



ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 1, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

TRADITIONAL SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

*On this day the Lord
has acted!*

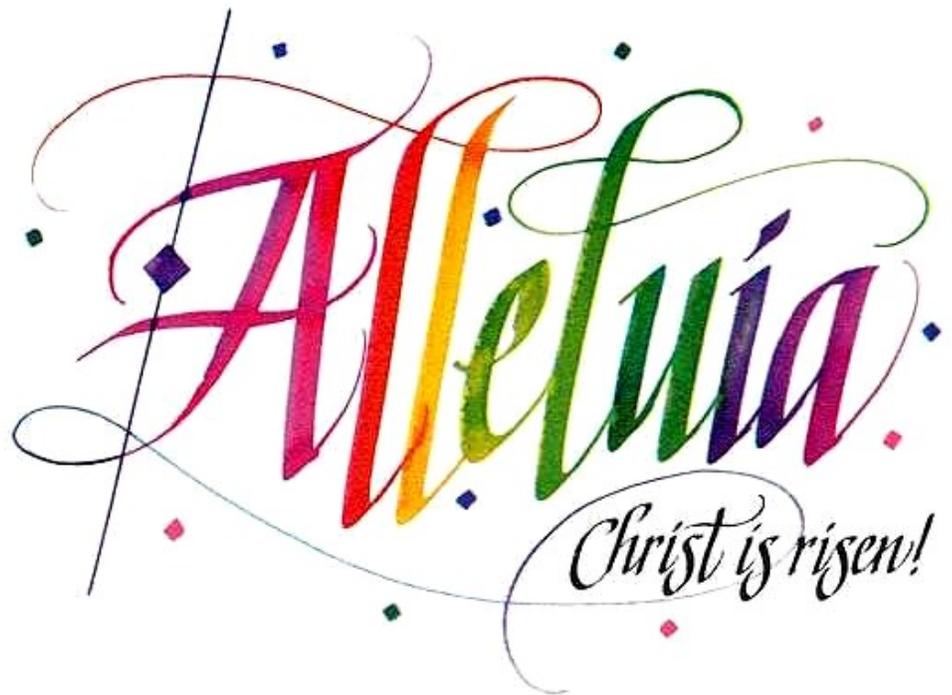
*On the first day of the
week God began
creation, transforming
darkness into light.*

*On this, the "eighth
day" of the week,
Jesus Christ was raised
from the dead.*

*We celebrate this new
creation in the waters
of baptism and in the
feast of victory.*

*With great joy we
celebrate this day of
days, even as we begin
the great fifty days of
Easter.*

*Filled with hope, we
go forth to share the
news that Christ is
risen!*



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

God's work. Our hands.

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Easter Sunday

10:00 a.m.

April 1, 2018

**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

(ELW - red book)

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Myra Long

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

ELW p. 116-118

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*INVOCATION

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*GATHERING HYMN

"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

ELW #365

Verse 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!**

Verse 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!**

Verse 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!**

Verse 4

**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!**

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

ELW p. 120

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.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

ELW P. 122-123

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.
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,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

ELW p. 31

P: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

HANDBELL ANTHEM

“All Hail the Power”

Handbell Choir

WORD

CHILDREN’S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

THE LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4

Kermit Nash

***THE GOSPEL PROCESSION**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

ELW #393 (vs. 1)

Verse 1

A hymn of glory let us sing! New hymns throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascends unto the throne of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

***THE GOSPEL READING**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**
P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

John 20:1-18

***THE GOSPEL RECESSION**

“A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!”

ELW #393 (vs. 5)

Verse 5

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to you let earth accord: Alleluia! Alleluia!
You are, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

ELW #369 (vs. 1,3,4)

Verse 1

Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia! Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia! at the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

Verse 3

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia! God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia! met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

Verse 4

Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia! all your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia! now he lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

***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.

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord, in your mercy. **C:** Hear our prayer.

Kermit Nash

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Crown the Resurrection Day”

Chancel Choir

***OFFERING PRESENTATION / RESPONSE**

“Doxology”

ELW #884

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A: Let us pray ... **C:** Amen.

Kermit Nash

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** *(sung)*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

