

St. Paul Lutheran Church  
Serbin, Texas  
Easter April 17, 2022



**HE HAS RISEN!**

Mark 16:6

**Easter**  
**The Order of service for Easter Sunrise Service**  
**The seventeenth day of April in the year of the Lord 2022**  
**6:30 a.m.**

(The order of worship for the 9:00 a.m. Festival service begins on page 11)

## *NICODEMUS*

Our journey following Jesus to the cross has ended. Christ's work on the cross is finished, we wait, watch, and pray. Our attention is focused on Jesus' burial and resurrection. We watch as Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea bury Jesus in a new tomb. We see that Jesus' words spoken to Nicodemus in John 3 are bearing fruit. Nicodemus has followed Jesus and is born again from above as a new creation. On this Easter, we remember our Baptism, and we remember when we were born again by water and the Spirit and made Christ's new creation.

### **Ringing of the Bells**

### **Call to Worship**

### **Easter Proclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Hymn of Invocation:** ♪ *"All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding"*

LSB 462

- 1 All the earth with joy is sounding:  
Christ has risen from the dead!  
He, the greater Jonah, bounding  
From the grave, His three-day bed,  
Wins the prize:  
Death's demise—  
Songs of triumph fill the skies.**
  
- 2 Christ, the devil's might unwinding,  
Leaves behind His borrowed tomb.  
Stronger He, the strong man binding,  
Takes, disarms his house of doom;  
In the rout  
Casting out  
Pow'rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.**

**3 Jesus, author of salvation,  
Shared in our humanity;  
Crowned with radiant exaltation,  
Now He shares His victory!  
From His face  
Shines the grace  
Meant for all our fallen race.**

**4 Praise the Lord, His reign commences,  
Reign of life and liberty—  
Paschal Lamb, for our offenses,  
Slain and raised to set us free!  
Evermore  
Bow before  
Christ, the Lord of Life adore!**

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*Stand*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**Introit**

**Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18**

I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation; Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy. You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode. You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## 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 and collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, into the darkness of sin and death You have brought forth light and hope through the resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Continue to bless us, Your people, with the fruits of His redeeming work that we may walk before You in perfect freedom and receive eternal life;

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

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:1–6**

**P** The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people.” Thus says the LORD: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the LORD appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merry-makers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.’ ”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Choir Anthem:** ♪“Easter Carol”

### **Epistle**

**Colossians 3:1–4**

**P** The Epistle is from Colossians, the third chapter.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### **Alleluia**

**C♪ Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **Holy Gospel**

**John 20:1–18**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

**C♪ Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other

disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid Him." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing Him to be the gardener, she said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where you have laid Him, and I will take Him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, to My God and your God.' " Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that He had said these things to her.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**CJ** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

**Sermon Hymn:** *♪ "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"*

LSB 458

**1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands**

**For our offenses given;  
But now at God's right hand He stands  
And brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia!  
Alleluia!**

**2 No son of man could conquer death,**

**Such ruin sin had wrought us.  
No innocence was found on earth,  
And therefore death had brought us  
Into bondage from of old  
And ever grew more strong and bold  
And held us as its captive.  
Alleluia!**

**3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,**

**His people to deliver;  
Destroying sin, He took the crown  
From death's pale brow forever:  
Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;  
An empty form alone remains;  
Its sting is lost forever.  
Alleluia!**

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife  
When life and death contended;  
The victory remained with life,  
The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
That death is swallowed up by death,  
Its sting is lost forever.  
Alleluia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

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**Sermon: "Nicodemus"**

**John 19:38-42**

By Pastor John Schmidt

*Stand*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

**C** 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.

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing the gift of His peace, let us pray the Lord on behalf of ourselves, the Church throughout the world, and all people as they have need.

O risen Savior, open our eyes to see You and open our hearts to recognize You as You address us through the voice of Your Word and feed us with Your own body and blood. Give courage to Your people that we overcome our fears and be raised from sorrow to everlasting joy and grant that our witness manifest this joy and confidence to others. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, make us burn with the fire of Your love that we love our neighbor as ourselves. Plant us firmly in the ground of hope that we be strong in faith and steadfast in joy as we await the day when all things are brought to perfect consummation in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, grant Your blessing to every authority and especially to our president, governor, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Bless us with compassion upon the aged and lead us to protect the lives of the unborn. Bless also the emergency personnel who protect us and our armed forces who defend our nation. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, be with the prisoner and those who guard them. Bring to repentance all who have transgressed the law and restore them to a productive place within our society. Bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, deliver the sick from their afflictions, comfort those who suffer, give peace to those who suffer mental illness, give hope to those who mourn, and bring the dying into everlasting life, [especially . . .]. Give them grace until the sorrows and afflictions of this day are exchanged with glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, open the hearts of all who commune at Your Table this day that they receive Your body and blood in repentance and with faith. Strengthen our faith that we endure to the day when You come again and so we may be joined with the saints in glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring, acknowledging both Your goodness and Your mercy. Grant to us all things needful for this body and life that we endure every trial and be strong in the face of every temptation. To You, we pray, O crucified and risen Savior, whom with the Father and the Spirit You reign as one Lord and one God, both now and forevermore.

