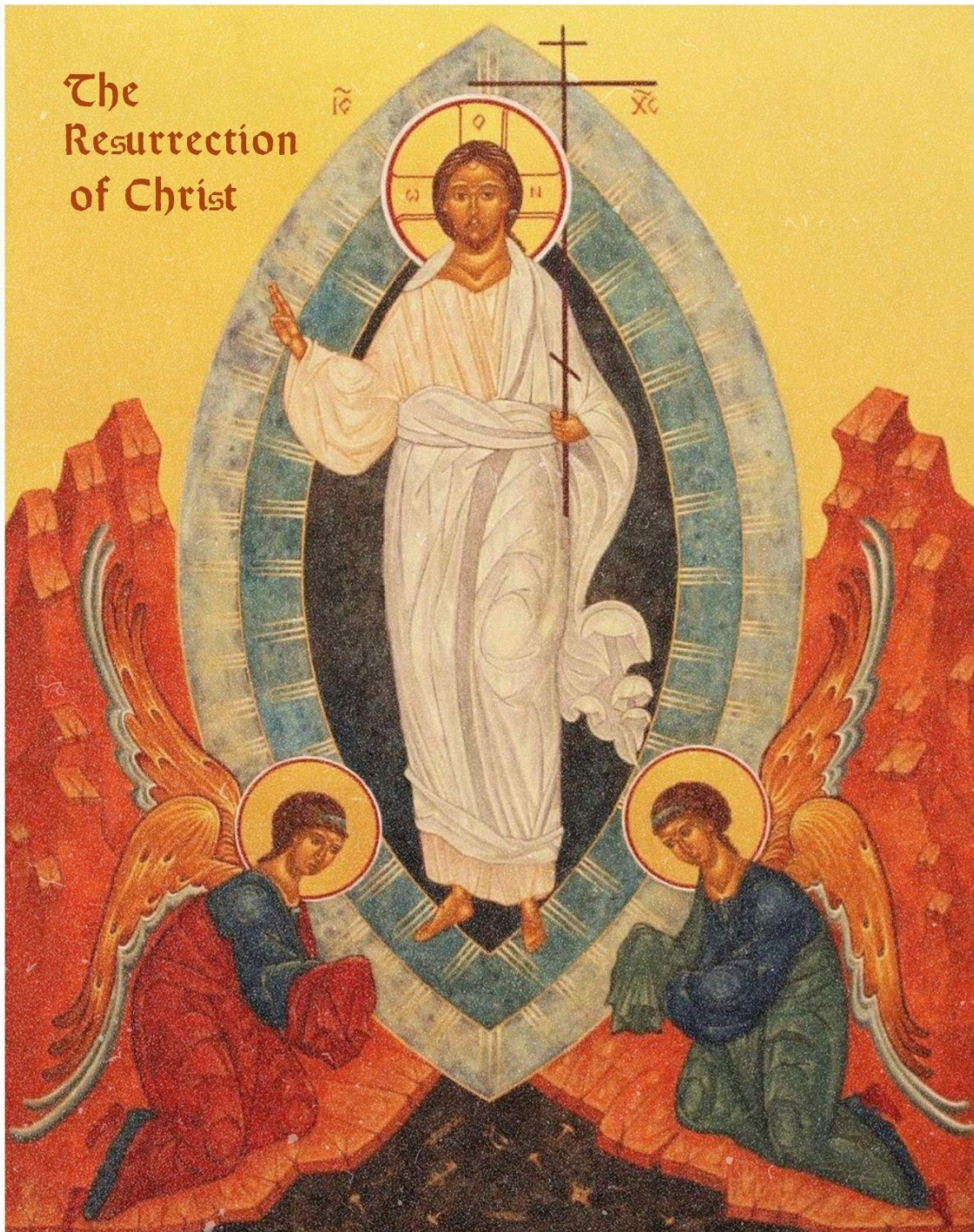




**Our Saviour**  
Lutheran Church

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
Easter Sunday  
March 31, 10:30AM



**PRELUDE:** OSLC Praise Band

**WELCOME**

**MEDITATION SONG:** OSLC Handbells

**EASTER ACCLAMATION**

*Pastor:* The Tomb is Empty. Christ is Risen!

*People:* He is Risen indeed, Alleluia!

