

Cantate  
Easter IV  
3 May A+D 2026



*“Cantate” is from the Latin language. In English it means “Oh, sing”  
These are the beginning words of the Introit this week.*

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Prelude

Hymn of Invocation: 467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

Order of Worship: p. 184

Introit

*Psalm 98:1b; antiphon: vv. 1a, 2b*



Oh, sing unto the LORD a new song; Alleluia; for He hath done marvelous things, Alle- | luia!  
His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the heathen, alleluia, alle- | luia.  
His right hand and His | holy arm\*  
hath gotten Him the | victory.



**G** Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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**Kyrie - Salutation** *p. 186 ff*

**Collect of the Day**

**P** O God, who makest the minds of the faithful to be of one will, grant unto Thy people that they may love that which Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise, that among the manifold changes of this world our hearts may there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Sit*

**Prophecy**

*Isaiah 12:1-6*

Thus says the LORD God: In that day you will say: "O LORD, I will praise You; though You were angry with me, Your anger is turned away, and You comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; 'For YAH, the LORD, is my strength and song; He also has become my salvation.' " Therefore with joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And in that day you will say: "Praise the LORD, call upon His name; declare His deeds among the peoples, make mention that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, O inhabitant of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Epistle**

*James 1:17-21*

Dearly Beloved: Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of His own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Alleluia and Verse 459 Christ Is Arisen**



1 Christ is a - ris - en From the grave's dark



pris - on. So let our joy rise full and free;



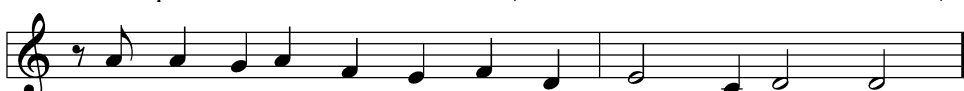
Christ our com - fort true will be. Al - le - lu - ia!



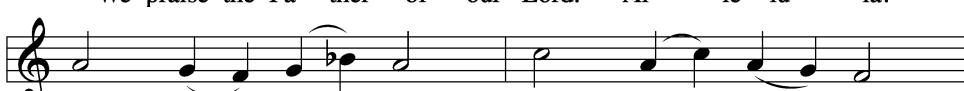
2 Were Christ not a - ris - en, Then death were still



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!

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## Holy Gospel

*John 16:5-15*

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. John.



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

At that time Jesus said to His disciples: “Now I go away to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine. Therefore I said that He will take of Mine and declare it to you.”

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.



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

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

## Nicene Creed

*Sit*

Hymn of the Day: 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *sts 1-5*

Sermon

Offering Hymn: 556 Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice *sts 6-10*

*Stand*

Offertory *p. 192 ff*

Prayer of the Church **P** Lord, in Your mercy; **C** hear our prayer.

## Proper Preface

**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 - Agnus Dei *p. 195 ff*

*Please stay standing as we together sing "This Is the Feast".*

### 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.

**Distribution Hymns:**

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia /  
741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense /  
726 Evening and Morning /  
696 O God, My Faithful God /  
628 Your Table I Approach /  
482 This Joyful Eastertide

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*

**Hymn to Depart: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word**

*Postlude*

Joint Ascension Service with St. Paul, Union Grove will be held THERE  
(1610 Main St. Union Grove, WI 53182)  
Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm  
No Wednesday service here next week

**Looking forward to Wednesday (St. John at the Latin Gate)**

Lessons: *Sirach 15:1-2a, 3-6, John 21:19b-24*

Hymns: 518:1,8,3-682-468-488

**Looking Forward to next Sunday (Rogate)**

Lessons: Numbers 21:4-9, James 1:22-27, John 16:23b-30

Hymns: 668-459-766-663-This Is the Feast II/TLH 520(printed)/LSB 526/464/457-493

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## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter's or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach (please read I Cor. 1:10; 10:16-17; 11:17-32). Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

