

He is not here

FOR HE IS RISEN



MATTHEW 28:6



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

WELCOME!

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! After the somber celebration of Holy Week, the Church gathers in the early hours of Easter morning to shout its “Alleluias” and songs of praise to the risen Lord. We begin our observance of Christ’s resurrection with an Easter Dawn service that proclaims the good news of this joyous morning through Scripture, song, and prayer. After three days in the tomb, Christ returned to life to dry our tears and remove our fears. Jesus wants no soul left in mourning over death. He laid down his life and took it up again. A new day has dawned in which death is no longer reigning but Christ is!

PERSONAL PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Heavenly Father, I have come to worship you. Draw near to me in your gracious Word, and assure me of your loving kindness. Curb my wandering thoughts, that with undivided attention I may hear your voice and sing your praise. Amen.

PREPARE

Pray | We encourage you to take time before each service to speak to God in prayer. Use your own words, or, if you’re struggling to find the words, please refer to the Prayer Before Worship that is projected on the screens.

Be a good neighbor | Please greet those sitting near you and introduce yourself! We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, after all, and the fellowship we share is a special gift from God. So as not to distract others in worship, please silence your cell phone.

PARTICIPATE

The order of service is printed for you in this bulletin and is projected for you on the screens. If you are hard of hearing, personal listening devices are available from the ushers.

RETREAT

Restrooms | The restrooms are located in the south hallway (over your left shoulder as you sit in the pew). Water fountains are in the hallways on either side of the sanctuary.

Restless children | We love having your children in worship and want to help little ones in their worship of our Lord! However, if you feel the need to leave the sanctuary but still want to follow along, a TV with a live feed of the service as well as rocking chairs, children’s books and toys is located in the Library/Chapel across the south hallway.

SERVING IN GOD’S HOUSE TODAY

Presiding Minister: Pastor Derek Bartelt | **Organist:** Ben Warmuth | **Elder:** David Thurow
Altar Guild: Kris Hills, Jan Lazzaroni, and Helen Hacht | **Projectionist:** Gail Michnay

Jesus Christ is Risen Today!

The congregation enters in silence.

The choir sings the first two verses of "While Yet the World Lay Bound in Night". The music continues softly while the candles are all lit, including the Christ Candle, Simultaneously, the church bells are rung as a reminder that Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.

After the bells are rung, the congregation continues with verses 3-6 of "While Yet the World Lay Bound in Night"

Opening Hymn

While Yet the World Lay Bound in Night

Vs. 1 While yet the world lay bound in night,
Their teary eyes sought God's gravesite.
One last devotion came to bring,
Sweet spices to their buried King.
"O Jesus, what has this world done
That men would crucify God's Son?"
With heartache stealing every breath,
The women came expecting death.

Vs. 2 How could his own so soon despair
With none to keep a vigil there?
Did they forget amidst their dread
His thrice-told promise that he said?
"O Jesus, how soon we forget
While death's cold sting is clinging yet!"
Save us from sin, from grief, from woe.
Lead us to see horizon's glow.

The music continues softly as the candles are lit and the lights come on. The church bells also ring as a reminder that Christ has been raised from the dead.

Vs. 3 **The trembling earth began to groan,
To yield the King it could not own.
Hear breath returned! His heart now beats!
And by His life, death He defeats.
His scars remain as trophies won,
The proof of all the Son has done.
The marks of love He keeps in view
To prove His every word is true.**

Vs. 4 **Our champion even marched to hell,
But not in chains or by death's knell,
In Satan's ancient fortress,
The conqueror gave this address,
"I won the battle, paid the price.
Behold my finished sacrifice.
Accuser, hush! Your mouth be tied!
By blood, mine own are justified."**

This hymn was written to show the dramatic shift from grief to joy, from death to life, that took place on Resurrection Sunday. Because Jesus lives, so too will we.

Vs. 5 As light above began to shine,
The women saw God's plan divine.
Dare we with them, trembling, look in
To see the grave of death and sin?
"Come, see the place where Jesus lay!"
It is to you the angels say, "
"Risen is he, he is not here!" "
And thus our shroud has disappeared.

Vs. 6 Unearth again "Alleluias!"
And sing angelic "Glorias!"
For Christ, our Victor, reigns on high,
Our requiem turns lullaby.
"Praise God the Father, and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One",
Will be our psalm forevermore
With all God's saints on golden shore.

Paschal Greeting

People of God – Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

I will not die, but live,
And proclaim what the Lord has done!

This is the day the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Opening Responses

I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted.
The Lord is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
Let us come before him with thanksgiving, and extol him with music and song.

The Lord's right hand is majestic in power. The Lord's right hand has shattered the enemy. In the greatness of his majesty he threw down those who opposed him.
Death has been swallowed up in victory.

The Lord will not abandon me to the grave. He has made known to me the path of life.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?
Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.


