

Opening Hymn: He is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted forever exalted and I will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

(Repeat)

Invocation

P: In the name of God the Father:

C: Praise to our creating God!

P: In the name of His Son, Jesus:

C: Praise to our redeeming God!

P: In the name of God the Spirit:

C: Praise to our sanctifying God!

P: Let us join our thankful voices,

C: Amen! Amen! Praise the Lord!

Litany of Praise (Spoken or sung to LSB 816)

P: From all that dwell below the skies, Let the creator's praise arise;

C: Alleluia, alleluia!

P: Let the redeemer's name be sung, through every land, by every tongue.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Eternal are Your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Your Word;

C: Alleluia, alleluia!

P: Your praise shall sound from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.

C: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

P: Let us pray...one God now and forever.

C: Amen

Scripture Readings**Old Testament**

Acts 3:11–21

¹¹While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. ¹²And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all.

¹⁷"And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, ²⁰that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, ²¹whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–7

¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36–49

³⁶As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" ³⁷But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. ³⁸And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate before them.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Day: The King of Glory

WF41B

Chorus

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices;
Open the gates before Him, life up your voices.

Who is the King of glory; how shall we call Him?
He is Emmanuel, the Promised of ages. *Chorus*

In all of Galilee in city or village,
He goes among His people curing their illness. *Chorus*

Sing then of David's Son, our Savior and Brother;
In all of Galilee was never another. *Chorus*

He gave His life for us, the Lamb of salvation;
He took upon himself the sins of the nation. **Chorus**

He conquered sin and death, He truly has risen;
And He will share with us His heavenly vision. **Chorus**

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Gehrke

Prayers

P: Lord, in Your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Words of Confession

P: As we prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, let us take a moment to reflect upon the truth that we are sinners in need of Jesus' forgiveness.

C: I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God; He bears them all and frees us, from the accursed load. I bring my guilt to Jesus, to wash my crimson stains clean in His blood most precious, till not a spot remains.

Announcement of Forgiveness

Words of Institution

Pax Domini

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: Amen

Distribution of Holy Communion

You will be dismissed by individual pews. When dismissed, you may come forward to the altar railing, but do NOT kneel. We will commune you while you are standing up.

Distribution Hymns:

Alleluia

WF10C

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior,
He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior, He's my Savior.

He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy,
He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy, He is worthy.

I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him,
I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him, I will praise Him.

That's Why We Praise Him

WF22A

He came to live, live a perfect life; He came to be the living word, our light. He came to die so
we'd be reconciled; He came to rise to show His pow'r and might.

Chorus

That's why we praise Him, that's why we sing; That's why we offer Him our ev'rything.
That's why we bow down and worship this King, Cause He gave His ev'rything.

He came to live, live again in us; He came to be our conqu'ring King and friend. He came to
heal and show the lost ones His love; He came to go pre-pare a place for us. ***Chorus***

Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. Halle, hallelujah. ***Chorus***

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

WF39A

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, Hail Thee as the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, All who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other, Lift us to the Joy Divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus, Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother-love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music lifts us sunward, In the triumph song of life.

Post Communion Collect

P: Praise God!

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him in His holy temple, in the firmament of His power.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him in His mighty acts and His excellent greatness.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him with the blast of the trumpet, with harp, with timbrel and dance.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise Him with strings and organs and with loud, resounding cymbals.

C: Praise God!

P: Let everything that has breath praise Him.

C: Praise God!

P: Praise the Lord!

C: Alleluia!

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

WF29A

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia. For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling it's gloom.

Chorus

Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy; Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!

Go spread the news; He's not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won. **Chorus**

Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. **Chorus**

Soli Deo Gloria

*Please drop off your offering in the basket underneath the archway as you leave the sanctuary.
Pastor will dismiss you by individual pews.*