

# The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 1, 2018

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

## AS WE GATHER

The traditional greeting between Christians during the Easter season is for one to say “Alleluia! Christ is risen!” to which another replies “He is risen indeed! Alleluia!” Happy words, delightful words, promise-filled words, yet words that contradict virtually all of human experience. All of our personal experience suggests that when someone has died, it is permanent. Yet when our Lord was laid in the tomb on Good Friday, His real death was changed to life by His glorious resurrection early on Easter morning. It is the reality of our Lord’s resurrection that fills us with expectation and anticipation of the resurrection we will experience on the Last Day, and the eternal life we will live in the presence of God. Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## PRELUDE

“La Rejouissance (with “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”)”

G. F. Handel

*Please stand*

## EASTER GREETING

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

*The congregation turns and faces the cross as the procession approaches the altar reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence of God.*

## ENTRANCE HYMN

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

*(choir sings stanza 1 alone)*

## INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:**           **Amen.**

Pastor:           All praise to God the Father -  
**People:**           **who raised His Son in victory.**

Pastor:           All praise to Jesus, God's Son, risen from the dead -  
**People:**           **our living and reigning King.**

Pastor:           All praise to God the Holy Spirit -  
**People:**           **who has worked in us a living hope in the resurrection.**

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

## **CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

Pastor:           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.

Pastor:           For all of our sins, both things we have done and things we have neglected to do.  
**People:**           **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor:           For the casual way we sometimes respond to Jesus' resurrection,  
**People:**           **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor:           For bringing hurt, strife, and painful words to those closest to us,  
**People:**           **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor:           For the ease with which we drift from what has been delivered to us as of first importance,  
**People:**           **Forgive us, Lord.**

Pastor:           Most merciful God,

**People:** We admit and confess our sinfulness. We have not loved You as we ought, and we have not loved others as You have loved us. For the sake of Jesus Christ, we ask You to forgive our sins and to renew us for faithful obedience to You.

**Pastor:** Christ is risen, and in His resurrection God gives you new life. Therefore, as an ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you and by His command, I forgive you all your sin, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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

## HYMN OF PRAISE

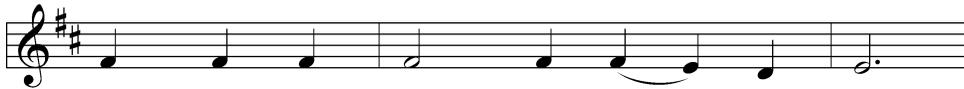
464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



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



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done;  
3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped,  
5 Lord, by the stripes which wound - ed Thee,



Now is the vic - tor's tri - umph won;  
He ris - es glo - rious from the dead.  
From death's dread sting Thy ser - vants free

*The Refrain is repeated after st. 5.*



Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!  
All glo - ry to our ris - en Head! Al - le - lu - ia!  
That we may live and sing to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia!

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

**People:** **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. Amen.**

## EXCHANGE OF PEACE

## WELCOME

### ✠ WORD ✠

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6–9

*(He will swallow up death forever.)*

<sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; <sup>8</sup>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.

<sup>9</sup>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."

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

*(Paul declares what is of first importance.)*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, <sup>8</sup> and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

<sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"*

Eleanor Daley

*"Christ the Lord is ris'n today!" Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!*

*Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply. Alleluia!*

*Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell. Alleluia!*

*Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!*

*Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.*

*Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

*Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to Thee by both be giv'n! Alleluia!*

*Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the resurrection, Thou! Alleluia!*

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*Please stand*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

## **HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 16:1-8

*(The first visitors to the tomb find the surprise of Jesus' resurrection.)*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb <sup>3</sup> and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

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

<sup>6</sup> "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. <sup>7</sup> 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.'"

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

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **HYMN OF THE WORD**

**465** Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

*(choir sings stanza 2 alone)*

## **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

*Please stand*

## **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.**

## **OFFERING**

*"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"*

Handbell arrangement by Kevin McChesney

*Please stand*

## **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.

## ✠ 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.*

### PREFACE

**Pastor:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Pastor:** Lift up your hearts.

**People:** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Pastor:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**Pastor:** It is right and proper for us to thank and praise You, O God, for You have given Yourself for us through Your Son Jesus Christ. He who was without sin came into this world of sin for us, lived under the Law, died under the curse of our sin, and was raised to life again that we might have new life. Prepare us, now, O Lord, to receive the very body and blood of our Lord for the building up of our faith, for the strengthening of our unity in Your family, and for the forgiveness of our sins, and hear us as we are bold to pray and as You have taught us:

### 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.**

## 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.**

*If you wish to take communion in the pew, please raise your hand when the communion assistant comes down the aisle.*

*A "continuous communion table" will be the method of distribution for Holy Communion today. Communicants will come forward in two rows at the direction of the usher. Instead of kneeling at the chancel communion rail, they will receive communion at communion stations in front of the rail. They will receive the wafer at the first station and then proceed to the second station to receive the wine, either from the common cup or from an individual cup. They will then return to their pews. As is our custom, communion will be brought to people in the pews who have difficulty walking to the chancel. Also young children will receive a word of blessing.*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN

**482** This Joyful Eastertide

## ANTHEM

"Christ Is Risen (He Is Risen Indeed)"                      Getty/Cash, arr. by Fettke/Grassi  
(Congregation is invited to sing along on the refrain.)

*How can it be, the One who died Has borne our sin through sacrifice  
To conquer every sting of death? Sing, sing hallelujah!*

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*For joy awakes as dawning light When Christ's disciples lift their eyes,  
Alive He stands, their Friend and King; Christ, Christ, He is risen!*

**Refrain:**

**Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! Oh, sing hallelujah.**

**Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed; Christ is risen, He is risen indeed.**

*Where doubt and darkness once had been, They saw Him and their hearts believed.  
But blessed are those who have not seen, Yet, sing hallelujah!*

*Once bound by fear now bold in faith, They preached the truth and power of grace;  
And pouring out their lives they gained Life, life everlasting! (Refrain)*

*The pow'r that raised Him from the grave Now works in us to pow'rfully save.  
He frees our hearts to live His grace; Go tell of His goodness. (Refrain)*

*He's alive, He's alive; Heaven's gates are opened wide!  
He's alive, He's alive; Now in heaven glorified!*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**474** Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

*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.**

*Please turn towards the cross as it is carried out of the church, and remain facing it until the hymn is completed. This symbolizes our following Christ into the world as we leave.*

## 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.**
- 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 in G Major"

Th. Dubois

Prepare for next weekend's worship by reading:

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

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# Serving at Chapel

Preacher:	Theodore Laesch	
Liturgists:	8:30 a.m.	Orval Mueller
	11:00 a.m.	Clifford Bischoff
Lectors:	8:30 a.m.	Victoria Stuart
	11:00 a.m.	Ernest & Sandra Roberts
Acolytes:	8:30 a.m.	Kayla Rainey & Jacob Laesch
	11:00 a.m.	Darius Johnson & Cassie Dunn
Choirs:	Choral Singers & Chapel Bells	
Instrumentalists:	Jen Schmidt, flute	
	Lynda Christian, oboe	
	Craig Schlichtmann, clarinet	
	Natalie Ferree, bassoon	
	Dave Funke, Ted Laesch & Nate Laesch, trumpet	
	Bethany Phillips & Marie Brown, violin	
	Meagan Schmidt, viola	
	Abby Sage, cello	
	Meleiah Raspberry, percussion	
Directors:	Ryan Meyer & Jen Schmidt	
Organists:	Ryan Meyer & Carolyn Rusnak	
Radio Announcer:	Mike Powell	