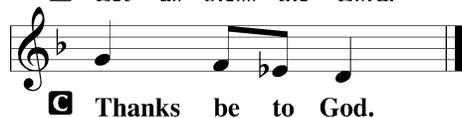
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## BENEDICAMUS

*Psalms 103:1*



**L** Let us bless the Lord.



**C** Thanks be to God.

**BENEDICTION**

2 Corinthians 13:14

**P** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God  
 and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.

**C** A - men.

**CLOSING HYMN: We Know That Christ Is Raised**

LSB 603

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
 2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.  
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.

Em-braced by death, He broke its fear - ful hold;  
 Re - born, we share with Him an Eas - ter life  
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the Church of God.

And our de - spair He turned to blaz - ing joy.  
 As liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.  
 Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.

Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia!

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**† SOLI DEO GLORIA †**  
 (TO GOD ALONE BE THE GLORY)

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## SOME FINAL THOUGHTS FROM YOUR PASTOR

Brothers and sisters,

How has it been over a month that Governor Newsom's Stay-at-Home Order has been in effect?

On the one hand, it feels like it has been forever! But on the other hand, it doesn't seem like it's been over a month—the strangeness of being separated hasn't worn off and it still seems odd to see everyone wearing a facemask. Wouldn't this have started to feel “normal” yet? Then again, it might not feel like it's been a month because, without the usual course and flow of life, the days just stream together. Have you felt that, too? And, I just miss “us” – the Church . . . gathering on Sunday, having some coffee together, doing Bible studies after church and with the men and the ladies, and the midweek gatherings that we had during Lent (yes, those are usually just an Advent and Lent thing but I still miss them).

So let's get back to it! ☺

Starting this week, let's have a Bible study together – men and women, young and old, friends and whoever else wants to “zoom” on by. Yes, that's a little joke. We'll be starting to have a Bible study on Tuesdays at just past Noon using the “Zoom” platform – it allows you to join with video on your computer or smartphone (so that we can see each other's smiling faces) or by telephone (in case you don't have a computer/smartphone or just prefer hanging-out in your pajamas all day and not letting anyone know).

Instructions for how to join the “Zoom” meeting will come in a separate email and we'll also have details on the website and our Facebook page. I picked Noon on Tuesdays so that, if you happen to still be working (either at your office or at home), you could join us during your lunch hour. I will open the Zoom meeting at Noon so we can have a little social time before we start the study at 12:15pm. I'll keep the session to 30 minutes (so our working folks can finish lunch and clean up before 1:00pm) and we can do a little more socializing at the end.

Also starting this week, we'll have a short service every Wednesday night at 7:00pm streaming on Facebook Live. Just like our Sunday services, I'll have a full service folder loaded on our website ([www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org](http://www.GraceLutheranElCentro.org)) that has all the hymns and the full liturgy. I hope that you'll take the time to join me every Wednesday night.

I pray that our time together this day has brought you joy, comfort, and the light of Christ Jesus into your homes. While we are apart from the Lord's house, let us hold fast to God's Word and earnestly study it each day, for it is written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in His name.

Lastly, while our physical gatherings are suspended, please remember that the work of Christ's church continues. Please mail your tithes and offerings to the church's post office box:

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Yours in Christ Jesus,  
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