This traditional paschal greeting has been in use for centuries by Christians on Easter morning.

I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth.
The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign forever and ever.


Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!


Hymn 454 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -



sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb, heav - en for -
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread, giv - ing us
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth, Christ to the
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing: "O grave, be
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life, saints and arch -



ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 o - pen!" Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain



Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise:



Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

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This hymn, written by a Lutheran pastor, is notable in its emphasis of the account of the Road to Emmaus. It also beautifully incorporates several Biblical truths from the Book of Revelation into its final two stanzas. It is set to the tune, "Earth and All Stars", which was a popular hymn from the red hymnal, Christian Worship 1993 (CW93).

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer for the Day

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Our "Prayers of the Day" are also prayed through Jesus Christ. Jesus is our intercessor. As evidenced by today, He is "the Way, the Truth, and the Life."

Scripture (A Harmony of the Gospel Accounts of the Resurrection)

After the Sabbath, when it was still dark and very early on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene, Mary the Mother of James, and Salome came to the tomb. They brought spices so they could go and anoint Jesus. They were saying to each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance to the tomb for us?"

*Matthew 28:1-2a
Mark 16:1-4
Luke 24:1-2
John 20:1-2*

There was a great earthquake. For an angel of the Lord came down from heaven, and going to the tomb, he rolled away the stone and was sitting on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing was as white as snow. The guards were so terrified of him that they shook and became like dead men.

When the women arrived, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she left and ran to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb," she told them, "and we don't know where they put him."

This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense | V. 1-2

1 Je - sus Christ, my sure de - fense and my Sav - ior,
2 Je - sus, my Re - deem - er, lives; I, too, un - to
now is liv - ing! Know - ing this, my con - fi - dence
life shall wak - en. End - less joy my Sav - ior gives;
rests up - on the hope he's giv - ing, though the
shall my cour - age then be shak - en? Shall I
night of death be fraught still with man - y an anx - ious thought.
fear, or could the head rise and leave his mem - bers dead?

This hymn appeared anonymously in 1653. It was called a "masterpiece of Christian poetry". Notice how verse 2 ends with a question for us to wrestle with this Easter morning?

Scripture

The other women entered the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men stood by them in dazzling clothing. The women were terrified and bowed down with their faces to the ground.

One of the men said to them, "Do not be afraid! I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. Why are you looking for the living among the dead? He is not here! He has risen, just as he told you while still in Galilee--that the Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.

"See the place where they laid him. Go quickly and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He has risen from the dead! Look, he going ahead of you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Then they remembered his words. They went out and hurried away from the tomb, trembling and perplexed. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn

446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense | V. 3-4



3 No, too close - ly am I bound un - to him by
4 I am flesh and must re - turn un - to dust, whence
hope for - ev - er; faith's strong hand the rock has found,
I am tak - en; but by faith I now dis - cern
grasped it, and will leave it nev - er. E - ven
that from death I shall a - wak - en with my
death now can - not part from its Lord the trust - ing heart.
Sav - ior to a - bide in his glo - ry, at his side.

Scripture

When Mary Magdalene told all these things to the disciples. Peter and the other disciples got up and ran to the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and go to the tomb first. Bending over, he saw the linen cloths lying there, yet he did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was following him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there. The cloth that had been on Jesus' head was not lying with the linen cloths, but was folded up in a separate

Matthew 28:2b-7
Mark 16:5-8
Luke 24:3-8

Verse 3
emphatically
answers the
question from
verse 2 above.

Luke 24:9-12
John 20:3-10

place by itself. The other disciples then also entered. He saw and believed. (They still did not yet understand the Scripture that he must rise from the dead.)

Then the disciples went back to their homes, amazed at what had happened.

This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 446 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense | V. 5

5 Glo - ri - fied, I shall a - new with this flesh then
be en - shroud - ed; in this bod - y I shall view
God, my Lord, with eyes un - cloud - ed; in this
flesh I then shall see Je - sus Christ e - ter - nal - ly.

Scripture

After Jesus had risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons.

She stood outside facing the tomb, weeping. As she wept, she bent over, looking into the tomb. She saw two angels in white clothes sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and one at the feet. They asked her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She told them, “Because they have taken away my Lord, and I don’t know where they have laid him.” After she said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, though she did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Who are you looking for?” Supposing he was the gardener, she replied, “Sir, if you carried him off, tell me where you laid him, and I will get him.”

Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and replied in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means, “Teacher”). Jesus told her, “Do not continue to cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to my Father. But go to my brothers and tell 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!” She also told them the things he said to her. When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe it.

This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

While verse 4 reminds us that we are but dust and to dust we shall return, verse 5 here reminds us what God will do with this lowly dust that is our earthly bodies.

After telling Peter and John that the tomb was empty, she apparently returned to the empty tomb where Jesus then appeared to her.

