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A family growing together, learning God's Word,
serving our neighbor to witness Christ's love.
Serving others through Christ, together!

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Easter Sunrise
March 31, 2024
6:30 a.m. Service

**The Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunrise Service
March 31, 2024**

As We Gather: Today we enter in silence and darkness, as did Mary Magdalene, rightfully expecting nothing more than she did in going to the tomb to prepare Jesus' body for burial. A sunrise celebration helps to recreate the time and the context of that first Easter experience and brings to our ears once again the word of the angel to the women: "Do not be alarmed, you are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! (Mark 16:6)

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Go to Dark Gethsemane"

LSB, 436 (vs. 3-4)

**Calvary's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die**

**Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom, Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.**

Please rise if able and face the processional cross at the back of the church.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: As Mary Magdalene and the other women awoke and went to the tomb early that Sunday morning, they were planning only to anoint Jesus' body. But the news from the angel changed everything! And the news still changes everything for us! He is no longer dead! Jesus Christ lives, and through faith we see Him just as He told us! This is the reason we celebrate! Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today” verse 3 choir only **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 heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

P: In Baptism your old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Jesus back to life again, you were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. To remind ourselves of what happens at our Baptism, we speak the words Jesus speaks at our Baptism: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

P: Even on this Easter day, 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: Almighty God, heavenly Father,
C: **we confess that we at times have lacked trust, defied your divine authority, despised your great salvation, abandoned your truths, despised the Savior's claim and shown misplaced sorrow. We have not always let the sure news of the resurrection dispel the fear that develops within us. Forgive us and renew in us the sure hope of joining saints and angels around the eternal feast which You have prepared for all who call Your Son their Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: By His suffering and death our Lord has paid for our sins, and by His rising has destroyed the power of death. As a called and ordained servant of our risen and triumphant Lord Jesus Christ I announce God's grace unto you and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB, 155

**♩ This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain
whose blood set us free to be people of God
This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to
God and the Lamb forever Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**For the Lamb who was slain
has begun his reign, Alleluia
This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The risen Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Exodus 15:1-11

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

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

ANTHEM*“The Easter Carol”*

Adult Choir

SECOND READING**I Corinthians 5:6b–8**

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

FESTIVAL ALLELUIA

Adult Choir

Please rise if able.

HOLY GOSPEL**John 20:1-18**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, 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. ² 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.” ³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³ 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.” ¹⁴ Having said this, she turned

around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ 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.’” ¹⁸ 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.

C: Praise to You, 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.

HYMN OF THE DAY*“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”***LSB, 461**

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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| <p>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.</p> | <p>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.</p> |
| <p>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.</p> | <p>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!</p> |

SERMON**OFFERING****VOLUNTARY***“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”*

Adult Handbells

PRAYERS

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Heavenly Father, in Baptism You have joined us to Christ's death and resurrection and made us citizens of Your kingdom. Move our hearts to repentance, that we would set our minds on things above and be directed by Your holy will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, when doubt and fear weigh us down, console us with the certainty that Christ is risen from the dead and that He rules over all things for our good and greets us with life in His Means of Grace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, lead Your people in Your steadfast love, and guide them in strength to Your holy abode. Sanctify our homes. Be the companion of those who live alone. Make our households places where Your wisdom and grace are found. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Your right hand, O Lord, is glorious in power. Grant that all in authority would govern according to Your will, maintaining order and curbing evil, that we may live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, You have seated Christ at Your right hand for our deliverance. Remember those afflicted with illness and injury Give them health and strength according to Your will. Sustain them in faith, knowing that, for Jesus' sake, You will raise them in glory on the Last Day. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, thanks be to You for victory over death through our Lord Jesus Christ. Remember all who mourn. Comfort them with the promise that You love them with an everlasting love, and will raise them and all Your people from the dead; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PREFACE

LSB, 160

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 Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right and proper everywhere and always to give thanks to You, loving Father, holy and almighty Lord, eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, but the central and chief reason we have to praise You is the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Passover Lamb, given for us, who has taken away the world's sin. By His death He destroyed death, and by His rising to life He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels, the saints in heaven and those on earth, we glorify Your name, praising You and singing:

SANCTUS ~ Holy, Holy, Holy (Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9)

LSB, 161

C: ♪ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray...
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.

