

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

## Easter Day

April 21, 2019

8:00 am & 9:30 am



### 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. But today's celebration isn't just for a day – it lasts forever!

### PRELUDE

9:30 AM “And Sleeps My Lord in Silence”

*Organ*  
*Ascension Choir*



WELCOME

*(Please Stand)*

### ✘ PREPARATION ✘

PROCESSIONAL 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 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! Alleluia!**

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

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

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*

*(If you would like private confession and absolution,  
please call the office (314) 832-5600 to make an appointment with Pastor Clark)*

Pastor: Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive your gifts but so unwilling to bear the cross.

**People: Who will rescue?**

Pastor: Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to you; when I doubt that you really see my sin; when I disobey your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.

**People: Who will rescue me?**

Pastor: Forgive me, Lord, when I am quick to find fault but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play but so late in prayer.

**People: Who will rescue me?**

Pastor: Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.

**People: Who will rescue me from this body of death?**

*(You are invited to silently reflect on the fact that though our sin is great,  
Christ's love is greater.)*

Pastor: Who will rescue you and me from this body of death? Thanks be to God, he delivers us through Jesus Christ! By the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This is the day the LORD has made.

**ALL: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

✘ 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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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

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

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Almighty God and Father, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**ALL:** **Amen.**

*(Please Be Seated)*



**OLD TESTAMENT READING** *Exodus 15:1–11*

Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

<sup>1</sup>“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea. <sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. <sup>3</sup>The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. <sup>4</sup>“Pharaoh’s chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. <sup>5</sup>The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. <sup>6</sup>Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. <sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. <sup>8</sup>At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. <sup>9</sup>The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ <sup>10</sup>You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. <sup>11</sup>“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

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

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



**EPISTLE** *1 Corinthians 15:55–58*

<sup>55</sup>“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

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

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

*(Please Stand)*

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

*LSB 477, v. 1*

**Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav’n and voices raise:  
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;  
He who on the cross a victim For the world’s salvation bled—  
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.**



**HOLY GOSPEL** *Matthew 28:1-10*

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

**Pastor:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, **“Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”** <sup>8</sup>So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

**Pastor:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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



**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)*



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 "This Joyful Eastertide"

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*



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. 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

*Your tithes and offerings shape the lives of people through the Gospel of Jesus Christ for now and eternity. Thank you for your generosity! "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**8:00 AM & 9:30 AM** "Now Shall the Praises of the Lord Be Sung"

*Ascension Choir*



## ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

*We believe Holy Communion is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christian to eat and to drink. If you are a communicant member of a Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod congregation, please feel free to commune with us. If not, please speak with the pastor before receiving the Lord's Supper.*

*(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 “The Day of Resurrection”

LSB 478

8:00 AM & 9:30 AM *Bell Choir Plays Introduction*

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,  
The passover of gladness, The passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, From sin’s dominion free,  
Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.**

**Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light  
And, list’ning to His accents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
His own AAll hail! and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heav’ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,  
Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, Their notes of gladness blend;  
For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!**

**All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son,  
All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One!  
Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne  
And honor, pow’r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!**

“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!**

“Christ Has Arisen, 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**

*(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.

**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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