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Easter Sunday

March 31, 2024

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# resurrection **REALity**



**ALL WILL BE MADE ALIVE**

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LUTHERAN CHURCH



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## Welcome

Welcome to all of our members, guests, and visitors this morning as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior! Please join us after the early service for an Easter breakfast. After the second service, there will be a children's egg hunt along our Resurrection Trail.

## Meet Pastor Koepke

Please stop and greet our pastor after the service this morning; he'd like to meet you! If you wish to meet with Pastor Koepke privately, please contact him to make an appointment. Our pastor is here to serve both Lamb of God members and our community.

## Children's Room

We love having children in our service. However, if you feel your child needs to be taken out for a while, you may choose to use the children's room off the hallway near the mailboxes.

## Giving to Lamb of God

If you wish to give an offering to Lamb of God online, the QR code at the right is provided for your convenience. Several types of payment are accepted on this secure site.



# ✠ THE ORDER OF SERVICE ✠

## INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## AN EASTER DIALOGUE

M: Today we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Let us draw near to him in worship and praise, in humble sincerity and bold confidence. Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed!<sup>1</sup>

**OPENING HYMN:** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today (CW157)*

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!

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!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!  
Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!  
Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!  
Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!  
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

<sup>1</sup> This is known as the *Paschal Greeting*, one of the oldest and most wide-spread traditions in the Christian church. Throughout the weeks of the Easter Season, whenever the minister says to the people, “*Christ is risen!*” they automatically respond, loudly and boldly, “*He is risen indeed!*”

## CHILDREN'S HANDBELL CHOIR (9:30 service)

*Please stand.*

### EASTER DIALOGUE

M: Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous.

**C: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!**

M: The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

**C: The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!** *Psalm 118:15-16*

M: Because of this day, Jesus can say to his people:

**C: "I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive forever and ever!"** *Revelation 1:18*

M: Because of this day, the power of sin was broken forever. Jesus' resurrection proves that the price he paid for our sins on the cross was sufficient and accepted. Though we all sin and fall short of God's demands, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**C: He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.**

*Romans 4:25*

M: Because of this day, the power of evil is broken forever. Jesus' resurrection validates his words as truth and exposes the devil's words as lies. Though we face trouble, hardship, and danger, nothing can separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**C: Having disarmed the powers and authorities, Jesus made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.**

*Colossians 2:15*

M: Because of this day, the power of death is broken forever. Jesus' resurrection guarantees ours. Though we mourn when death takes those we love, the time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear Jesus' voice and come out.

**C: For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.**

*1 Corinthians 15:22*

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

**C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

*Psalm 118:24*

M: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed!**

## SONG OF PRAISE: *The Tomb Is Empty*

1 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and  
2 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Come and  
3 The tomb is emp - ty, is emp - ty! Go and

hear these words of life and peace:  
meet the ris - en Christ our Lord  
serve all peo - ple who long to be free!

He is not here, not here. He lives a -  
in whom we have, we have our vic - to -  
Raise those who sleep, who sleep in tombs of

gain in all your Gal - i - lees.  
ry, in whom is life re - stored.  
fear, and give them eyes to see!

Sing al - le - lu - ia! Sing al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## FIRST LESSON: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

*Christ gives us hope in this life. But Christ's resurrection gives us hope also for the eternal life that is to come.*

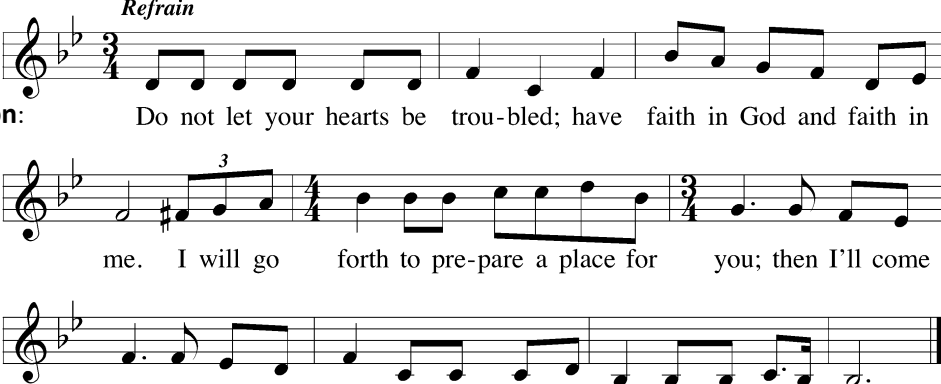
<sup>19</sup>If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup>But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

### SONG: *Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled* (CWS 759)

*The congregation (C) sings the refrain; leaders (L) will sing the verses.*

*Refrain*



**Congregation:** Do not let your hearts be trou-bled; have faith in God and faith in me. I will go forth to pre-pare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may al-so be.

**L:** In God's house there are many places for you alone to dwell in safety.  
You know the way to where I'll lead you; if you are lost, I will show the way.

