

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Serbin, Texas
Easter April 20, 2025



HE HAS RISEN!

Mark 16:6

Easter

***The Order of service for Easter Sunrise Service
The twentieth day of April in the year of the Lord 2025
6:30 a.m.***

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

The hand of the Lord is at work in all of creation and all things are made through Jesus. On Good Friday, the lifeless body of our Lord was received into the hands of Joseph of Arimathea, who wrapped it and placed it in a new tomb. Pilate tried his best to secure the tomb that contained the hands of our Lord at rest. Just as on the Sabbath of creation, Christ rested from all the work that He had done—this time, work done on the cross to forgive and redeem us. Holy Saturday is not the end of the Lord's handiwork. A new day of creation is coming on Sunday, the first day of the week. Even on this day of rest, the Lord is calling us to trust that all things are in His hands.

Ringing of the Bells

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: ♪ "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457

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!

△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

Invocation

- 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.

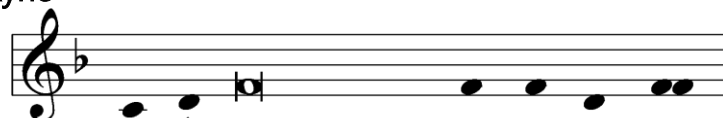
Introit

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

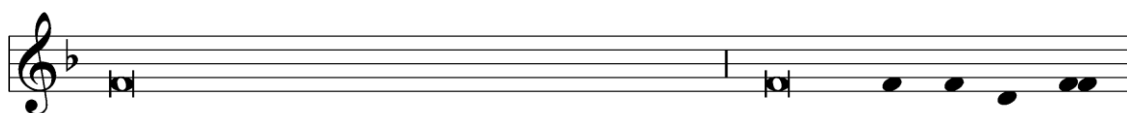
LSB 152



A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



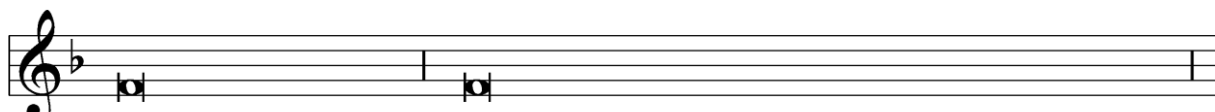
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men.

Hymn of Praise

LSB 155



C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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. 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.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:17–25

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, the sixty-fifth chapter.

"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent's food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain," says the LORD.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Adult Choir Anthem: *♪ "The Day of Rejoicing"*

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

P The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at His coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when He delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

☞ This is the Word of the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

Stand

Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

Alleluia. [Christ Jesus] abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 24:1–12

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

☞ **Glory to You, O Lord.**

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." And they remembered His words, and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

☞ This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☞ **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

☞ **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 accursed 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: "The Hand of The Lord who Made Us"

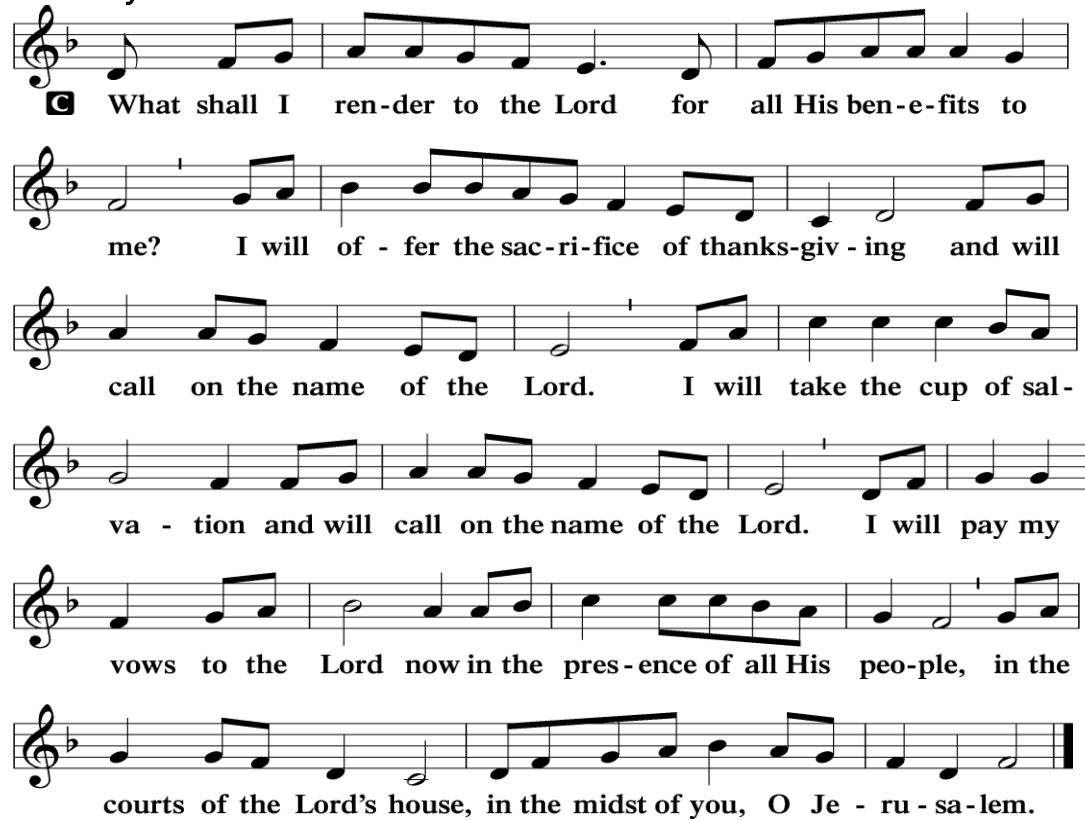
By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

