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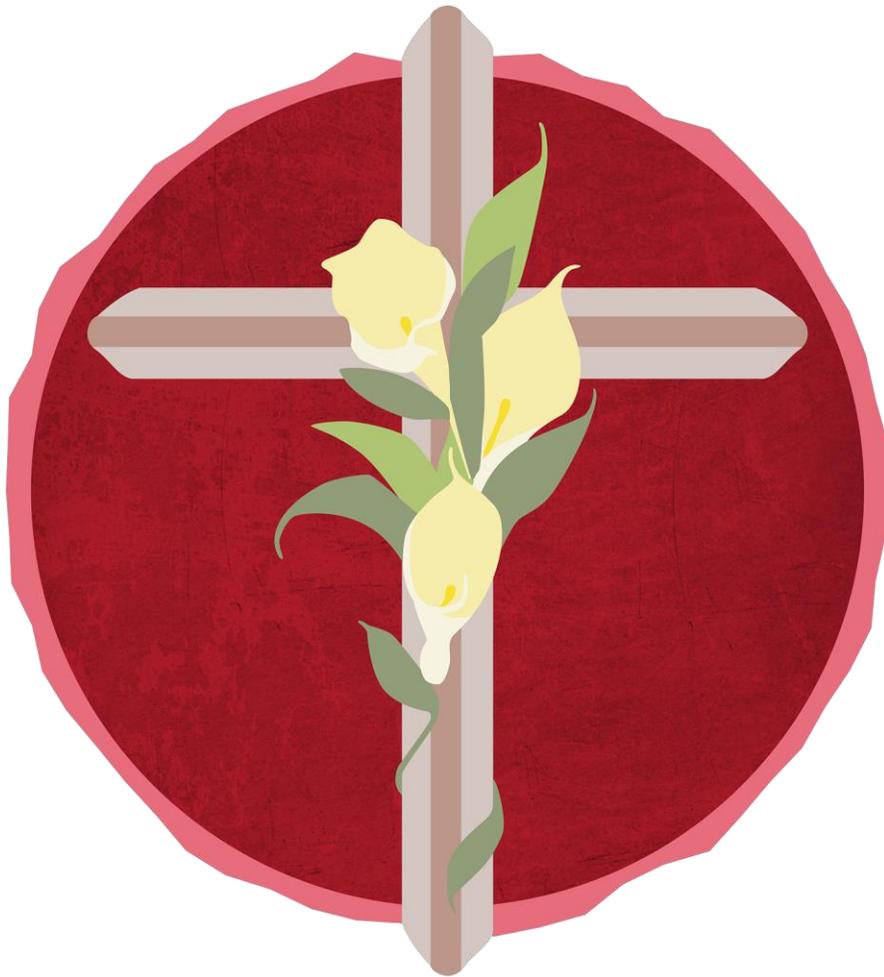
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Easter Sunday

April 4th, 2021



HOLY COMMUNION IS CELEBRATED AT OUR SERVICE

Oneness at communion presupposes oneness in doctrine. For this reason we practice close communion, and ask guests desiring to commune to speak with the pastor before the service. To those communicants with dietary needs we offer gluten free wafers.

AS WE GATHER

Though Christmas may be our favorite, Paul reminds us that Easter is of “first importance.” If Christ had not arisen, our hope would be still locked in the tomb. Because He is risen, just as He said, we have hope of our own resurrection from the dead and look forward to the life everlasting, which death cannot touch. We come here today not simply to remember an event but to rejoice in the future made possible for us because of what happened. Before the world we confess that Jesus’ resurrection is not a hope but a fact witnessed by more than five hundred and on that fact God has built a future for us—one we anticipate now even as we wait to see it fulfilled.

EASTER SUNDAY

Please rise and face the Cross as it enters the church

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

LSB 457

INVOCATION

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

People: **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, our Paschal Lamb who was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who by Your death has destroyed death, and by Your rising to life again has restored to us eternal life:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who rose early in the morning on the first day of the week and did first appear to Mary Magdalene:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who appeared to Your disciples proclaiming peace and breathed on them the Holy Spirit:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Lord Jesus Christ, who revealed Yourself to Thomas with the marks of Your suffering and who commended the faith of those who have not seen and yet believed:

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: By Your suffering and dying:

People: **deliver us from sin, its guilt, and its punishment.**

Pastor: By Your glorious resurrection:

People: deliver us from this body of death.

Pastor: By the majesty of Your risen body:

People: deliver us from the weakness of this mortal life and lead us to eternity.

Pastor: Set our minds on things above, that we may walk in love in this earthly journey and that we may dwell with You forever in the heavenly places of light and life.

People: Grant that we may live in Easter joy today and all the days of our lives until we attain its eternal joys in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSIOIN & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Merciful and loving Father, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by our sinful actions and our failure to do the good You desire. We pray You to grant to the penitent absolution and peace, that freed from the burden of guilt they enjoy the gift of a clear conscience.

People: Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As we delight in God's forgiving love, let us be reconciled to one another and share the peace of the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

LSB 488

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

All: 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.

† WORD †

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 53:7-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

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

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 24: 28-35

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480

SERMON

'Hearts on Fire

Luke 24:32

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OFFERING

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.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church, that the light of Christ may shine throughout all the world.

People: **May we rejoice together with all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our victorious Savior.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that all may know times of peace and security.

People: **Grant that Your plan for our world unfold without hindrance so that Your gracious will is done on earth as in heaven.**

Pastor: We pray for all workers in the Church, that they be bearers of Your light into places where darkness and sorrow are experienced.

People: **Grant that a sense of devotion and dedication be the hallmark of Your people as they live out their faith in whatever calling is theirs.**

Pastor: We pray for our world on this bright Easter Day

People: **Help us to treasure all of creation and be good stewards of the many gifts we have been given by our loving God.**

Pastor: We pray for special situations of need and concern, that there may be comfort for all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . .*]. Give us compassionate hearts to bring the light of Christ to those who face darkness in their lives, sharing with them Your tender care. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

(Special petitions that end in, "Lord, in Your mercy").

Pastor: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served You on earth, who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the light of Your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

✠CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER✠

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.

PROPER PREFACE

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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, blessed are You. Before the foundation of the world, You chose us to be Your children. You have liberated us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of Your dear Son, the very image and reflection of Your glory. Lord, our God, we commemorate that Christ had to suffer and die but most of all that He is the firstborn from the dead, the firstborn of the whole creation, and that glorified at Your right hand, He speaks on our behalf. Send us Your Holy Spirit, the Spirit

who brings to life the power of Jesus Christ, that we may faithfully receive Him who comes to us in His body and blood.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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:

LORD'S PRAYER

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

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

People: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

HYMN

"In Christ Alone"

CCS 67

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend CCLI: #3350395

1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found. He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid; Here in the death of Christ I live
3. There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine -Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath. Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

HYMN	<i>“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”</i>	LSB 633
HYMN	<i>“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”</i>	LSB 490
HYMN	<i>“Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”</i>	LSB 821

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O Lord, You have given us grace this day to hear in our ears the Good News of our Lord’s resurrection and to receive with our lips His crucified and risen body and blood. Grant that by this Holy Communion we be sustained in faith, equipped to fulfill the good purpose of Your love in our daily lives, and be kept holy and blameless until He comes to bring us into the place of everlasting light and life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

Pastor: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God.
 Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN	<i>“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”</i>	LSB 461
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Easter Box Brunch \$5

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