WORDS OF OUR LORD

LSB, 162

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, ... in remembrance of Me.”

PAX DOMINI ~ *The Peace of the Lord (John 20:19)*

LSB, 163

P: ♪ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ **Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

“*The Lamb*”

LSB, 547 Vs 1,4-5

**1. The Lamb, the Lamb, O Father, where’s the sacrifice?
Faith sees, believes God will provide the Lamb of price!**

Refrain

**Worthy is the Lamb whose death makes me His own!
The Lamb is reigning on His throne!**

**4. He sighs, He dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, he gives me His own righteousness. *Refrain***

**5. He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till every heart to Him belong. *Refrain***

Please be seated.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Trinity and other LCMS members are welcome to participate in communion. Members of other Christian churches should speak with Pastor before communing here. Worshippers who are not communing are welcome to come forward for a blessing, taking one of the crosses in the center aisle.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Now All the Vault of Heaven Resound



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
 3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
 △ 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 fore our heart with rap - ture sings: “Christ has tri - umphed!
 heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
 with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: “Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!” Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
 He is liv - ing!” Now still He comes to give us
 through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
 Al - le - lu - ia!” Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 life And by His pres - ence stills all
 day That by our lives we tru - ly
 Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



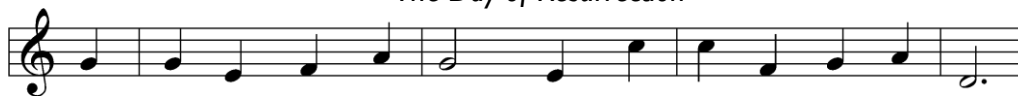
here: “Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!”
 strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!
 say: “Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!”
 God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

“The Day of Resurrection”

LSB, 478



1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, Let earth its song be - gin,
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light
 Let all the world keep tri - umph And all that is there - in.
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things, seen and un - seen, Their notes of glad - ness blend;
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.
 His own “All hail!” and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.
 For Christ the Lord has ris - en, Our joy that has no end!
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: I will sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted. The horse and rider He has hurled into the sea.

C: **The Lord is my strength and my song. He has become my salvation. He is my God and I will praise Him. I will praise Him for the gift of Himself, His body and blood, to strengthen and encourage me to live forever as an Easter person for Christ.**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

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.**

CLOSING HYMN

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”

LSB, 475



1 Good Chris - tian friends, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day; Bring flow'rs of song to
3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with



of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
strew His way; Let all the world re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Hallelujah Chorus – Please stand if you are able

POSTLUDE

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice and Sing”



The Resurrection of Jesus: It's Personal!

The Amazing Angelic Announcement

“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him.”

Mark 16:6

The Amazing Angelic Announcement...For the Disciples & Peter

“But go, tell his disciples and Peter he is going before you to Galilee...”

Mark 16:7

This Amazing Angelic Announcement...is for You!

“For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-5

The Blessings of the Father

Genesis 26 & 27 Matthew 5:1-12

In this week's readings, we see God continuing to work with His people (even in those times we don't understand). For example, in Genesis 27, we read that Jacob steals his father's blessing meant for His brother, Esau (which confusingly fulfills the prophecy of the Lord in Genesis 25). The blessing from his father includes a life overflowing with many blessings that had its roots in the promise the Lord gave to Abraham, through whom all the families of the earth were to be blessed. Our hearts go out to Esau because he didn't do anything horribly wrong, but it's also a reminder that the LORD provides for us through all adversity.

In our reading from Matthew 5:1-12, Jesus spoke to people who were bent over in adversity, and who were burdened with sadness and grief. And for all these hard times, for these difficulties that literally take our breath away, Jesus had one phrase of encouragement. He said, "*You are blessed!*"

Now the word "blessed" has a very special meaning. The word "blessed" doesn't simply mean that you're showered with good things. It means that the Father hasn't abandoned you. It means that God is at work for you no matter what is happening in your life. You aren't on your own and these moments aren't the whole story. In hard times, there's only one thing you can depend on and that's the Father's work for you in Jesus. We have a faithful Father who is at work for you. You're blessed!

May our gracious Lord help us to trust in Him in all joy and adversity because our Father keeps His promises in Christ and is faithful to the end!