



EASTER

Don't Seek the Living among the Dead
April 8, 2012

7:00 & 9:00 BELL ANTHEM *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

7:00 & 9:00 ANTHEM *"Easter Acclamation"*

11:00 SOLO *"A Faithful Shepherd is My Lord"*

WELCOME

+ PREPARATION +

Please rise and face the Processional Cross at the entrance to the Sanctuary.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, alleluia.

People: Christ is risen indeed, alleluia.

Pastor: Christ is risen from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. *1 Corinthians 15:20*

People: Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

(7:00 & 9:00 Stanza 3 sung by Choir)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE **"This Is the Feast"** *(p. 155 in hymnal)*

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION and COLLECT

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Please be seated)

+ WORD +

OLD TESTAMENT Exodus 15:1-11 (*The Song of Moses*)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. "The LORD is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, LORD, shattered the enemy. "In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, LORD? Who is like you – majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 (*Christ---the Passover Lamb*)

Don't you know that a little yeast leavens the whole batch of dough? Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been

sacrificed. Therefore let us keep the Festival, not with the old bread leavened with malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

7:00 & 9:00 ANTHEM "A Resurrection Proclamation"

11:00 SOLO

"The Holy City"

(Please rise)

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18 (*The Resurrection*)

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter came along behind him and went straight into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head. The cloth was still lying in its place, separate from the linen. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to where they were staying. Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her.

(Please be seated)

HYMN OF THE DAY "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

(Tune: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee LSB #803)

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat:
see the ancient powers of evil in confusion and retreat;
once he died, and once was buried: now he lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ the world's Redeemer, whom we worship and adore.

Christ is risen, we are risen! Set your hearts on things above:
There in all the Father's glory lives and reigns our King of love;
Hear the word of peace he brings us, see his wounded hands and side;
Now let every wrong be ended, every sin be crucified.

7:00 & 9:00 Bell/Organ Interlude

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high!
Alleluia to the Savior who has gained the victory!
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia to the Triune Majesty!

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SERMON ON THE ROAD TO EMMAUS Luke 24:13-35

(Please rise)

NICENE CREED *(as found on the back cover of hymnal)*

(Please be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Please rise)

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Risen Savior, we join the triumphant praise. You have conquered death. We are assured of salvation, and we call to mind all those who have already come home to you.

People: Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for your beloved Church and for all who serve you, that they may witness faithfully and the Good News continue to be

spread; and we pray for your people everywhere.

People: Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all leaders: for governments, that they lead their people justly and that there be peace in our world; and for our church leaders, our pastors - Pastor Bender, who will soon join us, and Pastor Stanton, that they are blessed in ministry.

People: Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We commend to you those who are ill, including: Ray, Edith, Jerry, Gretchen, Harold, Elfrieda, Lois, Joe and Samuel, that they know your presence in their suffering. Keep the grieving and those remembering loved ones in your loving comfort and consolation: be with Woody, Susan and Denton. Give hope to all who are challenged by their circumstances, oppressed, or in danger. Keep safe all those who travel.

People: Risen Savior, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We join with the praise of all those receiving special blessings this day especially Dave, Diane, Joe and Tim. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

+ SACRAMENT +

WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace + of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI *(sung to tune #633 "At the Lamb's High Fest")*

Lamb of God, have mercy Lord; Grant us grace; from sin restore.

Risen Christ, our Lord, we pray, Peace bestow on us this day. Alleluia!

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(Please be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

7:00 & 9:00 BELL ANTHEM *“Because He Lives”*

HYMN #482 *“This Joyful Eastertide”*

HYMN #474 *“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”*

HYMN #480 *“He’s Risen, He’s Risen”*

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;

People: for His steadfast love endures forever. *Psalm 118:1*

Pastor: We give thanks, heavenly Father, that you have strengthened us in faith through this sacred meal, and we pray that your Holy Spirit will keep us in confident hope until we celebrate it with your Son in the eternal wedding banquet of the Lamb in His kingdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

People: **Amen.**

HYMN #463 *“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia”*

Preacher	Pastor Gregg Stanton
Lectors	Marty Osell, Pat Mundstock, Virginia Sell
Acolytes	Noelle Berg, Ashley Crist, Samantha Elmer
Organist	Roger Gottschalk
Music Coordinator	Kim Woller
Choir Director	Nancy Hoelke
Bell Choir Director	Jan Schneider
Soloist	Pastor Thomas Hinz
Instrumentalist	Dave Schneider