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

C Amen.

Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-
va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

Sit

Offering

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

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

LSB 781 v. 1-2

**1 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.**

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

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Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, on this feast when we celebrate Your great victory over all the disobedience and sin of this world and the defeat even of death by the power of the resurrection of Christ, with glad hearts we raise joyful shouts of praise acknowledging that, because He lives, we shall live also. You have made known to us the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Save and defend Your whole church throughout the world. Grant wisdom and strength to all pastors and bishops who serve Your people with Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen the faith of all thereby, that Your kingdom continue to increase in all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land, all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve according to Your holy and righteous will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, keeping our children in the promise of their Baptism, and helping parents to bring them up in the true faith. Bless our families that we may show Your praise in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lay Your comforting, healing, and consoling hand upon all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow and grant us Your love and tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving all our departed relatives and friends who have loved and served You in faith and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, Your gracious and merciful and saving hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

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 Collect

C ♪ 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.

C ♪ Amen, Amen, Amen.

- 1 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!
- 2 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!
- 3 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!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love
Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!
- 5 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!
- 6 Now no more can death appall,
Now no more the grave enthrall;
You have opened paradise,
And Your saints in You shall rise.
Alleluia!
- 7 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!

- △8 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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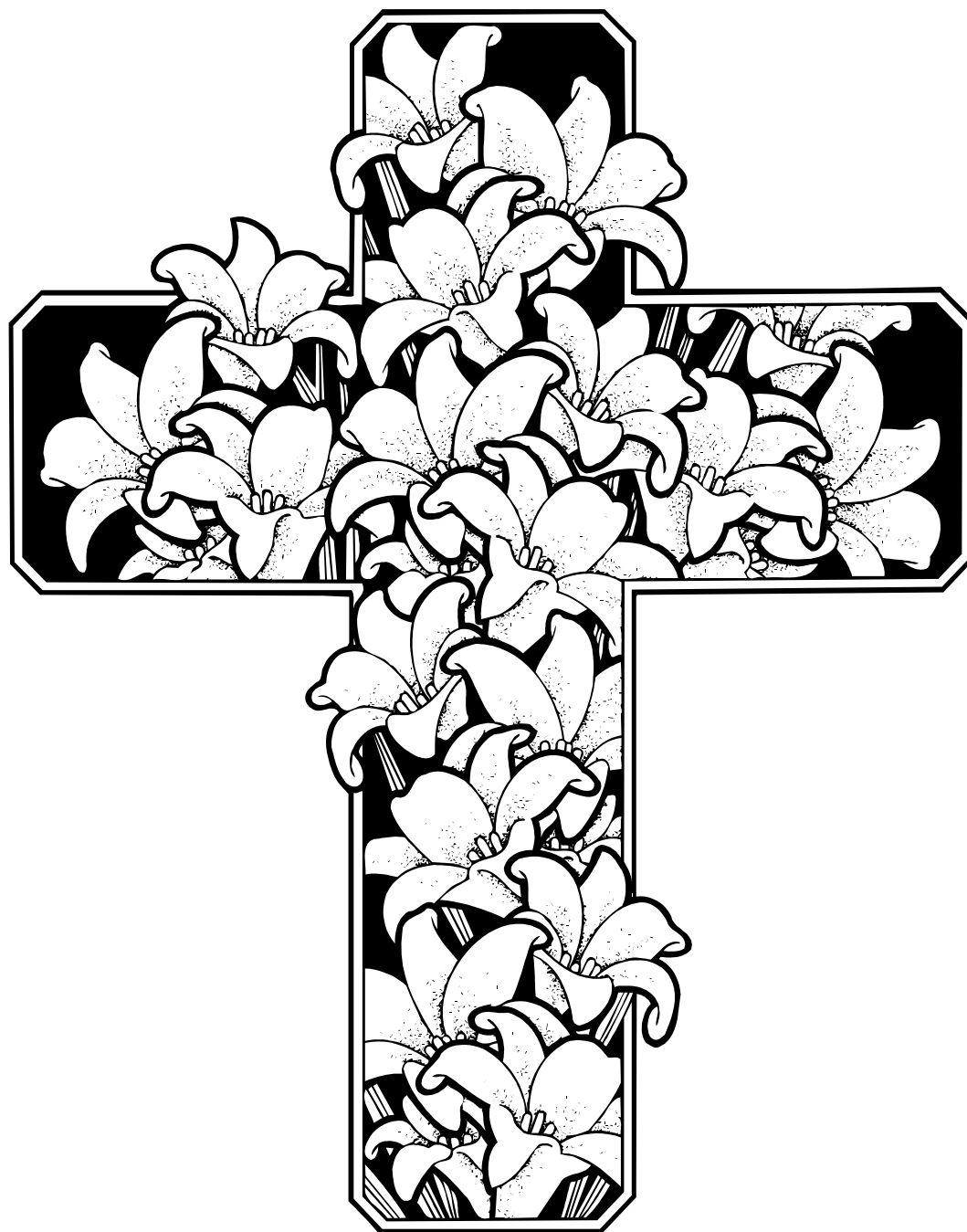
Silent Prayer

