



# Good Morning!

**To Our Guests:** We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us today! Please stop by our Welcome Desk for more information about all our ministries. Please read below for more information about worshipping with us.

**We love children at Christ Our Savior.** Parents are encouraged to sit in the front pews so young children can see what is happening during worship. A nursery for children, infant to 3 yrs, and a family lounge off the Advent Lobby are available for those who prefer these areas. Ask an usher for directions.

**Joyful Giving Opportunities:** The offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary. You are welcome to place your offering there before and after the worship services. Or give online! Click here: 

**Please check in with the Friendship Pad or Online.** Remove the Friendship pad from the hymn rack on the center aisle and fill out your information. Take note of the people sitting around you – welcome each other by name! Or check in online by clicking here: 

**We welcome guests to Sunday School and Bible classes,** from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.

| Sunday School                              | Lead by:   | Where:            |
|--|--|-------------------|
| Sunday School Opening                      | Karla Schettenhelm, Matt Fremder                       | Rooms 8 & 9       |
| Pre K thru Kindergarten                    | Dawn Cipa, Susan Weak,<br>Michelle Linderman           | Room 15           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> thru 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade | Nikki Shingledecker, Kirsten Galka,<br>Sarah Kittleman | Room 8            |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> thru 6 <sup>th</sup> grade | Laurie Candela, Tom Brunner,<br>Jim Edwards            | Room 10           |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> thru 8 <sup>th</sup> grade | Nathan Troike  | Room 12           |
| High School Youth                          | Judy Bruder, Dan Young,<br>Josh Kittleman              | Youth Room        |
| Adult Bible Studies                        |  |                   |
| Bethel Bible Series                        | Judy Mayle   | Gethsemane Chapel |
| Questions that Matter                      | Pastor Davenport                                       | Gym               |
| Faith at Home                              | Josh Kittleman   | Rooms 1-4         |

## AS WE GATHER

Luke reports that at seeing the resurrected Jesus, the disciples "disbelieved for joy" (24:41). The theme of rejoicing is woven throughout the Scriptures. The psalmist exhorts: "Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of His name; give to Him glorious praise!" (66:1-2). The prophet Isaiah assures God's people that they will have cause for rejoicing as he writes: "For the Lord comforts Zion; . . . joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song" (51:3). Paul writes to people who know of the glorious resurrection of Jesus Christ on that first Easter day: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice" (Philippians 4:4). The season of Easter is a time for joyous praise that begins now!

# Order of Worship

*Divine Service, Setting One*

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Lindsay Miller

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ✠ Preparation ✠

OPENING HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480

1. **He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;  
He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.  
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song  
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.**
2. **The foe was triumphant when on Calvary  
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.  
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,  
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.**
3. **But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,  
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.  
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;  
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.**
4. **O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;  
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.  
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;  
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.**
- △ 5. **Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;  
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.  
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:  
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.**

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INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**OPENING SENTENCES** *Psalm 118:24; Romans 6:9; adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8*

- P** This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**C** **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**P** Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;  
**C** **death no longer has dominion over Him.**  
**P** Christ has risen from the dead.  
**C** **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.**  
**P** He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;  
**C** **He has put all things under His feet.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

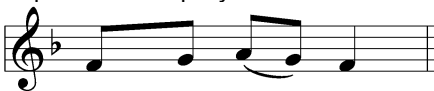
- P** Let us now confess our sin to God, our merciful Father.  
**C** **Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all people, we admit and confess our sinfulness. We are by nature sinful, and we have not always lived as Your thankful and joyful people. We have indeed turned away from one another in our thinking, speaking, and doing. We have done the evil You forbid and have not done the good You demand. We do repent and are truly sorry for these our sins. Have mercy on us, gracious Father; forgive us all that is past, blot out our sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, direct our lives so that we serve You in true faithfulness. Grant us steadfastness among all the changes of this world and build Your kingdom among us here through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
**P** God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn to Him. May He keep you in His grace by the Holy Spirit and grant you a victorious life on earth and finally a triumphant life with Him in heaven forever. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit. As well-loved Easter people, rejoice and be glad! You are free indeed!  
**C** **Amen.**

$\text{✠}$  Service of the Word  $\text{✠}$

**KYRIE**

LSB 152

- P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



- C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



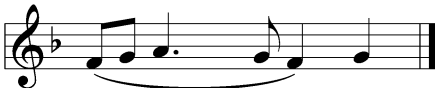
**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



**C** A - men.

## HYMN OF PRAISE

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

LSB 488

**He is arisen! Glorious Word!**

**Now reconciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are open.**

**My Jesus did triumphant die,**

**And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.**

**O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, Rising glorious, Life is giving.**

**He was dead but now is living!**

## SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

LSB 156

**P** The Lord be with you.



**C** And al - so with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, through the humiliation of Your Son You raised up the fallen world. Grant to Your faithful people, rescued from the peril of everlasting death, perpetual gladness and eternal joys; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**FIRST READING***(Peter preaches in the heart of Jerusalem.)*

