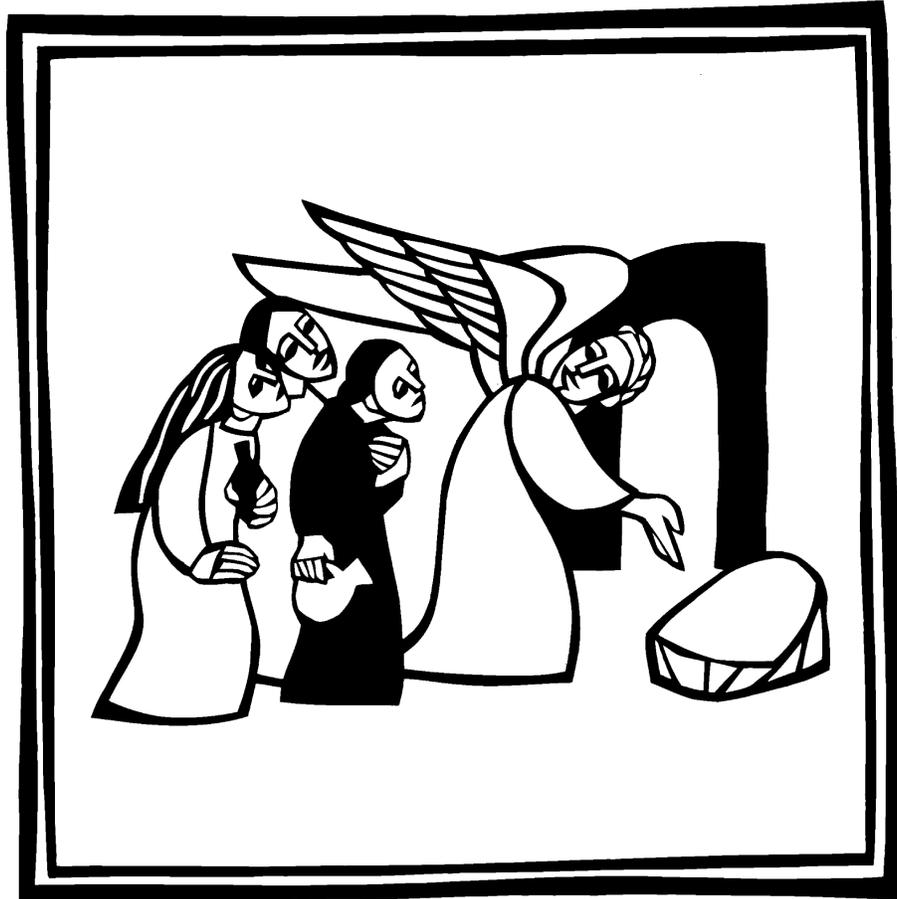


# EASTER SUNDAY

April 4th, 2021



9:15am (Zoom)

Lutheran Church of the Living Christ

## PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

P: We gather today as a community of faith.

**C: We gather to celebrate that nothing can separate us from the love of God:**

P: Not sickness, health, or physical separation;

**C: Not money, power, or access to resources.**

P: We gather to remember that life will always be more powerful than death,

**C: That peace will always be stronger than violence.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**C: Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

**OPENING HYMN** "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" ELW #365

(Produced by Association of Lutheran Church Musicians)



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise e - ter - nal as his love; Al - le - lu - ia!



who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
now a - bove the sky he's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
praise him, all you heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and is the Lord of life. Increase in us the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC OFFERING**

**FIRST READING** Isaiah 25:6-9

*The prophet Isaiah proclaims the good news of God's salvation and calls all people to rejoice! God will make a rich feast for all people. God will wipe the tears from their eyes. And most importantly, God will destroy death itself.*

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And God will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;  
God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of the people God will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; who we have waited for, so that God might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in this salvation.

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** 118:1-2, 14-24

L: Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

**C: Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

L: The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

**C: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"**

L: The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

**C: I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

L: The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

**C: Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to God.**

L: "This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter."

**C: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.**

L: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

**C: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

L: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**SECOND READING** Acts 10:34-43

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 16:1-8

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN'S BOOK** *Jesus is Risen!* by Agostino Traini

**SERMON**

HYMN "Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia" ELW #364



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 c - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 "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*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
 Alleluia, to him praises be.  
 Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
 he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.

*Refrain*

## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*The prayers reflect the wideness of God's mercy: for the church; for the well-being of creation; for peace & justice; for the poor, oppressed, suffering, & sick; for the congregation & other concerns.*

*Each petition ends:*

L: Hear us, O God.

**C: You mercy is great.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Share a sign of peace by waving, flashing a peace sign, or typing in the chat.*

## OFFERING AND PRAYER

*We continue to be the church together through prayer and financial support. Your giving ensures the continued mission and ministry of this congregation. Tithes and offerings can be mailed in, sent through your bank, or by using our online giving platform on our website.*

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved , Jesus Christ our life and salvation.

**C: Amen.**

## COMMUNION LITURGY

P: The Lord be with you

**C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts

**C: We lift them to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our savior Jesus Christ, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. With Mary Magdalene, Peter, and the witnesses to the resurrection, we praise your name.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for the rescue of the Israelites. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, who is God with us.

Having been anointed by one whom he loved, and about to be betrayed by one whom he loved, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat, this is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. After they had finished eating, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying this cup is the new covenant of my blood, shed for you and for all people. Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life, pour out your Holy Spirit on us. Bless us where we gather. Grace our tables, counters, and laps with your presence. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth to serve in your name.

With your holy ones of all times, places, and locations, and with all of creation, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

P: As we are the body of Christ, we take this sign of Christ's body into ourselves. The body of Christ given for you.

**C: Amen.**

*Time is given for the sharing of bread and wine among households.*

### **BLESSING AND PRAYER**

P: May this sign of God's presence, this shared bread between us, strengthen us and give us peace.

**C: Amen.**

P: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

P: Go out into the world in the joy and peace of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Care for God's redeemed creation; follow Christ as disciples in word and deed; be blessed with the gift of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Alleluia! Amen!**

SENDING HYMN "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia" ELW #369



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
3 Christ, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!  
4 Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!  
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!  
when con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!  
met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

**DISMISSAL**

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go and share the good news!

**C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**