**C** Amen.



## Lord's Prayer

*Sit*

## Offering

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**Offertory:** ♪ *"Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

LSB 955

- 1 Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the bread of life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence, and give us  
A foretaste of the feast to come.**

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**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son over to death on the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** Amen.

## Benediction

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** ♪ *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

LSB 465

- 1 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!**

**2 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!**

**3 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!**

**△4 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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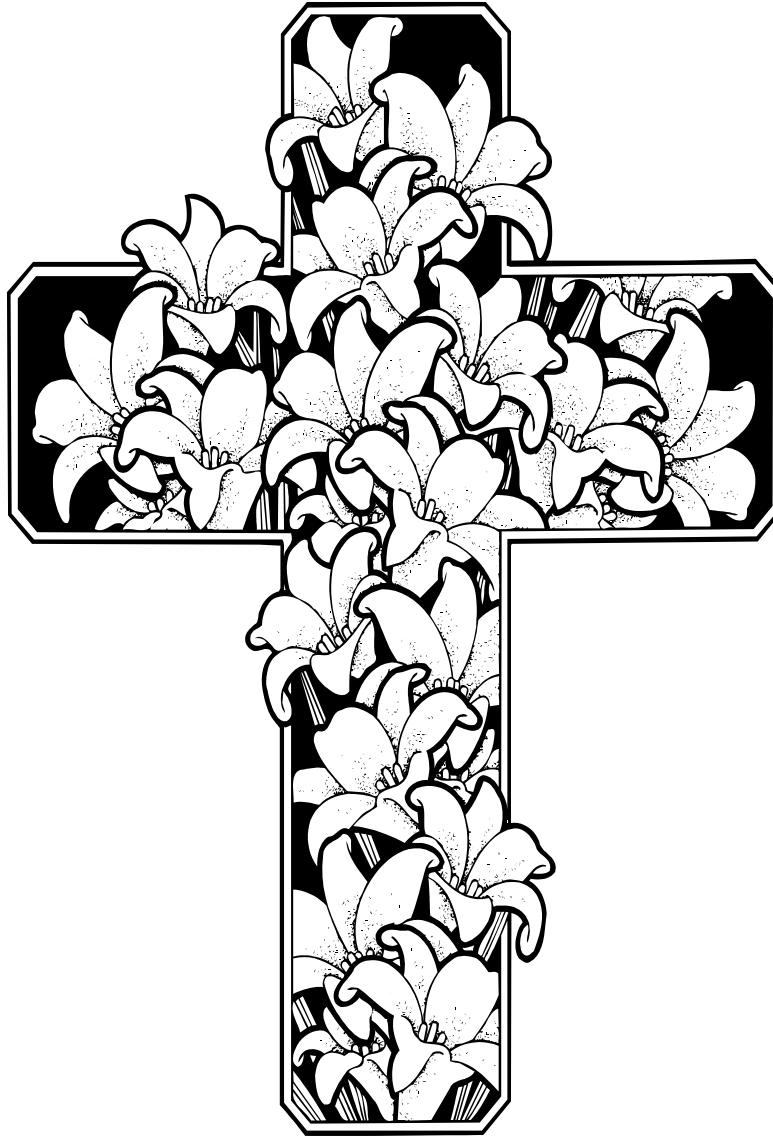
## **Silent Prayer**

## **Announcements**

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**He has risen, just as he said**

Matthew 28:6



**The Resurrection of our Lord**

**April 17, 2022**

**+ Order of Worship for Easter Festival Worship +**

***The Resurrection of our Lord***  
***The Order of Worship for Easter Festival Service***  
***The seventeenth day of April in the year of the Lord 2022***  
***9:00 a.m.***

***MARY MAGDALENE***

We have followed Jesus to the cross, the tomb, and now we follow Jesus out of the tomb as He rises from the dead and appears to another witness: Mary Magdalene. Jesus' Easter morning resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene might be unexpected. After all, Mary had endured a terrible past. Jesus had cast seven demons out of her in the early part of His ministry. But Mary is chosen to be this eyewitness, and she exclaims to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). Mary is the first to see Jesus' resurrected glory and proclaim this good news, which we speak again and again today, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

**Pre-Service Music**

**Ringing of the Bells**

**Easter Proclamation**

**P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

**Baptism Hymn:** *♪ "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"*

*LSB 457 v.1-3*

- 1 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!**
  
- 2 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!**
  
- 3 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!**

We will use the order of baptism on page 268 of the hymnal.

**After Baptism Hymn:** ♪ "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457 v.4

- △ **4 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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*Stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**  
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C Amen.**

**Psalm 118:22–29**

- P** For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will stand upon the earth.  
**C The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**  
**P** This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.  
**C This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
**P** Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!  
**C Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD! We bless you from the house of the LORD.**  
**P** The LORD is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us. Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!  
**C You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God; I will extol you.**  
**P** Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!  
**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Kyrie

LSB 152

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** 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.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

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

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** Amen.

