

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 3 & 4, 2021

5:00 p.m., 6:30, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the single greatest event in all history. It is the turning point of history and the birthplace of all hope, peace, and true joy. What a day to celebrate! Christ lives! And because He lives, we too shall live a forgiven, abundant, and eternal life. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death was "swallowed up" in His resurrection victory and He has given that victory to us, His children. Heaven is ours, through Christ. Hope is ours, through Christ. Let the victory celebration begin and never end.

PRELUDE

"A Tanzanian Alleluia: Christ Has Arisen" arr. for handbells by Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME

HYMN

457 - Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (sung by choir)

- 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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INVOCATION

Leader: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: The angel spoke to the women: "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here. He has risen!"

People: **Christ has destroyed death. Alleluia!**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things:

People: **His right hand and His holy arm have worked salvation for Him.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: We come together this day rejoicing in the knowledge of Christ's resurrection, yet, we acknowledge and confess that we have often failed to live as people who live for and follow the resurrected Christ. Therefore, we make confession to our Lord and ask for His forgiveness.

O Lord, we confess that, like the disciples, we run away from Your death and try to hide from You.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: We confess our busyness that prevents us from pondering the meaning of the Resurrection for our daily lives.

People: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: We confess that the fear of death continues to haunt us in spite of Your victory.

Pastor: **Forgive us, Lord.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen! Thanks be to God!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Celtic Alleluia (sung by choir)

Refrain:



1. *Now He is living, the Christ. Out of the tomb He is risen;
He has conquered death, opened heaven to all believers. **Refrain***
2. *He is the firstfruits from death, now are our lives filled with glory!
Darkness vanishes in the light of His power. **Refrain***
3. *Give thanks to the Lord for He is good. The love of the Lord knows no ending.
Sons of Israel say: "His love has no end." **Refrain***
4. *The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed
I shall never die, I shall live, telling God's deeds. **Refrain***
5. *The stone which the builders rejected, becomes the cornerstone chosen.
Praise the work of God for this marvel in our eyes. **Refrain***

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: 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.

People: **Amen.**

✕ WORD ✕

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

(He will swallow up death forever.)

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine-- the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

(Christ appeared to His disciples and to more than five hundred witnesses.)

¹ Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve.

⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

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⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them--yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹ Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

6:30 a.m. "Ride On, King Jesus!"

Traditional Spiritual

*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me.
For He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse. (No man works like Him)
The river of Jordan He did cross. (No man works like Him)
For He is King of kings, Lord of lords,
Oh, Jesus Christ, the first and last!
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air,
He calls the saints from everywhere.
Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me.
He is the King, He is the Lord!
Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like Him.
Ride on, Jesus!*

5:00 p.m.; 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

"Come, Ye Faithful"

R. S. Thatcher

*Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
Of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought His Israel
Into joy from sadness;
'Tis the spring of souls today,
Christ hath burst His prison,
And from three days sleep in death
As a sun hath risen.*

*Now the queen of seasons, bright
With the day of splendor,
With the royal feast of feasts,
Comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
Who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.*

*Neither might the gates of death,
Nor the tomb's dark portal,
Nor the watchers, nor the seal,
Hold Thee as a mortal;
But today amidst the twelve
Thou didst stand, bestowing
That Thy peace which evermore
Passeth human knowing.*

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

(The Resurrection)

¹ When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ² Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³ and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴ But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶ "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸ Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

HYMN

465 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (sung by all)

- 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!
- 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 blessèd 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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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.

Each petition ends with the following response:

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

In the Lord's Supper we receive Christ's body and blood in and with the bread and wine. The two great blessings of the Lord's Supper are the forgiveness of sins and strength to live an improved Christian life. In response to the Lord's command we are to examine ourselves privately prior to partaking of the Sacrament. There are three basic questions on which we should examine ourselves, all of which we should be able to answer in the affirmative if we are to partake of the Sacrament worthily: 1) Am I truly sorry for my sins? 2) Do I believe Jesus Christ is my Savior? 3) Do I promise with God's help to live a Christian life? If you agree with the above statement, we invite you to the Sacrament.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of me.

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: Drink of it, all of you; this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: And also with you.

After the Words of Institution are spoken, the bread and wine (sealed in a plastic chalice) will be distributed to communicants in the pew. Non-alcoholic elements have the letters "NA" written on the top of the chalice.

Please wait to open the sealed chalice until after the bread and wine has been distributed to everyone. When all have received the bread and wine, we will all take the body of blood of Christ together at the same time.

The ushers will collect the used communion cup when you are dismissed to leave after the closing hymn.

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Variations on "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" setting by Anne Krentz Organ

SILENT PRAYER

You may pray the following prayer as we give thanks to God for His good gifts:

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen

Please stand

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation which we have received in the very body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. As You have given us this foretaste of the feast to come, strengthen us that we may be bold in our witness until the day when You call all believers to feast forever around Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

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.

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 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.
- 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.
- 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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POSTLUDE

“Toccata (from Symphony no.5”

Charles M. Widor

Prepare for next weekend’s worship by reading:

Acts 4:32-35; John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

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Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	5:00 p.m/6:30 a.m.	Theodore Laesch
	8:30/11:00 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
Organist & Accompanist:	Ryan Meyer	
Singers:	5:00 p.m.	Meagan Purcell, Allison Meyer, John Schmidt, Nate Laesch
	6:30 a.m.	Ellory Glenn
	8:30/11:00 a.m.	Lynda Christian, Denise Koch, Lynn Fruend, Ellory Glenn, John Schmidt, Nate Laesch, Mark Petersen,
Instrumentalists:	Meagan Purcell, violin Jen Schmidt, flute Ted Laesch, trumpet Nate Laesch, trumpet Jake Laesch, euphonium Zeke Laesch, horn	

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Worship and Christian Education

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
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Worship Service broadcast on KFUD 850 AM Sundays at 4:00 p.m.
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*Holy Communion is celebrated the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays of the month at 8:30 a.m.,
the 2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at 11:00 a.m.,
and the 1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays of the month at 5:00 p.m.*

Sunday school for children, Sunday Bible classes for adults and youth – 9:45 a.m.

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Missions

Chapel of the Cross supports the ministry of the English District and the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod as well as the Lutheran High School Association. We also assist the following ministries and organizations:

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