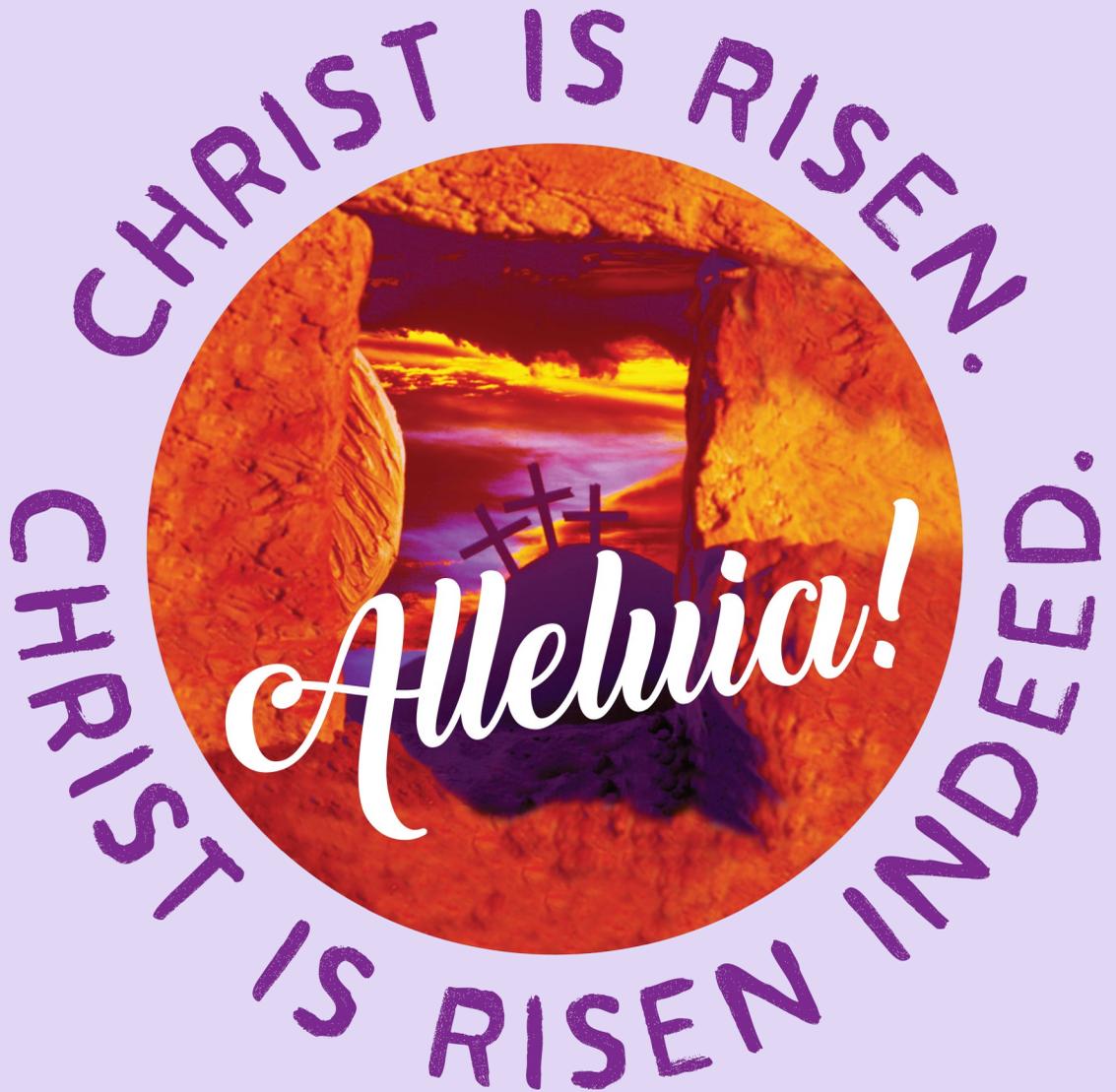


8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 2021



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The Resurrection of Our Lord

Easter Sunday

April 04, 2021 8:15 AM

AS WE GATHER

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

BEFORE YOU TAKE HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in Holy Communion we receive not the symbolic but the true body and blood of Jesus Christ with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins. If you are a baptized Christian who has been instructed in the same Biblical teaching, and if you agree with the announcement on our communion card and the confession of our faith, please join us to receive the gifts that Jesus Christ has prepared for us in communion. If you have any questions or uncertainties, please feel free to make an appointment to talk with the pastor during the week before communing with us.

