

The Resurrection of Our Lord
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(The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” (Lutheran Service Book, #457 verses 1, 3-4)

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!

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:

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 as 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!

EASTER GREETING:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

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

People: Our debts are cancelled! 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, we confess to You and each other that we have fallen far short of perfection. We have broken Your laws and have failed to love You and the neighbors You have given us. Forgive us! Roll away the stones that close our hearts to faith and joy. By Your Spirit, renew us to walk in Your ways now and forevermore. Amen.

Pastor: Rejoice, dear friends! The Lord Jesus, Who was raised from the dead, lives for you! And because He lives, you too will live! Death and hell can claim you no more. In Christ heaven is your eternal home. As a called and ordained minister of this gospel, and with the authority the risen Lord 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: Amen! Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Amen!

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 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.

OPENING HYMN: “This Joyful Eastertide” (Lutheran Service Book, #482, verses 1 & 3)

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!

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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THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On 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.

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

He 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.

It 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.”

RESPONSORY: (Psalm 118:24, 14)

Lector: Alleluia! This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 15:1-11*

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then He appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

RESPONSORY: (Psalm 118:24, 17)

Lector: Alleluia! This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: I shall not die but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD. Alleluia!

Alleluia!

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

Lector: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16th chapter:

People: Glory to You, O Lord!

GOSPEL READING: *Mark 16:1-8*

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

entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And 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. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you." And 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.

Lector: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ!

Lector: We confess together our Christian faith, using the Nicene Creed

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

The Children's Message will return to its regularly scheduled place when we are able to increase the length of the worship service. Until then, it is available online at www.flcms.org/index.php/media/sermons.

HYMN: “Thine Is the Glory” (Ambassador Hymnal, #98, verses 1-2)

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory, thou o’er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o’er death hast won.

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SERMON: “Canceled” (*Mark 16:1-8*)

OFFERTORY and FLOWERING OF THE CROSS:

While the Coronavirus may have changed the way we come through the front doors of church, thanks be to God it has not prevented us from coming to Church! Please consider, as you are able, returning thanks and giving today at www.flcms.org/index.php/give.

While the aria is sung, children may approach the altar to participate in the flowering of the cross.

OFFERTORY ARIA: “I Know that My Redeemer Liveth” (G. F. Handel, abridged from “Messiah”)

I know that my Redeemer liveth
and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth.
For now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruit of them that sleep.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

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.

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."

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord*

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION

**The Lord's Supper will be served in continuous stations a section at a time. The usher will invite one pew forward. Families may approach the table together. Individuals are asked to practice proper social distancing as they wait their turn. Pastors will invite each table to "take, eat" and then to "take, drink."
Please follow the ushers' directions.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "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 pierced 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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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: “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 our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting.

People: Amen.

EASTER GREETING:

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 the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will,

People: and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN: "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" (LSB, #465, verses 1-2, 4)

Now all the vault of heav'n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
"Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!"
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
"Christ has triumphed! He is living!"
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav'nly blessed sing:
"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,

All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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DISMISSAL:

Please be seated
and kindly wait for an usher to dismiss your row.

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus
with

Proclaimer – Rev. Bill Crowe

Liturgist – Rev. Walt Pohland

Musicians:

Adam Perez and Austin Angerman,
Amanda Theilen (Soloist), Joann Cotner (trumpet),
McCaryn Gaty (cello), Lauren Brezina (flute),
Ty Broyles (percussion), Carson Templeman (saxophone)

Organist:

Adam Perez

Lay Readers:

Online Reader – Nicky Shepherd

8:00 Lector – John Cotner

9:30 Reader – Sonja Guyer

11:00 Reader – Mike Whittaker

Children's Chapel:

DCE Jonathan Loesch, DCE Austin Angerman