## Hymn of Praise: *♪ "This Is the Feast"*

LSB 155

*Refrain:*

**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. Refrain**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are His. Refrain**

**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. Refrain**

**For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. Refrain**

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, Your Son is the Lamb of God, who has taken away our sin by His crucifixion and swallowed up our death by His resurrection. Grant us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil that Jesus has won for us by His cross and empty tomb so that we would not despair but ever hold fast to the blessed hope of resurrection to life everlasting; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## First Reading

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all people 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."

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Adult Choir Anthem:** *♪ "Risen! Christ is Risen!"*

### Epistle

**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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

### Alleluia and Verse

**C** *♪ Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

### Holy Gospel

**John 20:19-23**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

**C** *♪ Glory be to thee, O Lord.*

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** *♪ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.*

### Apostles' Creed

**C** **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.

*Sit*

**Sermon Hymn:** ♪ *“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands”*

*LSB 458*

**1 Christ Jesus lay in death’s strong bands**

For our offenses given;  
But now at God’s right hand He stands  
And brings us life from heaven.  
Therefore let us joyful be  
And sing to God right thankfully  
Loud songs of alleluia!  
Alleluia!

**2 No son of man could conquer death,**

Such ruin sin had wrought us.  
No innocence was found on earth,  
And therefore death had brought us  
Into bondage from of old  
And ever grew more strong and bold  
And held us as its captive.  
Alleluia!

**3 Christ Jesus, God’s own Son, came down,**

His people to deliver;  
Destroying sin, He took the crown  
From death’s pale brow forever:  
Stripped of pow’r, no more it reigns;  
An empty form alone remains;  
Its sting is lost forever.  
Alleluia!

**4 It was a strange and dreadful strife**

When life and death contended;  
The victory remained with life,  
The reign of death was ended.  
Holy Scripture plainly saith  
That death is swallowed up by death,  
Its sting is lost forever.  
Alleluia!



5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,  
Whom God so freely gave us;  
He died on the accursèd tree—  
So strong His love—to save us.  
See, His blood now marks our door;  
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,  
And Satan cannot harm us.  
Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival  
To which the Lord invites us;  
Christ is Himself the joy of all,  
The sun that warms and lights us.  
Now His grace to us imparts  
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;  
The night of sin is ended.  
Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day  
On Christ, the bread of heaven;  
The Word of grace has purged away  
The old and evil leaven.  
Christ alone our souls will feed;  
He is our meat and drink indeed;  
Faith lives upon no other!  
Alleluia!

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**Sermon: "Mary Magdalene"**  
**By Pastor John Schmidt**


**John 20:1-18**

*Stand*

- P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
- C** Amen.

**Offertory**

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- C**  What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me?  
I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

*Sit*

## Offering

*As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.*

**Offering Hymn:** ♪ "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

LSB 781v. 1- 2

**We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

**May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!**

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Risen Lord, we gather here today to celebrate Your victory over death and the grave, and now we approach Your Father praying for His mercy on us and all people as they have need.

*Brief silence*

**P** Almighty God, You have brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, thereby trampling down death and emptying the grave of its power. Let this joyful Easter news spread throughout the world so that many would not despair but have hope in the midst of death for as by a man came death, by a man—the God-Man Jesus—has come the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, by Your Son's death and resurrection, He has obtained sonship for His disciples. Fill us, the baptized, with the certainty that we are no longer separated from You, for You are now our God and Father. Keep us in our Baptism, that as we face trials and tribulations, we would remain steadfast, for what You have begun at the font will be brought to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, when we will be raised imperishable and immortal. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, You have put all things in subjection under Your Son's feet, including the nations of this world. Bless our president, our governor, and all who make, administer, and judge our laws, that they would oppose the culture of death and defend the weakest and most vulnerable among us, especially the unborn and aged. Raise up leaders that promote peace and pursue justice for all. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and surround their families with Your love and care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer**

**P** Almighty God, Your Son is the Gardener of the Eden above, which He has opened to us by His Easter morning resurrection. Come to the aid of those who suffer in this fallen world, especially the lonely, the addicted, the homebound, the sick, the mourning, and the dying, [including . . .]. Grant them patience as they await the new heavens and the new earth where You will restore Your people in both body and soul. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, we come to the altar to feast on our risen Lord and Savior. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and to drink His blood, that this food would be for us our medicine of immortality and antidote to death. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** Almighty God, Your Son is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Comfort all who mourn with the promise of the resurrection to life everlasting and the hope of a joyful reunion with those they love who have died in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** All these things and whatever else You see that we need, grant us dear Father; through Christ Jesus, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Sit*

Hymn: ♪ "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

- 1 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.**
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.**
- 3 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.**
- 4 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.**
- 5 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.**

**6 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.**

**7 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.**

**8 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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### *Stand*

**P** Let us pray.

O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son over to death on the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G Amen.**

### **Choral Benediction**

**Closing Hymn:**  *"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"*

*LSB 465*

**1 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!**

**2 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!**

**3 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!**

**△4 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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CHRIST IS RISEN



He  
is  
risen  
indeed!