Acts 3:11–21

<sup>11</sup>While [the lame man who was now healed] clung to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the portico called Solomon's, astounded. <sup>12</sup>And when Peter saw it he addressed the people: "Men of Israel, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we have made him walk? <sup>13</sup>The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified his servant Jesus, whom you delivered over and denied in the presence of Pilate, when he had decided to release him. <sup>14</sup>But you denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, <sup>15</sup>and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. <sup>16</sup>And his name—by faith in his name—has made this man strong whom you see and know, and the faith that is through Jesus has given the man this perfect health in the presence of you all. <sup>17</sup>And now, brothers, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. <sup>18</sup>But what God foretold by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer, he thus fulfilled. <sup>19</sup>Repent therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, <sup>20</sup>that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus, <sup>21</sup>whom heaven must receive until the time for restoring all the things about which God spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets long ago."

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE***(We are God's children now.)*

1 John 3:1–7

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure. <sup>4</sup>Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup>You know that he appeared to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup>No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. <sup>7</sup>Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**ALLELUIA AND VERSE***Romans 6:9; John 20:29b*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

**HOLY GOSPEL***(The disciples are witnesses of the risen Lord.)*

Luke 24:36–49

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>36</sup>As they were talking about these things, Jesus himself stood among them, and said to them, "Peace to you!" <sup>37</sup>But they were startled and frightened and thought they saw a spirit. <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? <sup>39</sup>See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." <sup>40</sup>And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. <sup>41</sup>And while they still disbelieved for joy and were marveling, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" <sup>42</sup>They gave him a piece of broiled fish, <sup>43</sup>and he took it and ate before them. <sup>44</sup>Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, <sup>46</sup>and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON HYMN***"Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus"**LSB 531*

- Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou universal Savior, Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merit we find favor: Life is given through Thy name.**

2. **Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven Through the virtue of Thy blood;  
Opened is the gate of heaven, Reconciled are we with God.**
4. **Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing Thou art worthy to receive;  
Highest praises, without ceasing, Right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, All your noblest anthems raise;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits, Help to chant Immanuel's praise!**

## SERMON

"Totally Spectacular"

Acts 3:11-21

## THIS IS WHAT WE BELIEVE

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.**

## OFFERING

*The ushers bring forward our gifts as a response to His blessings in our lives.  
Offering plates are located at the back of the sanctuary both before and after services.*

## PRAYER AT OFFERING

**P** Heavenly Father, in following Your example, we offer these gifts to you today. As you have blessed us without measure, we bring these tithes to you and pray that You would bless them for the continuance and growth of Your kingdom. A kingdom that waits for joyfully for Jesus' return. Bless us as we offer ourselves to You in our vocations, so that we manage and use all the gifts you have bestowed on us to Your glory.

**C** **All that I have is Yours, Lord Jesus Christ. All that I have is You.**

**P** Use then all of our gifts for works of love, mercy, witness, and unto the increase of Your glory.

**C** **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the whole church, that the message of salvation may joyfully be proclaimed throughout all the world and the forgiveness of sins be celebrated around the globe. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for the nations of the world, that governments would be a source of blessing to those who are governed and that oppression in all forms may be hindered, bringing a sense of security and well-being in every place. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for ourselves in this amazing season of our Lord's great victory that we may truly be Easter people all year long, radiating the light of Christ in our homes, workplaces, and communities. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for all who serve us through their callings, especially those who deal with special challenges or dangers on a regular basis, including police officers, firefighters, and other emergency personnel. Also, we remember at this time the military forces of our nation, those stationed both at home and abroad, whose efforts serve to defend our nation in challenging times. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We pray for those with special concerns and needs this day: those who are hospitalized, those who grieve, the unemployed and underemployed, the chronically ill and shut-in, and all others whose needs are known to us. Bless them with Your presence, gracious Father, that they may have a sense of purpose in their lives and find strength and hope for each day. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Merciful God, we bless You for having placed into our lives faithful Christian people to guide us. We remember those no longer among us on earth, who have completed their earthly races and have won the final victory in Christ. Lead us to follow in their way, that we may rejoice together eternally with saints and angels. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer. Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**



## BENEDICTION

*Numbers 6:24–26*

- P** 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.
- C** Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing"

*LSB 475*

- 1. Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2. 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!**
- 3. Praise we in songs of victory  
That love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 4. 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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## SILENT PRAYER

## POSTLUDE

*"Easter Triumph"*

*Emma Louise Ashford*





## **ALTAR FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD:**

By Erik and Jennifer Kuszynski, in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **SERVICE PARTICIPANTS –**

Preaching: Pastor Davenport  
Liturgist: Pastor Werner  
Organist: Matt Fremder  
Elder: Andrew MacAfee  
Acolyte: Sam Puterbaugh  
Lector: David Miller  
Altar Guild: Judy Bruder and Nancy Hermanson  
Greeters: John Gilbert and Caren VanZant  
Media Team: Ken Ciscon, Rol Schlosser, Dave Kosmalski  
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