*Mark 16:9-11
John 20:11-18*

Hymn

465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today | V. 1-2

1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the

earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -

tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, abr., alt.
Tune: Pierre de Corbeille, d. 1221; adapt. Richard Redhead, 1820-1901
Text and tune: Public domain

Scripture

As the other women were hurrying away from the tomb, with fear and great joy, they ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" They approached, took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go, tell my brothers that they should go to Galilee, and there they will see me." They returned from the tomb and told all these things to the Eleven and the rest. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the Mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles. Yet these words seem to them like nonsense and they did not believe them.

As they were on their way, there were some members of the guard who went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. After the chief priests had assembled with the elders and had reached a decision, they gave a large sum of money to the soldiers and said, "You are to say, 'His disciples came at night and stole him away while we were sleeping.' If the governor hears about it, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." After the soldiers took the money, they did as they were instructed. And this story has been repeated among the Jews until this day.

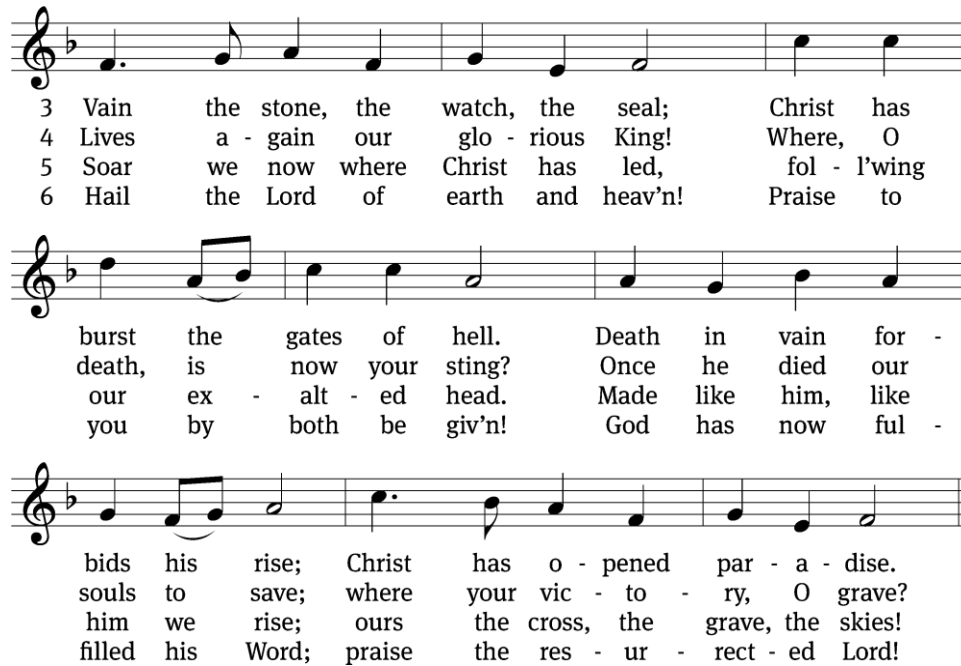
This is the Word of the Lord. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

This hymn, written by Charles Wesley, was first sung in the mid-1700s in the Wesleyan Chapel in London, which was a deserted iron foundry. The tune it is paired with dates back to France in the Middle Ages.

*Matthew 28:8-15
Luke 24:9-11*

Hymn

465 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today | V. 3-6



3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O
5 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - l'wing
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to

burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like
you by both be giv'n! God has now ful -

bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?
him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
filled his Word; praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

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Verses 3-6 of this hymn uses strong and vivid language to depict the futility of our spiritual enemies in the face of Jesus' resurrection and the lofty heights to which Jesus' shared victory bring us.

Sermon

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.

For centuries, Christians have confessed their faith with these words. This confession of faith in particular has often been closely associated with Baptism. Traditionally in the church, Baptisms were performed on Easter Sunday. In our Baptisms, we are buried with Christ and raised with him to new life (Romans 6).

Offering

Choir Anthem

Glorious Day

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

He was delivered over to death for our sins, and raised to life for our justification.

We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power which raised him from the dead.

We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

With the church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt. Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen lord.

We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer

Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia!

Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself.
May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will.
May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Today in triumph Christ arose
And conquered all his hellish foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Great splendor marks his victory;
Sing praise to God eternally!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Though Satan rage, his pow'r is gone;
His thundering roar can harm us none.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Our strong defender hurls him down
And wins for us a heav'nly crown.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O Christ, our Savior, Helper, Friend,
Be with us till our journey's end.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
In mercy guide us by your grace
Till we behold your glorious face.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God the Lord, on highest throne,
To Christ, the Father's own dear Son,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Holy Spirit be
All praise and thanks eternally.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Today in Triumph Christ Arose

The original title of this piece was, "A good hymn about the triumph and resurrection of Christ." Today, we sing it to the tune of hymn #472. Our "alleluias" over the victory and resurrection of Christ ring out once again with this "good hymn".