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**He Lives to Take Me from Death to Life**



**WELS**  
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

# Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CW 438 sts. 1-2, 4



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

I know that my Redeemer lives,

**and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.**

And after my skin has been destroyed,

**yet in my flesh I will see God;**

I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another.

**How my heart yearns within me!**

*Job 19:25-27*

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

**the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.**

*1 Cor 15:20*

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable,

and the mortal with immortality,

**then the saying that is written will come true:**

**“Death has been swallowed up in victory.”**

*1 Cor 15:53-54*

If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

**O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness...

*Psalms 130:3-4a*

## Confession

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

## Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

# Hymn: Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

CW 440 sts. 1-3, 6



1 Christ Je - sus lay in death's strong bands for our of -  
 2 No son of man could con - quer death, such ru - in  
 3 Christ Je - sus, God's own Son, came down, his peo - ple  
 6 So let us keep the fes - ti - val to which the



fens - es giv - en; but now at God's right hand he  
 sin had wrought us. No in - no - cence was found on  
 to de - liv - er; de - stroy - ing sin, he took the  
 Lord in - vites us; Christ is him - self the joy of



stands and brings us life from heav - en.  
 earth, and there - fore death had brought us  
 crown from death's pale brow for - ev - er.  
 all, the sun that warms and lights us.



There - fore let us joy - ful be and sing to  
 in - to bond - age from of old and ev - er  
 Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns; an emp - ty  
 Now his grace to us im - parts e - ter - nal



God right thank - ful - ly loud songs of  
 grew more strong and bold and held us  
 form a - lone re - mains; its sting is  
 sun - shine to our hearts; the night of



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 as its cap - tive. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lost for - ev - er. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 sin is end - ed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through Baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## The Word

### First Reading

*Jonah 2:2-9*

<sup>2</sup>He said the following:

In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From the belly of the grave I cried out,  
and you heard my voice.

<sup>3</sup>You threw me into the depths,  
into the heart of the seas.

The currents swept around me.

All your breakers and your waves swept over me.

<sup>4</sup>I said, "I have been driven away from your sight.

Nevertheless, I will once again look toward your holy temple."

<sup>5</sup>Waters engulfed me so that I was near death.

The deep surrounded me.

Seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup>To the roots of the mountains I sank down.

The earth locked me behind its bars forever.

But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD, my God.

<sup>7</sup>When my life was ebbing away, I remembered the LORD.

My prayer came to you, to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup>Those who cling to worthless idols forsake the mercy that is theirs.

<sup>9</sup>But I, with a shout of thanksgiving, will indeed sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed, I will certainly pay in full.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Brothers, I am going to call your attention to the gospel that I preached to you. You received it, and you took your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also being saved by that gospel that was expressed in the words I preached to you, if you keep your hold on it—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received:

that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>4</sup>that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures,

<sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.

<sup>6</sup>After that he appeared to over five hundred brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, but some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, he appeared also to me, the stillborn child, so to speak. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, and I am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted God's church. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not ineffective. On the contrary, I worked more than all of them (and yet it wasn't my doing, but it was the grace of God, which was with me, that did it). <sup>11</sup>So whether it is I or they, that is what we preach, and that is what you believed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day**

Revelation 1:18

Alleluia. I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades. Alleluia.

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**Gospel**

Matthew 28:1–10

<sup>1</sup>After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly, there was a great earthquake! For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here. He has risen, just as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup>Go quickly

and tell his disciples, 'He has risen from the dead! And look, he is going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him.' See, I have told you!"

<sup>8</sup>They hurried away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

<sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!"

They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him.

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

## Hymn of the Day: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CW 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,  
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
4 Crown him the Lord of heav'n, en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.  
crown him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,  
Crown him with man - y crowns as thrones be - fore him fall;



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
crown him, ye kings, with man - y crowns for he is King of all.

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## **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

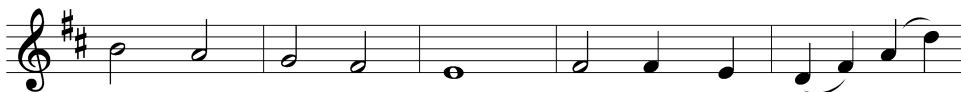
*Be seated*

## Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort  
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -  
3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to  
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who  
ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious  
plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry  
guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!  
in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.  
me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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# Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

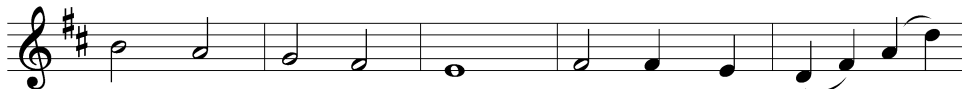
**Amen.**

## Closing Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CW 441 sts. 5-8



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; he lives to  
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; he lives and  
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; he lives, and  
8 He lives, all glo - ry to his name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; he lives to calm my  
loves me to the end; he lives, and while he  
I shall con - quer death; he lives my man - sion  
Je - sus, still the same. Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; he lives all bless - ings to im - part.  
lives, I'll sing; he lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.  
to pre - pare; he lives to bring me safe - ly there.  
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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