+++ SERVICE OF LIGHT +++

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

P: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

P: The light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Rejoice now, heavenly hosts and choirs of angels, and let your trumpets shout salvation

C: for the victory of our mighty King.

P: Rejoice and sing now, all the earth, bright with a glorious splendor,

C: for the ancient darkness has been vanquished by our eternal King.

P: Rejoice and be glad now, mother Church, and let your holy courts, in radiant light,
C: resound with the praises of God's people.

P: All you who stand near this marvelous and holy flame, pray with me to God
Almighty

C: for the grace to sing His worthy praise:

P: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, in the
unity of the Holy Spirit,

C: one God, now and forever. Amen.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

PRAYER

P: 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.

**C: 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;**

P: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

+++ PREPARATION +++

PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457
(Please stand, as you are able, for the last stanza)

OPENING SENTENCES *Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1, 3*

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: We were buried with Christ by Baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was
raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

C: we too might walk in newness of life.

P: If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where
Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

C: For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 51:17*

P: On the cross Jesus said, "It is finished," and on Easter our Father in heaven
acknowledged the sacrifice complete by raising our Savior from death. Forgiveness
is available to all who call out to God in Jesus' name. Let us therefore confess our
sins.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and our sinful condition.)

P: Heavenly Father,

C: we confess that we have not walked in newness of life. We have failed to love You with all that we are and have, and we have not always remembered the new life You bestowed on us in Baptism.

P: Lord Jesus,

C: we confess that we have not always sought the things that are above. We have failed to love our neighbors with our thoughts, words, and deeds.

P: O Holy Spirit,

C: we have not always relied on Your power to amend our sinful lives. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, for we call out to You in Jesus' name.

P: Christ has paid for all our sins. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise. As a called and ordained servant of Christ I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

(Please be seated)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 25:6–9

(He will swallow up death forever.)

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He 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. ⁹It 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."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL adapt. from *Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6*

L: Christ has risen from the dead.

C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,

L: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

C: He has put all things under His feet.

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15: 19–26 (*Christ is the first fruits of those who will be raised.*)

¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ

the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE *2 Timothy 1:10b*

P: Alleluia. Christ Jesus abolished death

C: and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

(He is risen; He is not here!)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ²And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³And they were saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?” ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the

right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And 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. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.” ⁸And 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.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

LSB 465

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the Church here and around the world and for all people in their various conditions.

P: We remember before You, heavenly Father, all in whom Your Holy Spirit has worked faith in Your Son, especially all who rejoice in His victory over death and the grave. Renew in all of us new hearts and minds so that our celebrating will have no end.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Creator God, those who till the soil and tend the flocks, all who distribute the earth's bounty, and all who care for this good earth. Guide and direct them so that times of sowing and reaping, buying and selling, produce harvests that feed the nations.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Spirit of love, those who are calling out from stresses of body or soul, especially Joseph Hood.... In sighs too deep for words, hear the depths of their distress, intercede for them, and grant them relief, restored health, personal dignity, and hope for the future.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: We remember before You, Lord Jesus, those who would have their way by force of arms or cunning of mind. Thwart their plans, guard the nations of the world, and let peace spring up with righteousness.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: Lord, every moment of joy comes from You. We thank You for the blessings You have poured out upon us. We rejoice with those who celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week that they remain faithful to your Word including: Connie Brown, Marlis Friesner, Frank Heeren Jr., Kari Henneous, Bethany Sanders, Kim Weier, William Abbe, Bill Hanna, Doug Siefker, Robert Greene, Brenda Petersen, Doug Schuldt, John Windle, Wally Delzell, Jared Grauer, Matt Hult, and KC Jager.

C: Risen Savior, Lord, have mercy. Alleluia!

P: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Risen Savior, for Your mercy, sing we Amen!

OFFERING

"Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia"

LSB 466

+++ SACRAMENT +++

Preface (Sung)

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P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS "Holy, Holy, Holy" (Sung) *Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:

Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.

Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

LORD'S PRAYER

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WORDS OF OUR LORD

PAX DOMINI The Peace of the Lord *John 20:19*

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

C: **Amen.** (sung)

AGNUS DEI "Lamb of God" (Sung) *John 1:29*

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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.

READING OF THE COMMUNION ANNOUNCEMENT CARD

(Please be seated)

The Distribution Hymns

"At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing" LSB 633

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia" LSB 463

"Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have given us this gracious gift of life. Grant that, remembering our Savior's death and resurrection, we be strengthened to live each day, trusting You joyfully and loving one another fervently; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

Numbers 6:24–26

C: Amen.

HYMN

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

LSB 461 vs. 1-4

DISMISSAL

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE

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