

The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill.
So still, His will on our behalf the Law to fill. (refrain)

He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness. He lives, forgives,
He gives me His own righteousness. (refrain)

He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows. His song prolong
'Till ev'ry heart to Him belong. (refrain)

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“How Beautiful”

How beautiful that hands that served the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful the feet that walked the long dusty roads and the hill to the cross.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

How beautiful the heart that bled, that took all my sin and bore it instead.
How beautiful the tender eyes that choose to forgive and never despise.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.

And as he laid down His life we offer this sacrifice that we will live just as He died;
Willing to pay the price, willing to pay the price.
How beautiful the feet that bring the sound of good news and the love of the King.
How beautiful the hands that serve the wine and the bread and the sons of the earth.
How beautiful, how beautiful, how beautiful is the body of Christ.
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THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

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!**

CLOSING SONG “Celebrate Jesus”

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate
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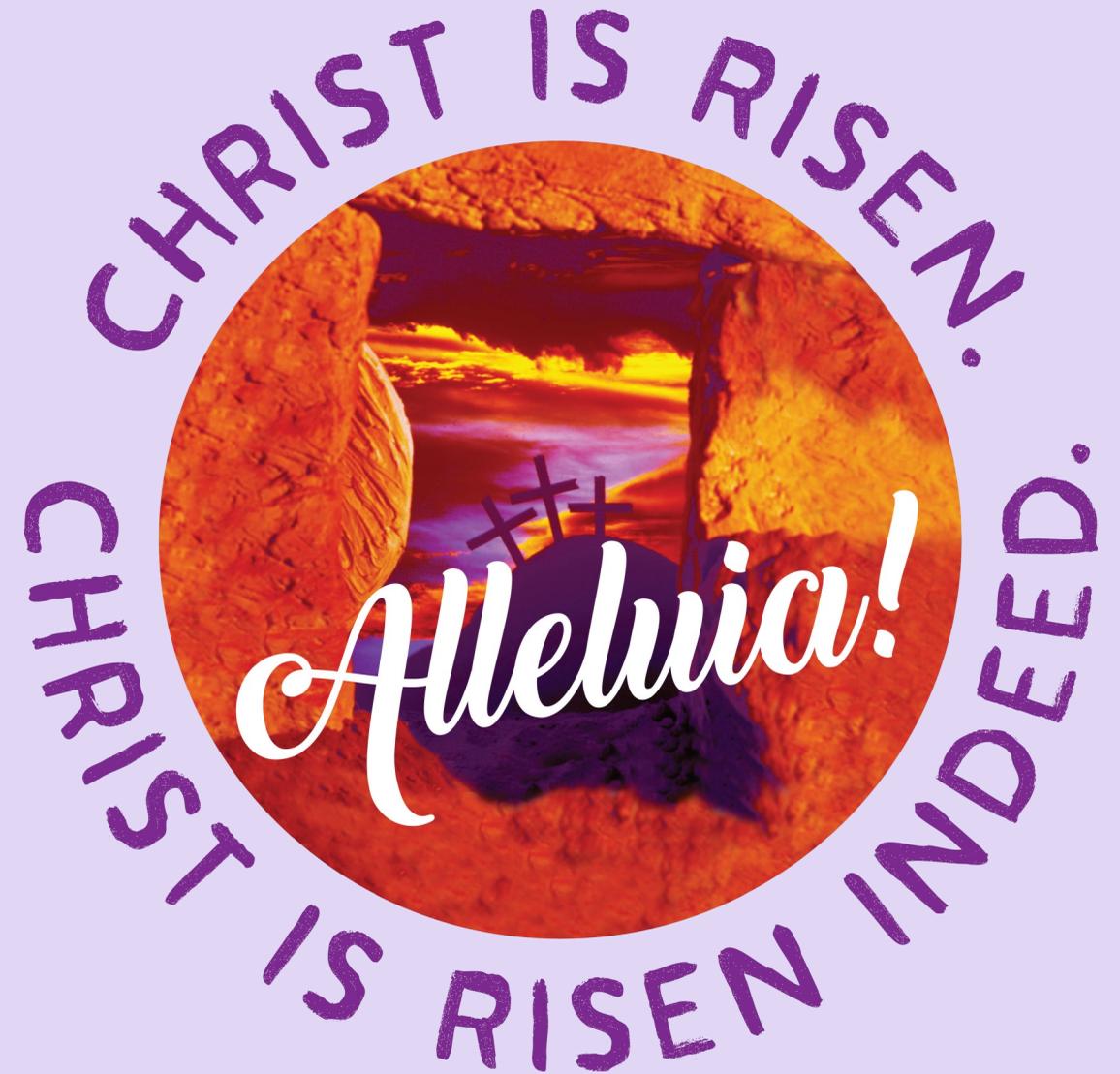
He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore.
He is risen, He is risen, come on and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate, Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.
Celebrate Jesus, celebrate.