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN - Christ is Risen! Alleluia!**

*Please follow the words on the screen and sing as conducted*

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, by whose hand we are given new birth, by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring. In mercy and might you have freed us from death and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead. In baptismal waters our old life is washed away, and in them we are born anew. (*Water is poured into the font.*)

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

*People:* **Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you. Empower our witness to your resurrection. Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

*Pastor:* Satisfy the world's need through this living water. Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment. Where despair prevails, grant hope. Where chaos reigns, bring peace. We ask this through Christ, who with you and the Spirit reigns forever. **Amen.**

**THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE – (ELW P. 147)**

*Pastor:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* 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.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*People:* **Amen.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE – (ELW P. 149)**

*Pastor:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

*People:* **Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever.  
Amen.**

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

## **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **THE FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching

peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how 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. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem.

They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not 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. He 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. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People: Thanks be to God.*

**THE PSALM: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
**his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let Israel say,  
**“His steadfast love endures forever.”**

The LORD is my strength and my might;  
**he has become my salvation.**

There are glad songs of victory in the tents of  
the righteous:  
**“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;**

the right hand of the LORD is exalted;  
**the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”**

I shall not die, but I shall live,  
**and recount the deeds of the LORD.**

The LORD has punished me severely,  
**but he did not give me over to death.**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
**that I may enter through them and give  
thanks to the LORD.**

This is the gate of the LORD;  
**the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank you that you have answered me  
**and have become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected  
**has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing;  
**it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW P. 151)**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

*Pastor:* The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> Chapter..

*People:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 16:1-8**

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Praise to you, O Christ!**

**THE SERMON:** Rev. Frank Waugh

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY – Jesus Christ is Risen Today - ELW #365**

**PROFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.**

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

**THE OFFERING** – OSLC Handbells

**THE OFFERING RESPONSE** – Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise – ELW #207

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine, pour us out in service to the world, through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING – (ELW P. 152)**

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

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

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## **THE PREFACE**

## **THE SANCTUS – (ELW P. 153)**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Agnus Dei**

**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, grant us peace.**

## THE COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, in you we live and have our being. With your word and this meal of grace, you have nourished our life together. Strengthen us to show your love and serve the world in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The God of all, who raised (+) Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live as God's new creation. **Amen.**

## THE SENDING SONG – Thine is the Glory! – ELW #376

## THE DISMISSAL

*Pastor:* Go in peace. Serve the Risen One.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE



## Easter Lilies and Gifts to Matthew 25

*Thank you to all who purchased lilies that adorn the sanctuary and to those who donated to our Matthew 25 ministry. Matthew 25 provides 170 lunches per week to food insecure individuals in Moore County.*

*Name*

*Dedication*

Tom Adams

in honor of the people of Moore County

Richard and Roberta Barnes

to the glory of God and in honor of their grandchildren

Evie Brassie

in honor of the Matthew 25 volunteers

Carol Bruno

to the glory of God and in memory of Joseph Bruno;  
Henrietta Kaiser; John, Erma, Brian and Ted Snyder

Wade and Sarah Deal

to the glory of God

Carolyn Gordon

to the glory of God and in memory of her parents and  
Katherine Klein



Lee and Joan Grant	to the glory of God
Terry and Amy Hill	in honor of all the Matthew 25 volunteers
Barbara Holderby	to the glory of God and in memory of Chaplin Byron Holderby; and in honor of her children and grandchildren
Peter and Sandy Johnson	to the glory of God
Kay Kish	to the glory of God
Karyn Kline	to the glory of God
Ken and Jen Krafft	in honor of their children and in memory of their parents
Cinnamon LeBlanc	in memory of her parents, Clarence and Albert LeBlanc
Charles and Anna Leib	to the glory of God and in honor of loved ones
Carol Linthicum	in honor of Charles McGee
Lynn and Karen Mussetter	to the glory of God
Bill and Catherine S-Mitchell	in honor of the Monday Matthew 25 crew
Jim and Patty Peeples	to the glory of God and in memory of loved ones
Johnny and Melinda Ransdell	in honor of Peggy Smith and in memory of Dick Smith and SR and Lillian Ransdell
Dorothy Sparke	in loving memory of Kenneth N. Sparke
Marie Steensen	in memory of Wayne Steensen
John and Linda Strohmer	in memory of Ryder Knechtle and Jon Michael Strohmer
Gary and Rosi Tucek	in memory of their family members that have passed
Barbara Vainio	in honor of the musicians of Our Saviour
Lynn Whittle	in memory of Grace and Paul Sides
Larry and Bunny Wilson	in honor of Laura, John, Bella and Frances Baylor; Martha and Phillip Maxwell
Gay Wittenstrom	in memory of Keith Wittenstrom
Richard and Sandra Zimmer	in memory of Rosemarie Shultz

*The altar flowers were given by Steve and Libby Carter in honor of granddaughter Caroline's 8th birthday and in celebration of a glorious Easter Day.*