

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

HE IS RISEN !

April 1, 2018

AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! It's hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus' resurrection. Jesus didn't keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Today we celebrate Jesus resurrection, His appearance, and the Resurrection Hope He brings!

BELL ANTHEM (7:00 & 9:00) *"This Joyful Eastertide"*

WELCOME

HANDSHAKES & HUGS

✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

INVOCATION & OPENING SENTENCES

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: He died for our sins,

People: according to the Scriptures.

Pastor: He was buried in the tomb,

People: according to the definite plan of God.

Pastor: He rose from the dead

People: and appeared to many.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Please face the Processional Cross at the entrance to the sanctuary.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN #457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!

Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!

Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God's great mercy in Christ. Heavenly Father,

People: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE #465 "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds In praise of love that still abounds:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God, All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.

(Be seated)

CHOIR ANTHEM (7:00 & 9:00) "*Introit for Easter*"

✠ **WORD** ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 25:6-9* (The long-awaited Savior will come and make a feast for all nations on His holy mountain.) On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 15:1-11* (Paul delivers to the Corinthians the things of first importance: that Christ died and was raised for our sins.) Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than

five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

CHOIR ANTHEM (7:00 & 9:00) "*An Easter Carol*"

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 16:1-8* (Women come to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning to anoint Him with spices, but when they arrive, Jesus is not in the tomb.) When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(Be seated)

SERMON HYMN #478 "**The Day of Resurrection**"

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, From sin's dominion free,
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.

Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light
And, list'ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,
His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!

(Rise) All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne
And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

SERMON *"What Shall I Do With Jesus?"* **Mark 16:1-8**

(Rise)
NICENE CREED *(found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)*
(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. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)
PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Father in heaven, you raised your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead as the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Fill all your baptized people with the joy of His victory, and send us forth as witnesses to His resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lover of mankind, prosper your Gospel wherever it is preached throughout the world, that it may give and sustain faith in all who hear it. Deliver all your children from the power of darkness and bring them into the joyful Kingdom of your risen Son. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Lord of glory, your Son established your Church to be a refuge of peace in a troubled world. Raise up servants of your Church in

every place. Bless our pastors, our Together in Mission partners Chuck Ferry and Rachel Meyer and all who devote their lives to the spread of the Gospel and the service of your people. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: King of the nations, remember in your kindness all who bear authority in our land, and give them wisdom and integrity that they may serve our people according to your will. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of every good gift, we thank and praise you for the gift of life and join with the Ross family as they celebrate the birthdays of Joe and Tim. Bless us to treasure all the people you place in our lives and grant us to live in love with family and friends all our days. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Rock of refuge in every time of need, hear the prayers of those who call upon you in times of distress, especially those who are lonely and homebound, the sick, the dying and the mourning especially Bob, RoseMarie, Tony, Nancy, Sue, Janet, Donna, Dolores, Pat, Cliff, Manley, Pat, Shirley, Gladys, Herb, Matthew, Russ, Arlene, Dorothy, John, Arlene, Jack, Shirley, Jonathan, Helen, Leonard and Sarah. May your Son ever be their joy in sorrow, their health in sickness and their life in death. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Bountiful Giver of all things, your Son has prepared a feast of forgiveness and life for His people. Grant to all who come to His altar today a faithful share in His unending life. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: God of the living, receive our thanks this day for all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fellowship and who now rest from their labors. Bless Denton as he remembers his beloved Linda. Comfort the grieving, the Baumgart family, the Weigand family, and others who grieve. By your grace, bring us all at last to share with the faithful departed in the triumph of your resurrection. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI #550

“Lamb of God”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**
(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.

HYMN #484 “Make Songs of Joy”

Make songs of joy to Christ, our head; Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead! Alleluia!

Our life was purchased by His loss; Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross. Alleluia!

O death, where is your deadly sting? Alleluia!
Assumed by our triumphant King! Alleluia!

And where your victory, O grave, Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save? Alleluia!

Behold, the tyrants, one and all, Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall! Alleluia!

For this be praised the Son who rose, Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost! Alleluia!

HYMN #461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

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.

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.

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.

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!

HYMN #633 “At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing”

At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King.
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His pierced side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast-Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword:
Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas'chal victim, paschal bread; with
sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days; Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Gracious God, our heavenly Father, you have given us a foretaste of
the feast to come in the Holy Supper of your Son's body and blood.
Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that,
on the day of His coming, we may, together with all your saints,
celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has
no end; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on
you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and
✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN #482 "This Joyful Eastertide"

This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:

**Refrain: Had Christ, who once was slain, Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: But now has Christ arisen,
Arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!**

Death's flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: **Refrain**

My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: **Refrain**

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