He is risen, He is risen, and He lives forevermore.
He is risen, He is risen, come on and celebrate, come on and celebrate, come on
celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

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10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 2021



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Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of Our Lord

10:45 a.m. Sunday, April 4, 2021

Servants of God's House Today:

Pastor: Rev. Kenny Hsu **DCE Intern:** Grace Wolfgram

Elders: Frank Tenuta **Praise Team Leader:** Doris Hill

Ushers: Mike Popken Team

Missionaries: Rev. Tim & Lisa Beckendorf, Rev. Shauen & Krista Trump,
 Rev. Paul Flo, Charles Cortwright

Reader: Frank Tenuta

WELCOME! We are glad that you are here worshipping God with us. We pray for God's blessings to you and invite you to come back again soon.

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.

HOLY COMMUNION The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod believes the Biblical teaching that in 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.

Worship Service

(The congregation is invited to respond in the words written in **bold**.)

The Ringing of the Bells

+++ SERVICE OF LIGHT +++

LIGHTING OF PASCHAL CANDLE

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

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

INVITATIONAL SONG ("Praise Team):

**He said come to the table
 Come join the sinners who have been redeemed
 Take your place beside the Savior now
 Sit down and be set free
 Come to the table**

READING OF THE ANNOUNCEMENT CARD FOR HOLY COMMUNION

(Praise Team will be served communion at this time.)

DISTRIBUTION

"The Lamb"

The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, Where's the sacrifice? Faith sees, believes
 God will provide the Lamb of price!

Refrain: Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
 The Lamb is reigning on His throne!

The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering. The Lamb, the Lamb,
 Let earth join heaven His praise to sing. (refrain)

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 Piano Duet By Ethan And Cheney Neff "3 Days" WE WORSHIP GOD THROUGH OUR GIVING

We honor God with the gifts He has given to us.

St. Paul's members have pledged to support our ministry in their tithes and offerings.

Please place your offerings in the box upfront.

To our guest: Thank you for joining us today and please do not feel that you are obligated to participate. We invite you to come back again.

Please put your **Welcome Card** in the box at the back of the church.

1 Peter 4:10—As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace.

Invitation with Confession and Absolution

P: Concerning the Lord's Supper, Apostle Paul says in 1 Corinthians 11:27–29 "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself."

PROCESSION AND LIGHTING OF CANDLES

P: The light of Christ.

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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.

+++ PREPARATION +++

PROCESSIONAL SONG "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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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.

(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."

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.

(Please stand, as you are able, for the Gospel)

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1–8

(He is risen; He is not here!)

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.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SONG OF INSTRUCTION "Jesus Messiah"

He became sin, who knew no sin that we might become His righteousness.

He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

His body the bread, His blood the wine, broken and poured out, all for love.

The whole earth trembled and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing, love so amazing.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names,

Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You.

All the glory to You, God, the Light of the world.

Jesus Messiah, Name above all names, Blessed Redeemer, Emmanuel.

The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven.

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all. Jesus Messiah, Lord of all.

You're the Lord of all, the Lord of all.

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SERMON

CREED 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!