

The Resurrection of Our Lord

The First Sunday of Easter

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“Growing Abundantly, Giving Abundantly”

(2 Thessalonians 1:3)

*As a courtesy to other worshipers, please silence all cellular phones
and other communication devices. Thank you!*

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER: We are delighted to welcome everyone to today’s worship services. So that we can serve you well, please complete both sides of the **attendance cards** in the pew backs immediately in front of you. Following the offering, please pass the completed cards to the center aisles and the ushers will collect them. If you have no church home, we invite you to join this assembly of believers in Jesus. You and your loved ones are always welcome here.

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated among us in the glad confidence that the Living Lord Jesus is truly present in this meal, blessing His disciples with forgiveness of sins and eternal life. In a mystery too profound to be comprehended by human reason but revealed in the Word of God, Jesus gives His very body and blood to undeserving sinners in, with, and under bread and wine.

Receiving these holy gifts is an act of faith, a public declaration of belief in the death, resurrection, heavenly reign, and promised return of the Son of God. Additional information about the Lord’s Supper can be found on the blue **“Primer for Holy Communion”** cards located in the pew backs. For those who are wheat or alcohol intolerant, gluten-free wafers are available in individual zip-lock bags and non-alcoholic grape juice (amber-colored) is available in the cups at the centers of the communion trays.

- **BUSY BAGS** for children are available in the lobby near the entry doors to the sanctuary.
- **LARGE PRINT WORSHIP BULLETINS** are available from the ushers.
- **HEARING ASSISTANCE DEVICES** are available at the Welcome Center in the lobby.

Alleluia! Blessed are You, O Lord our God! Through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and the grave to open for us the gate to heaven. Daily lead us by Your Spirit to new life in Christ, and at the Last Day raise us with Jesus to life everlasting. Amen. Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Ris’n Today” (Lutheran Service Book, #457)

Jesus Christ is ris’n 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 heav’nly 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 ye heav’nly host, alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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INVOCATION with EASTER ACCLAMATION:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of God the Father,

People: Who on this day raised our Lord Jesus from the dead. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of God the Son,

People: Who lives again, our victorious Redeemer and King. Alleluia!

Pastor: In the name of God the Holy Spirit,

People: Who daily renews our lives by faith in Christ and will at the Last Day raise us from the dead to live with Jesus forever. Alleluia!

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, Christ Jesus is risen from the dead; our Savior has conquered the grave.

People: In Him our debts are cancelled and all our crimes are pardoned.

Pastor: Let the heavens be glad; let the earth rejoice!

People: Christ has triumphed! He has reclaimed Paradise for us!

Pastor: In this glad certainty, let us confess our sins to God and receive with joy His holy absolution:

People: Almighty God, by the resurrection of Your Son, death has been robbed of its conquest, and the grave of its power. We should languish lifelessly beneath both because of our sinfulness. We confess to You and each other that we fall far short of perfection: We break Your laws, violate Your decrees, and fail to love You and the neighbors You have given us. Forgive us, we pray! Roll away the stones that close our hearts to faith and joy; and, by Your Spirit, invigorate us for Christian living now in time and forever in eternity. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice, my friends! The Lord Jesus, Who was raised from the dead, lives for you! He exercises divine authority with regal grace and orders the affairs of the universe for the blessing of His people. Because He lives, you will live! As a called and ordained minister of this gospel and with the authority the Risen Christ bestowed on His Church, I, therefore, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**People: Crown Him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus, on this day of days we celebrate Your victory. On the cross You died to rescue us from sin and hell. In the tomb You passed through death to life again. Live in us, we pray, and raise us with You. Fill us with Your Spirit that our joy may be complete, our stewardship faithful, our service global, and our worship eternal; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

RESPONSIVE PSALM: Psalm 118:1, 14-24

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: The LORD is my Strength and my Song;

People: He has become my Salvation.

Pastor: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous;

People: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

Pastor: The LORD's right hand is lifted high;

People: The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

Pastor: I will not die but live,

People: and proclaim what the LORD has done.

Pastor: The LORD has chastened me severely,

People: but He has not given me over to death.

Pastor: Open for me the gates of righteousness;

People: I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

Pastor: This is the gate of the LORD

People: through which the righteous may enter.

Pastor: I will give You thanks, for You have answered me;

People: You have become my Salvation.

Pastor: The Stone the builder rejected has become the Capstone;

People: the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

Pastor: This is the day the LORD has made;

People: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

HYMN: “This Is the Day the Lord Has Made” (LSB, #903)

This is the day the Lord has made; He calls the hours His own.
Let heav’n rejoice, let earth be glad and praise surround the throne.

Today He rose and left the dead, and Satan’s empire fell;
Today the saints His triumphs spread and all His wonders tell.

Hosanna to the_a-nointed King, to David’s holy Son!
Help us, O Lord; descend and bring salvation from your throne.

