

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## Easter Day

April 1, 2018

8:00 & 9:30



### AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! It's hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus' resurrection. Jesus didn't keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Today we celebrate Jesus resurrection, His appearance.

### PRELUDE

*Organ*

### RINGING OF THE BELLS



WELCOME

*(Please Stand)*

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "And Sleeps My Lord in Silence Yet" *Ascension Choir*

**OPENING HYMN** "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" *LSB 461 With Bell Choir*

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everliving 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!**

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed!**

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Men: *He is risen indeed!*

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Women: *He is risen indeed!*

Pastor: Christ is risen!  
People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father, who created our bodies; in the name of the ☩ Son, who by His blood redeemed our bodies; in the name of the Holy Spirit, who by Holy Baptism sanctified our bodies to be His temple; keep us to the day of the resurrection of all flesh.

People: **Amen.**



## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Romans 6:10-11*

Pastor: Let us confess our sins to God, our Father.

Pastor: Merciful Father,  
People: **we confess to You that we are nothing apart from You. In our thoughts, words, and actions, we have acted as if we do not need You. But we are wrong. Forgive us, Father, for our many sins against You and against one another. By the mercy You show us in the sacrificial death and triumphant resurrection of Jesus Christ, remind us again of the new life and salvation You have freely given. Cleanse and renew us by Your grace that we may rise to newness of life with our risen Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Pastor: “For the death He died He died to sin, once for all, but the life He lives He lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.” Upon this your confession, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

## ☩ WORD ☩

**HYMN OF PRAISE** “This Is The Feast” *LSB 155*

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, Whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Sing with all the people of God, And join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might Be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.  
This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

## **SALUTATION**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

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

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Pastor:** 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.

**People:** **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;**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Isaiah 25:6–9* (The long-awaited Savior will come and make a feast for all nations on His holy mountain.)

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>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.”

**Lector:** This is the Word of the Lord.

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



**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:1–11* (Paul delivers to the Corinthians the things of first importance: that Christ died and was raised for our sins.)

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup>and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. <sup>3</sup>For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

*(Please Stand)*

**GOSPEL VERSE** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” *LSB 941, v. 1*

**We praise You and acknowledge You, O God, to be the Lord,  
The Father everlasting, by all the earth adored.  
To You all angel powers cry aloud, the heavens sing,  
The cherubim and seraphim their praises to You bring:  
“O holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Your majesty and glory fill the heavens and the earth!”**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Mark 16:1–8* (Women come to Jesus’ tomb on Easter morning to anoint Him with spices, but when they arrive, Jesus is not in the tomb.)

*The congregation is invited to read the scripture in bold*

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

People: **Glory to You, O Lord! Alleluia!**

<sup>1</sup>When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>And they were saying to one another, “**Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?**”<sup>4</sup> And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. <sup>5</sup>And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.**”<sup>8</sup> 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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL RESPONSE** “We Praise You and Acknowledge You” *LSB 941, v. 4*

**You sit in splendid glory, enthroned at God’s right hand,  
Upholding earth and heaven by forces You command.  
We know that You will come as our Judge that final day,  
So help Your servants You have redeemed by blood, we pray;  
May we with saints be numbered where praises never end,  
In glory everlasting. Amen, O Lord, amen!**



**APOSTLES’ CREED**

*LSB 159*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**CHILDREN'S TIME** "Jesus Loves Me This I Know" *LSB 588*

**Jesus love me! This I know, For the Bible tells me so.  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak, but He is strong.**

**Refrain:** Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *LSB 457*

**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 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!**



**SERMON**

*(Please Stand)*



**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**Pastor:** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, we live in a culture of distractions and diversions. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the things of first importance: Christ's death and resurrection for sinners, for Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Lord, You sent a messenger to proclaim Jesus' resurrection to the women on Easter morning. Inspire us to share the message of Jesus' resurrection throughout the world, for Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of resurrected bodies that will be ours when Jesus returns, for Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Lord, many grieve and mourn the death of loved ones. [*Today we remember the families and friends of . . .*]. Embrace them with the hope of the resurrection that is ours because Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*(Special Petitions)*

**Pastor:** Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**GATHERING OF OFFERINGS** “In Thee is Gladness”

*Ascension Choir*



✠ **SACRAMENT** ✠

*(Please Stand)*

## **PREFACE**

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you. [*2 Timothy 4:22*]

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

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts. [*Colossians 3:1*]

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

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. [*Psalm 136*]

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

## **PROPER PREFACE**

**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** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477, v. 2*

**Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;  
See the ancient pow’rs of evil In confusion and retreat;  
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,  
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.**

**WORDS OF OUR LORD** *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20;*

*1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

**LORD’S PRAYER** (*Matthew 6:9–13*)

*LSB 162*

**Pastor:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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 PEACE OF THE LORD**

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

**People:** **Amen.**

**AGNUS DEI** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven”

*LSB 477, v. 3*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:  
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!  
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!**

*(Please Be Seated)*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS** “This Joyful Eastertide”

*LSB 482*

**This joyful Eastertide Away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, Has sprung to life this morrow:**

**Refrain:** 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 soul, from ill My passing soul deliverer: *Refrain***

**My flesh in hope shall rest And for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain***

“Christ Has Risen, Alleluia”

*LSB 466*

**Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.  
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.**

**Refrain:** Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;  
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.  
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!  
Jesus is living, alleluia!

**For three long days the grave did its worst Until its strength by God was dispersed.  
He who gives life did death undergo; And in its conquest His might did show. *Refrain***

**The angel said to them, “Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here.  
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; Only the grave cloths are lying there.” *Refrain***

**“Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave; He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done; Even the battle with sin is won.” *Refrain***

**Christ has arisen; He sets us free; Alleluia, to Him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. *Refrain***

“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!**

*(Please Stand)*



### **BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People:** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**Pastor:** Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.

**People:** **Amen.**

**Pastor:** 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*

**People:** **Amen.**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

**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!**

**O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above  
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life's day  
That by our lives we truly say: “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!**

**POSTLUDE**

*Organ*

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