

## THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY

He Is Risen! What a Day!

March 27, 2016

7:00 & 9:00

### AS WE GATHER

Without Easter, there is no hope. Without Easter, there is no *real* life. Simply put, without Easter, there's no Christianity. The Resurrection of Our Lord is the day on which the Church throughout the world celebrates the new reality we are given because Christ Jesus is indeed risen from the dead, *never to die again!* For many people, Easter Day is no different from any other day, except perhaps for a few special traditions involving a bunny, a ham, and an egg hunt for the kids. We know better, don't we? And we have a blessed opportunity today, don't we? As we gather for worship this morning, we confess our risen Lord and His saving Gospel before the world! May the world know what we know! Without Easter, we have nothing. Yet with Easter and because of Easter, we have everything! Forgiveness and new life are ours in Christ—both to receive and to share! *Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!*

### WELCOME

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

### HANDSHAKES & HUGS

#### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

(Rise)

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN #465 “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

(Bell Accompaniment) (Please turn and face the processional cross as it is carried from the narthex into the sanctuary.)

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!

Eternal is the gift He brings, There-fore our heart with rapture sings:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life  
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!”  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph;  
Grant grace sufficient for life's day That by our lives we truly say:  
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” 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!

### 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: The stone has been rolled away! Alleluia!

**People: The crucified is risen! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Christ has conquered death by the cross!

**People: He has come out of the tomb!**

Pastor: Christ has risen and will not die again!

**People: Death has been swallowed up in victory!**

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made!

**People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father. Merciful Father,

**People: we confess to you that we are nothing apart from you. Your Word describes us as spiritually blind, deaf, and dead by our very nature without your saving grace. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have acted as if we do not need you. But we are wrong—dead wrong! Forgive us, Father, for our many sins against you and against one another. By the mercy you show us in the sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ, remind us again of the new life and salvation you have freely given. Cleanse and renew us by your grace that we may rise to newness of life with our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: “For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

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*Refrain: 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. *Refrain*

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

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. *Refrain*

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

#### SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. O God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of sin and the grave. Because of Easter, we are forever changed! Change our hearts this day that, dying to the sin for which your Son gave His life, we may rise with Him to live before you forever; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

(Be seated)

#### BELL ANTHEM

“Joy!” Elizabeth Peters

#### ✠ WORD ✠

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 65:17–25* (The Lord will create the new heavens and earth.) Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create, for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy. I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people; the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more. "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not live out his years; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat. For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people; my chosen ones will long enjoy the works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:19–26* (Christ Jesus will destroy death itself.)

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

#### ANTHEM

“Alleluia, Christ is Risen”

(Rise)

**HOLY GOSPEL** *Luke 24:1–12* (The stone has been rolled away, and Jesus is risen!) On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the

Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

(Be seated)

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #457 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (Bell Accompaniment)

*Rise for the last stanza*

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!

(Rise)

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!

SERMON

"A Stone Rolled Away"

Luke 24:1-12

ANTHEM

"Hallelujah Chorus"

**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 to the Father with joy and confidence for His holy Son is risen from the dead! All glory to you, dear Father in heaven, for you have fulfilled your Word and brought your holy servant Jesus, our Lord and God, through death to resurrection! Let this news of redemption spread throughout the world, for by His death He has conquered death; by His resurrection, creation is renewed.

**People:** **Grant us your Holy Spirit, that this day you would become the foundation of our life, that every day we would live in resurrection hope, and in the hour of death find everlasting life.**

**Pastor:** Unite in joy the entire Holy Christian Church gathered to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. Put an end to all division and false doctrine. We praise you for your great deliverance: you brought Noah and his family through the great flood; you brought Israel through the sea on dry ground; you brought Jonah up from the belly of the sea creature; and finally you raised your holy servant Jesus from the dead.

**People:** **Raise up preachers in every city and land to shout this good news and give voice to choirs to sing alleluias without end. Grant that the name of Jesus be heard in every corner of the earth this glad day.**

**Pastor:** By the power of your Son's resurrection, we implore you to visit the sick, the suffering, the homebound, the grieving and all who stand in need especially Doris, Jean, Barb, Jan, Jean, Ruth, Mae, Jeannine, Rosalie, Charlene, Bob, Marion, Richard, Marion, Debra, Helen, Leonard, LuEva, Linda, Gladys, Russ, Jack, Shirley, Gretchen, Lois and Sarah. Grant them healing and hope through the death and resurrection of Christ.

**People:** When our last hour comes, bless our graves and remember us on the Last Day, that our lowly bodies be transformed by Christ's glorious body, by the power that enables Him to subdue all things to Himself.

**Pastor:** In His glorious resurrection, you revealed your Son to be King of kings and Lord of lords. Grant that all who bear earthly authority would exercise their offices with humility, restraint and integrity.

**People:** In this election year, bless the people of our nation with wisdom, that we would elect leaders who will serve the common good, be of good counsel, and secure our freedoms for the well-being and preservation of your holy Church.

**Pastor:** Giver of every good gift, we rejoice in all your blessings this day, even as we rejoice with Dave and Diane as they celebrate the birthdays of their two sons, Tim and Joe.

**People:** Make the hearts of your people thankful each day for every blessing you give us, especially the hope we have in Christ.

**Pastor:** God of comfort and consolation, on this day we celebrate victory over death through the empty tomb of your Son. Yet, on this earth, we still experience grief at the passing of loved ones. Bless and comfort Denton as he remembers his beloved wife, Linda.

**People:** Bless and comfort all who grieve, and even now fill them with hope and joy through the promise of resurrection and life eternal.

**Pastor:** Father, as we receive the mystery of your Son's body and blood this holy day, make it to be for us the medicine of immortality and the antidote to death.

**People:** May His Supper transform us, that our daily lives would be lived in newness of life, our souls be cleansed unto righteousness, and our bodies one day be made immortal.

**Pastor:** Lord Jesus, you did not spurn the virgin's womb, neither did you hesitate to suffer all, even death, for our sake. We praise and magnify your holy name now and forever. Be with us as we follow you, and be our Redeemer even from the grave. To you will we live, to you will we die and yours will we be forever, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**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

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

(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 #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!

### HYMN #467 “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”

Awake, my heart, with gladness, See what today is done;  
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.  
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made  
Then to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.  
The foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb;  
But lo, he now is routed, His boast is turned to gloom.  
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory  
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o’er the grave.  
This is a sight that gladdens What peace it doth impart!  
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.  
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take  
The hope which God’s own Son In love for me has won.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, Of all their pow’r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil, And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow’r-less form, How-e’er it rave and storm.

The world against me rages, Its fury I disdain;  
Though bitter war it wages, Its work is all in vain.  
My heart from care is free, No trouble troubles me.  
Misfortune now is play, And night is bright as day.

Now I will cling forever To Christ, my Savior true;  
My Lord will leave me never, Whate’er He passes through.  
He rends death’s iron chain; He brakes through sin and pain;  
He shatters hell’s grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal That leads to bliss untold,  
Whereon this rhyme immortal Is found in script of gold:  
“Who there My cross has shared Finds here a crown prepared;  
Who there with Me has died Shall here be glorified.”

### COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

### POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful Father, in this Sacrament, we have tasted  
and seen that you are good! The blessings of the first Easter Day  
have been given to us again on this Easter Day! Help us to go  
forth from this worship service and share the hope you’ve placed  
within us with the people you place around us. We pray this  
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.

## EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## CLOSING HYMN #475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”

God Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;  
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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