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LUTHERAN
CHURCH

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Making the
Love of
Christ
Known

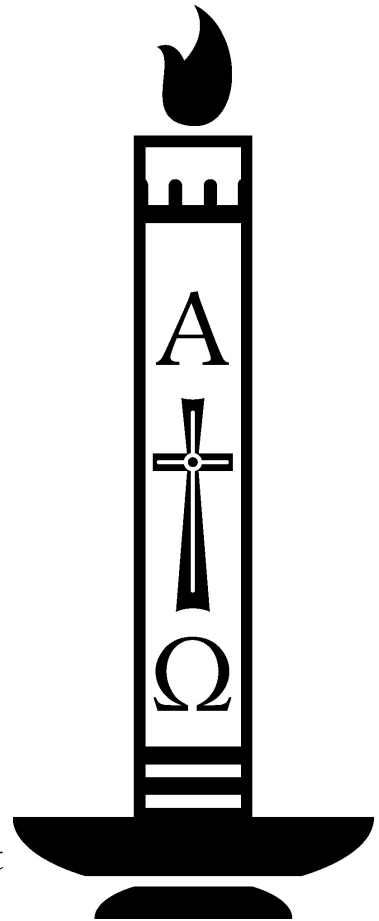
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The Day of the RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter.

The story of Mary Magdalene is the church's story. We hear the voice of the risen Lord in the scriptures. We receive his body and blood in the holy supper. We encounter him in our siblings and in all those in need who look for salvation. We are charged to go forth in daily life and proclaim with our words and deeds that we have seen the Lord. It is the day of resurrection, the day the Lord has made. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



Welcome

Praise Song

He's Alive
Christ The Lord Is Risen
In Christ Alone

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.

³⁴Peter began to speak to [the people]: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The reading is concluded:

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.



Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

The Resurrection of Jesus is announced, and the response is one of terror and amazement.

¹When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" ⁴When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." ⁸So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

The gospel is concluded:

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

 **Prayers**

Offering

Today we gather to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We sing wonderful hymns that speak of our praise, adoration, and joy! But in reality, every Sunday in the Christian church is an Easter Sunday because we celebrate Christ's resurrection every Sunday. Thank you for your generous weekly offerings. The gifts of your time, your ability, and your money make it possible for St. John Lutheran Church to proclaim the resurrection and Make the Love of Christ Known everyday.

Offering Song

Offertory Prayer

Communion Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

The King Is Coming

Benediction

Sending Song

Because He Lives

HOLY COMMUNION

The ministry of Word and Sacrament at St. John Lutheran Church is conducted in accordance with Holy Scripture and the Lutheran Confessions. Holy Communion is celebrated here in the confidence that we are receiving from our Lord all that he promises when he gives his body and blood to eat and to drink. In the Sacrament we are most fully one with Christ and with one another, and in this Meal we are nourished to live in faithfulness to Christ and his Word and in forgiveness and in love toward one another. The Lutheran church teaches that all Baptized Christians who are communing members of any church are welcome at this table because Christ is our Host, and Christ invites all the baptized to be nourished at his table.



He's Alive

Verse 1

The gates and doors were barred
And all the windows fastened down
I spent the night in sleeplessness
And rose at ev'ry sound
Half in hopeless sorrow
And half in fear the day
Would find the soldiers breaking through
To drag us all away

Verse 2

And just before the sunrise
I heard something at the wall
The gate began to rattle
And a voice began to call
I hurried to the window
And looked down into the street
Expecting swords and torches
And the sound of soldiers' feet

Verse 3

There was no one there but Mary
And so I went down to let her in
John stood there beside me
As she told us where she'd been
She said they moved Him in the night
And none of us knows where
The stone's been rolled away
And now His body isn't there



Verse 4

We both ran toward the garden
Then John ran on ahead
We found the stone
And the empty tomb
Just the way that Mary said
But the winding sheet they wrapped Him in
Was just an empty shell
And how or where they'd taken Him
Was more than I could tell

Verse 5

Well something strange had happened there
But just what I didn't know
John believed a miracle
But I just turned to go
Circumstance and speculation
Couldn't lift me very high
'Cause I'd seen them crucify Him
Then I saw Him die

Verse 6

Back inside the house again
The guilt and anguish came
Ev'rything I'd promised Him
Just added to my shame
When at last it came to choices
I denied I knew His name
And even if He was alive
It wouldn't be the same



Verse 7

But suddenly the air was filled
With strange and sweet perfume
Light that came from ev'rywhere
Drove shadows from the room
Jesus stood before me
With His arms held open wide
And I fell down on my knees
And just clung to Him and cried

Verse 8

He raised me to my feet
And as I looked into His eyes
Love was shining out from Him
Like sunlight from the skies
Guilt and my confusion
Disappeared in sweet release
Ev'ry fear I'd ever had
Just melted into peace

Chorus

He's alive He's alive
He's alive and I'm forgiven
Heaven's gates are open wide

Ending

He's alive He's alive He's alive

Christ The Lord Is Risen Today (Easter Hymn)

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is risen today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heavens and earth reply alleluia

Verse 2

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Once he died our souls to save alleluia
Where's thy victory boasting grave alleluia

Verse 3

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids Him rise alleluia
Christ hath opened paradise alleluia

Verse 4

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Following our exalted Head alleluia
Made like Him like Him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia



In Christ Alone

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me



For I am His and He is mine

10 Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand



Because He Lives

Verse 1

God sent His Son they called Him Jesus
He came to love heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove
My Savior lives

Chorus

Because He lives I can face tomorrow
Because He lives all fear is gone
Because I know He holds the future
And life is worth the living
Just because He lives

Verse 2

How sweet to hold our newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy he gives
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
Because Christ lives

Verse 3

And then one day I'll cross that river
I'll fight life's final war with pain
And then as death gives way to vict'ry
I'll see the lights of glory
And I'll know He reigns

