

IN VIEW OF GOD'S MERCY
Easter Sunday
April 17, 2022 @ 8:00 am and 10:30 am

Mercy in the Open Tomb

Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.

Matthew 28:5-6

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Christ is risen!

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

THE OPENING HYMN: "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

LSB 457



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

THE INVOCATION

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Pastor: Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free.

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Pastor: The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Pastor: The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Pastor: The Lord is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Pastor: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.

People: Because He lives, we shall live also.

Pastor: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Pastor: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

People: Christ has risen from the dead, alleluia!

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, and His mercy endures forever.

People: Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: On this day we celebrate Christ's resurrection from the grave. But we also remember why he went to the grave. We acknowledge that our sins were the reason for His suffering and death. And so we confess those sins to God and seek His mercy.

People: Most merciful God, it is our sins that put Jesus on the cross. It is because of our transgressions that His lifeless body was placed in the tomb. We confess our guilt and acknowledge the gravity of our sin. For the sake of Christ crucified and risen from the dead, forgive our iniquity and restore us in righteousness. Through the power of His resurrection enable us to walk in newness of life, to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: We cry to You for mercy.

People: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Hear the good news! God's Word declares that Jesus "was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification" (Romans 4:25). In the mercy of Almighty God, his Son Jesus was given to die for you. For Christ's sake God forgives you all your sins and justifies you, making you holy in His sight. His mercy endures forever because His love for you is steadfast.

People: Amen.

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Glory be to God on high:
and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE REDEEMER CHOIR (10:30 am service only)

"Crown Him Lord This Easter Day!" by Don Besig and Nancy Price

The tomb is empty; He is not there! The stone is rolled away.
Let all of God's people rejoice and be glad for our Savior is risen today!
Behold the promise; He is alive! The chains of death are gone.
Let all of God's people proclaim the good news
and unite in a jubilant song.
Sing "Alleluia, alleluia!" Loudly our voices we raise.
Sing "Alleluia, alleluia! Crown Him Lord!" Give Him glory and praise.
Crown Him the Lord of life who triumphs o'er the grave,
and lives victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
Let all creation sing of Him who sets us free,
let all declare Him King of kings for all eternity!
The sun is rising; darkness has flown!
The earth is now reborn; and all of God's people
can walk in the light of a new and a glorious morn.
Sing "Alleluia, alleluia!" Loudly our voices we raise.
Sing "Alleluia, alleluia! Crown Him Lord!"
Give Him glory! Crown Him Lord!
Give Him glory! Praise the Lord this Easter Day!

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 15:1-13

- 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?
- ¹²You stretched out your right hand;
the earth swallowed them.
- ¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed;
you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE EPISTLE

Romans 6:3-11

³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

♪THE ALLELUIA

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL READING:

Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter

People: Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

Please be seated.

THE SERMON HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” **#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!

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON "Mercy in the Open Tomb" Romans 6:3-11

THE OFFERING PRAYER

THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Risen Christ, we rejoice at Your victory over sin. United with You in baptism, may we consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Living Lord, we celebrate Your triumph over death. As Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, may we walk in newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Victorious Deliverer, we acclaim Your defeat of the devil. Trusting in Your declaration of justification, may we live in freedom from the accusation of guilt. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Loving Redeemer, we affirm Your rescue of us from hell. May we never fear the grave or what follows but eagerly anticipate our own resurrection and life everlasting. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Mighty Conqueror, we hail You as king of kings and Lord of lords. May we serve You in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives and into eternity. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Pastor: In view of Your mercy, move us by Your Spirit to face death with hope in the sure and certain promise of life everlasting through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

People: Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

THE SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that Christ is really present in this sacrament and that His body and blood are truly received in, with and under the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins. If you are not a communicant member of Redeemer Lutheran, please speak with the Pastor or one of the Elders before communing. De-alcoholized wine is available in the trays of individual glasses for those who should avoid alcohol. This alternative can be spotted by its white color.

THE 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 truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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 cup is the new testament in My ∇ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final

judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**People: 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.**

THE PAX DOMINI

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI

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**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the
world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

THE CONTINUOUS LINE DISTRIBUTION

THE SPECIAL MUSIC

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may,

together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Hebrews 13:20-21).

People: Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN: "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
 5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
 7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and



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
 wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
 I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion



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.
 trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
 to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.

THE SILENT PRAYER

*He is not here
He is risen!
Just as He said
Matthew 28:6*