Announcements

CHRIST IS RISEN



He has risen, just as he said
Matthew 28:6



The Resurrection of our Lord

April 20, 2025

+ Order of Worship for Easter Festival Worship +

The Resurrection of our Lord
The Order of Worship for Easter Festival Service
The twentieth day of April in the year of the Lord 2025
9:00 a.m.

THE HAND OF THE LORD WHO IS RISEN

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! When the women came to His tomb, carrying spices in their hands, they expected to find a dead body. However, they found a stone rolled away and angels proclaiming that Christ lives. Oh, how their sorrow turned to joy! It was necessary for Jesus to be delivered into hands of sinful men. He is not to be found in the place of death, and soon He will meet His disciples, all as He said. David knew this joy nearly a thousand years before Christ's resurrection. Jesus is the one who did not see corruption in the tomb and fulfills these words: "You make known to me the path of life; in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (Palm 16:11). Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pre-Service Music

Ringling of the Bells

Easter Proclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Hymn: ♪ “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482

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

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!

2 Death’s flood has lost its chill Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

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

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Stand

P In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

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P Almighty God, our maker and redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

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Gloria Patri

C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.


Kyrie

C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.


This Is the Feast

LSB 155





1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
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Final Refrain



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Salutation and Collect of the Day

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C And with thy spirit.

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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: *♪ "At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing"*

LSB 633

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side.
Alleluia!

2 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!

3 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!

4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above.
Alleluia!

5 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!

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

7 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!

△B 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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Sermon: "The Hand of The Lord Who is Risen"
By Pastor John Schmidt

Stand

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

C Amen.

Offertory

C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

As offerings are brought forward the congregation stands and sings.

OFFERING HYMN: ♪ *"We Give Thee But Thine Own*

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**1 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.**

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

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Prayer of the Church

P Almighty God, on this feast when we celebrate Your great victory over all the disobedience and sin of this world and the defeat even of death by the power of the resurrection of Christ, with glad hearts we raise joyful shouts of praise acknowledging that, because He lives, we shall live also. You have made known to us the path of life, in Your presence there is fullness of joy, and at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore. Help us to treasure in our hearts all that You have done for us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Save and defend Your whole church throughout the world. Grant wisdom and strength to all pastors and bishops who serve Your people with Your Word and Sacraments, and strengthen the faith of all thereby, that Your kingdom continue to increase in all nations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Preserve our nation in justice and honor, and grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land, all who make, administer, and judge our laws. Help them to serve according to Your holy and righteous will. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Sanctify our homes with Your presence, keeping our children in the promise of their Baptism, and helping parents to bring them up in the true faith. Bless our families that we may show Your praise in our land. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Lay Your comforting, healing, and consoling hand upon all who are in sorrow, need, sickness or any adversity. Have mercy on all to whom death draws near. Bring consolation to those in sorrow and grant us Your love and tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We remember with thanksgiving all our departed relatives and friends who have loved and served You in faith and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Into Your hands, O Lord, Your gracious and merciful and saving hands, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

C **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.**

Sit

Hymn: ♪ *"Now All the Vault of Heav'n Resounds"*

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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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Stand

P Collect

C Amen

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and † give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: ♪ "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia"

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1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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Silent Prayer

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