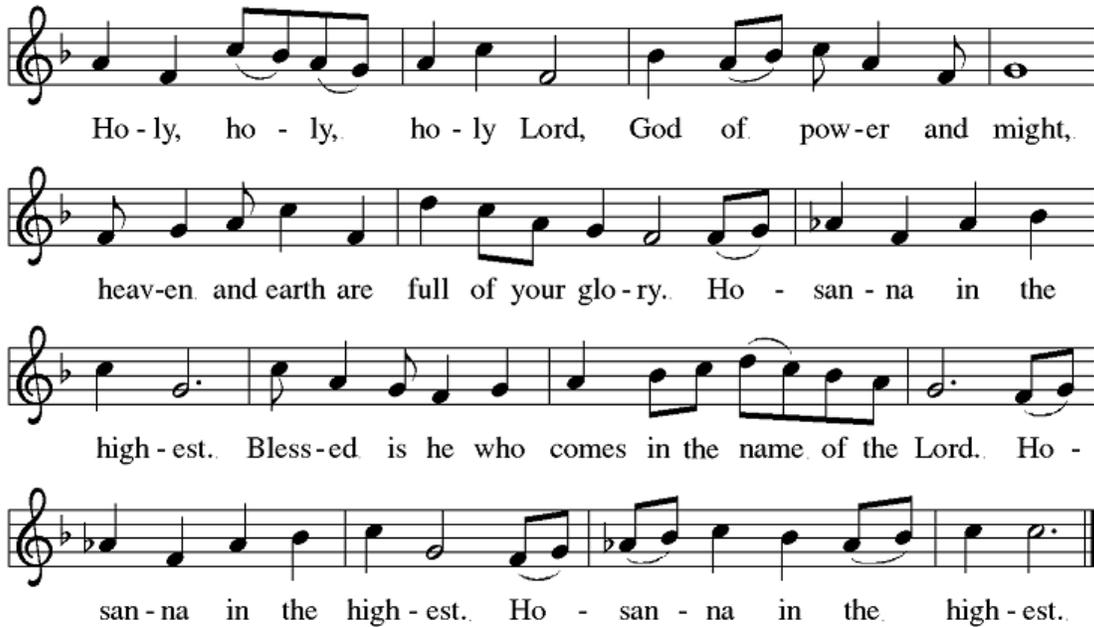
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***THE PROPER PREFACE**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places ... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER XI**

We give you thanks, Father ...

ELW p. 69-70

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

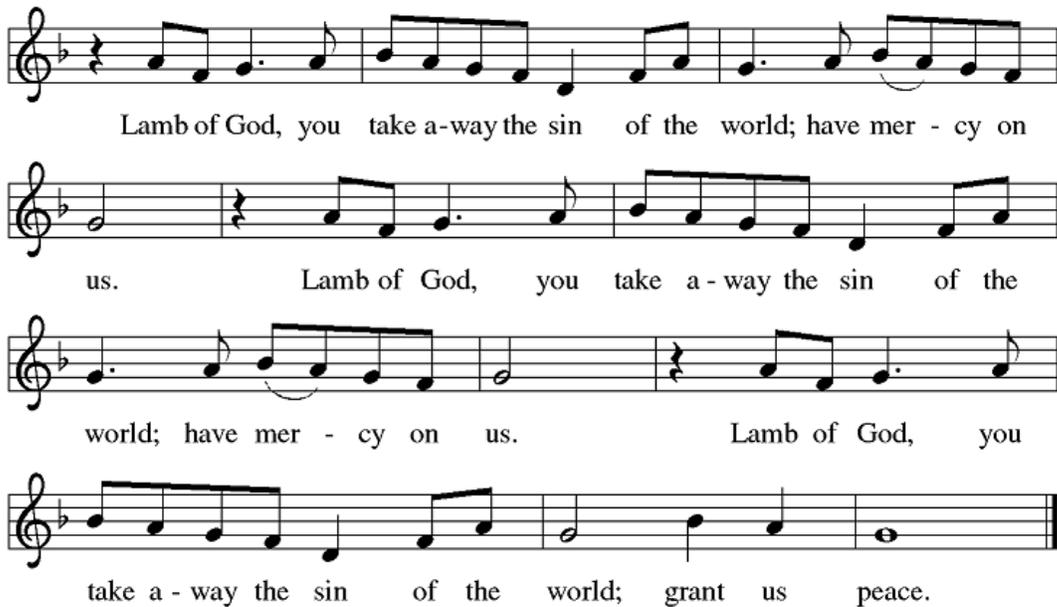
Traditional

ELW p. 134

**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.**

AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be served at the altar at the front of the church. You will come forward by the center aisle and return by the exterior aisles. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

“Thine Is the Glory”

ELW #376 (vs. 1,2)

Verse 1

**Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Verse 2

**Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting!**

Refrain

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

ELW p. 136

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray ... C: Amen.

Kermit Nash

SENDING

*THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless ... and give you peace. C: Amen.

ELW p. 136

*SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!”

ELW #377

Verse 1

**Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light!
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!**

Refrain

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Verse 2

**Walking the way, Christ in the center telling the story to open our eyes;
Breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. *Refrain***

Verse 3

**Jesus the vine, we are the branches; life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth, Christ to the people, gift of the future now flowing to me. *Refrain***

Verse 4

**Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing: O grave, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. *Refrain***

Verse 5

**City of God, Easter forever, golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, saints and archangels, sing with creation to God the I AM! *Refrain***

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. C: Thanks be to God.

ELW p. 137

POSTLUDE

Myra Long

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THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the glory of God and in memory of Shirley Fisher on her birthday (April 1), by Denise and Gary Arndt.

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

Presiding Pastor: Rev. Gary Haddock

Assisting Minister: Kermit Nash

Choir Director & Organist: Myra Long

Altar Guild: Hilka Cox, Paul & Kathy Gibson

Tech: Carol Schaefer, Camille Patrick, Tamarah Hefner, Randy Sherrill, Terry Hefner, Tim Sigmon, Barry Bumgarner

Communion Assistants: Ginger Carpenter, Hal Sigmon

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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.’”

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

“Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever. Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.” The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation. Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: “The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly! The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!” I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death. Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord. “This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

“If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.”

JOHN 20:1-18

“Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. 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.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 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.’ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?’ 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.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because 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.’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.”