

Instructions for Easter Morning Front Porch Hymn Sing:

We may be in a challenging time of separation and social distancing, but **Sunday, April 12, 2020** is the most important day of the year—Easter! The day when our Lord Jesus Christ overcame the power of sin and death by rising from the grave, so that we can be assured *nothing* in this world would ever separate us from Him.

“For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” – Romans 8:38-39

To celebrate this life and love we have through Jesus on this Easter Sunday, you’re invited to praise our Risen Lord, and give witness to our communities of the hope we have, as we join together in the **Easter Morning Front Porch Hymn Sing**:

- 1) Find the music and prayers as part of this document. You can search for the tunes on Google or YouTube, or sing acapella.**
- 2) At 9 a.m. local time on Sunday, April 12, 2020, gather on your front porch, lawn, or wherever you can greet the day at your own residence.**
- 3) Sing and share with your family, friends, and the world the good news that Jesus Christ is alive and that we have eternal life in Him!**

I’m sure you’ve seen the news stories and videos of people singing from their balconies or front porches to connect with one another and boost morale. What better thing to sing about than the good news that Jesus is alive? It’s the good news this world desperately needs, at all times, but also especially now.

Afterwards, I’d invite you to watch Easter morning service from your home church, or if you don’t have one, join us at Trinity Lutheran Church (Gaylord, MI) www.trinitygaylord.com and Mt. Hope Lutheran Church (Grayling, MI) www.mthopelcmsgrayling.org – they both link to the same service.

God’s Blessings to You in Our Risen Lord,
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Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

Google or YouTube: Easter Hymn Tune



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!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, 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!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; 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!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye 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!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Lutheran Service Book (LSB) 461 *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

Google or YouTube: Duke Street Tune



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-
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.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.
- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Prayers and Readings You May Use Following the Hymns

Easter Acclamation (*with verses from 1 Corinthians 15*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Death is swallowed up in victory.

O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Selected Verses from Exodus 15:

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,
the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,
the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.

The LORD will reign forever and ever.

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.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

Prayer (*from the Lutheran Service Book*)

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen!