1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands, for our offenses
2 It was a strange and dreadful strife when life and death con-
3 So let us keep the festival to which the Lord in-

given; but now at God’s right hand he stands and
tended; the victory remained with life: the
vites us; Christ is himself the joy of all, the

brings us life from heaven: therefore let us
reign of death was ended. Stripped of pow’r, no
sun that warms and lights us. Now his grace to

TEXT: Martin Luther (1524). Tr. Richard Massie (1854), alt.
TUNE: Geystliche gesangk Buchleyn (1524). Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (c. 1707)