Bless-ed is He Who comes to us with messages of grace;
He, in the Lord’s name, comes to us to save our fallen race.

Hosanna in the highest strains the Church on earth can raise.
The highest heav’ns, in which He reigns, shall give Him nobler praise.

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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 65:17-25*

(The congregation reads the verses printed in **bold**.)

“Behold, I will create
new heavens and a new earth.
The former things will not be remembered,
nor will they come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in what I will create,
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight
and its people a joy.

I will rejoice over Jerusalem

**and take delight in My people;
the sound of weeping and of crying
will be heard in it no more.**

“Never again will there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not live out his years;
he who dies at a hundred
will be thought a mere youth;
he who fails to reach a hundred
will be considered accursed.

They will build houses and dwell in them:
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

No longer will they build houses and others live in them,
or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree,
so will be the days of My people;
My chosen ones will long enjoy
the works of their hands.

They will not toil in vain
or bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the LORD,
they and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;
while they are still speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,
but the dust will be the serpent’s food.

They will neither harm nor destroy
on all My holy mountain,”
says the LORD.

RESPONSORY: *Revelation: 21:1, 5*

*Lector: Alleluia! Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the
first earth had passed away.*

**People: He Who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!”
Alleluia!**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

(The congregation reads the verses printed in **bold**.)

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. **But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.** For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a Man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to Him. Then the end will come, when He hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. For He must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

RESPONSORY: 2 Timothy 1:10b

Lector: Alleluia! Christ Jesus has destroyed death

People: and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:1-12

(The congregation rises and reads the verses printed in **bold**.)

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, **“Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how He told you, while He was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’”** Then they remembered His words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Lector: This is the gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using Martin Luther's explanation of the Second Article of the Apostles' Creed:

CONFESSION OF FAITH: *(adapted from Luther's Small Catechism)*

I believe that JESUS CHRIST, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

I believe that JESUS CHRIST has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death.

I believe that JESUS CHRIST has done all this for me that I may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives, and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true!

SONG OF APPROACH and the FLOWERING OF THE CROSS: **"This Joyful Eastertide"**
(LSB, #482)

This joyful Eastertide away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:
Had Christ, Who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; but now has Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill, my passing soul deliver:
Had Christ, Who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number:
Had Christ, Who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen; But now has Christ arisen!

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHORAL RESPONSORY: "Easter Litany" *Gordon Young*

Alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia!
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Alleluia! Christ is risen, alleluia!
Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is risen today!
Jesus Christ is risen today!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON: "Sticking It Out" (*Luke 24:1-7*)

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER: Please pass **the attendance cards** to the center aisles.

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY SONG: “In Christ Alone”

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

The Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GREETING, PREFACE, and PROPER PREFACE

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 Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: 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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, Who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ “Holy, Holy, Holy” (LSB, pg. 208)



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sin. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PEACE OF CHRIST:

Pastor: *The peace of the Lord be with you always.*

People: **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

The Lord's Supper will be served in two continuous walking stations at the 7:00 service and in four continuous walking stations at the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Please follow the usher's directions.

Please notify an usher if you would like to receive the Lord's Super in the pew rather than at the altar.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” (LSB, #633)

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierc-ed side. Alleluia!

Praise we Him, Whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast – Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dread angel sheathes the sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!

Praise we Christ, Whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above. Alleluia!

Mighty Victim from the sky, hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie;
You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!

Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise, and Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!

Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy;
From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

Father, Who the crown shall give, Savior, by Whose death we live,
Spirit, guide through all our days: Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

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“I Know that My Redeemer Lives” (LSB, #461)

I know that my Redeemer lives; what comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, Who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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COMMON DISMISSAL:

*Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and
preserve you in faith unto life everlasting:*

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

**People: We praise You, Jesus, Lord of life, for the precious gift of Your body and
blood, in which we receive salvation through the forgiveness of sin. Work
in us daily a holy hunger for this meal, and prompt us by Your Spirit to
share with all the world the fullness of Your empty tomb. We ask this in
Your holy name. Amen.**

EASTER VERSICLES: 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Pastor: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed –

People: in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

Pastor: For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable,

People: and we will all be changed.

Pastor: For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable

People: and the mortal with immortality.

Pastor: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

People: “Death has been swallowed up in victory!”

Pastor: Where, O death, is your victory?

People: Where, O death, is your sting?

Pastor: The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law,

People: but thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION: Hebrews 13:20-21

Pastor: May the God of peace, Who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from death our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.

People: Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ‘Hallelujah Chorus’ from “Messiah” – G.F. Handel

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! . . .

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! . . .

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! . . .

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! . . .

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth! . . .
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord
and of His Christ, and of His Christ;
And He shall reign forever and ever, forever and ever, . . .
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, forever and ever, . . .
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

POSTLUDE

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In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

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