#### **C: Refrain**

**L:** I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; only through me can you know what I know.  
If you knew me, you would know the Father; if you see me, you see your God.

#### **C: Refrain**

**L:** The words I speak are not only of myself; it is your God who lives within me.  
If you believe that your God and I are one, I will provide when you call my name.

#### **C: Refrain**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:30 service)

### GOSPEL LESSON: *Mark 16:1-8*

*Early Easter morning, an angel explains to the women why they won't find Jesus' corpse in the tomb.*

<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.

### HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Know that My Redeemer Lives (CW 152, select verses)*

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!

He lives triumphant from the grave;  
He lives eternally to save.  
He lives all-glorious in the sky;  
He lives exalted there on high.

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.

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.

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!"

**SERMON: I Know That My Redeemer Lives, *Job 19:23-27***

<sup>23</sup>"Oh, that my words were recorded,  
that they were written on a scroll,  
<sup>24</sup>that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,  
or engraved in rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup>I know that my redeemer lives,  
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.  
<sup>26</sup>And after my skin has been destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I will see God;  
<sup>27</sup>I myself will see him  
with my own eyes—I, and not another.  
How my heart yearns within me!

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed***

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord God, on this glorious day, fill your people with certain hope at the resurrection of your Son, that we would tremble no longer before the grave but rejoice and live in the truth of your power to save. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** **hear our prayer.**



M: Bless us with faith that holds fast to the Word preached to us, that receiving it with joy we may take our stand in it and be saved by it. Hinder all who would sow doubt into our hearts, and grant us courage to confess its truth in our life and conversation. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Have mercy on the sick and those in any need. Let the dawning light of the new creation in Christ sustain them in faith. In accord with your will, grant them renewed health — a foretaste of their eternal healing in him. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Comfort those who mourn with the truth of Christ's empty tomb, that in the midst of their grief they may abide in the hope of his resurrection. Uphold them in faith as they await the day when you will wipe every tear from all faces. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: We join today in singing eternal alleluias with innumerable angels around your throne and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect. We bring these petitions before you, dear Father, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, in whose name we join to pray the prayer he taught:

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S BLESSING**

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the Spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you. And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection day on the day of Christ Jesus.

M: Let all God's people say, "AMEN!"

**C: AMEN!**

M: ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS RISEN!

**C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!**

# CLOSING SONG: *See, What a Morning*



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the  
 2 See Mar - y weep - ing, "Where is he laid?" as in  
 3 One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the



dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem;  
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb.  
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty.



fold - ed the grave - clothes, tomb filled with light,  
 Hears a voice speak - ing, call - ing her name;  
 Hon - or and bless - ing, glo - ry and praise



as the an - gels an - nounce, "Christ is ris - en!"  
 it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!  
 to the King crowned with pow'r and au - thor - i - ty!



See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in  
 The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ing  
 And we are raised with him; death is dead, love has



pain, paid in sac - ri - fice, ful - filled in  
 hope, bring - ing peace to us, will sound till  
 won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!  
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WELCOME

If you are visiting us this morning, welcome! We are happy to have you here to celebrate Easter together. Please take a few moments to stop and greet Pastor Koepke. Join us for breakfast immediately after the first service on the west-facing patio. After the 9:30 service there will also be an egg hunt for children.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO BE IN GOD'S WORD

- ✝ Our weekly service is held every Sunday at 9:30am, and you are welcome to come back for this weekly worship.
- ✝ Adult & Teen Bible Class - Sunday mornings, 10:45-11:15am
- ✝ Children's Sunday School - Sunday mornings, 10:45-11:15am, ages 3 through 6th grade
- ✝ Thursday evenings at 6pm - Join the Bible discussion at church or via Zoom; contact Pastor Koepke for the link.

### FOUR KEY CONCEPTS CLASS

A new round of the Four Key Concepts Class will begin on Tuesday, April 30, at 6pm and will run for four weeks. This class is a great opportunity to study the basic teachings of God's Word and ask your tough questions. It is also the starting point for those looking to become members of Lamb of God. If you are interested in attending these classes, please speak with Pastor Koepke.

### COLLECTION FOR RYAN HOUSE

*One more week to bring your donation!* The SOS project for the month is a collection that will benefit the Ryan House, which provides on-site respite and palliative care for children with life-limiting or end-of-life medical complexities. Items most needed now are individually packaged crackers, cookies, and chips, Pop Tarts, granola/breakfast bars, and juice boxes. You can view a more complete list in the narthex at church. The collection will be taken through next week, April 7. For questions, please contact Darcy, 480-332-4120.

### EASTER LILIES

If you brought Easter lilies for this morning's services, please pick yours up after the second service and take them home to enjoy the blooms, reminding you all week of the hope we have been given through Jesus' death and resurrection.

### LIFE GROUPS

Forms are now available to use for planning the summer Life Groups session. Please use this form to submit a new or continuing group. See the form for more specific information. These are due to Pastor by Sunday, April 14.