

EASTER SERVICES

8:00 & 10:30 A.M. with Communion
SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024



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The FEAST of the RESURRECTION
Easter Festival Service (8:00 & 10:30 am)
March 31, 2024

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

The CHIMES ANNOUNCE the MORNING

(Please Rise)

The GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT:

- PK: “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. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other,”
- WO: ‘Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?’
- PK: “But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. He said,”
- PW: “Don’t be alarmed! You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. 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.’”
- PK: “Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.” (Mark 16:1-8)
- PW: Do not be afraid!
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- PW: “Why do you look for the living amongst the dead? He is not here; he has risen!”
- PK: “Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” (Luke 24:5b-7)
- PW: Do not be afraid!
- PK: Do not be afraid!
- PW: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

CONGREGATION: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!

ENTRANCE HYMN: LSB 457 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

{PLEASE TURN AND FACE TOWARD THE CHRIST BANNER AND PROCESSIONAL CROSS. AS THEY PASS YOU, TURN AND FACE THE ALTAR ONCE AGAIN. THE CHRIST BANNER WAS BURIED ON GOOD FRIDAY AND NOW LEADS THE PROCESSIONAL SYMBOLIC OF THE RISEN CHRIST.}

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **AMEN.**

P: Christ is Risen!

C: **HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

The CONFESSION

P: Blessed is the one whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed is the one whose sin the Lord does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

P: When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

C: **Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.**

P: I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD-“

C: **and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father...

All: O Almighty God, Merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray you of your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

The ABSOLUTION

P: The LORD has Good News for you today. Though you have run from him, He receives you back into His loving arms; though you have sinned, for Jesus’ sake, you are fully forgiven. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

(Please Sit)

The KYRIE: (sung, LSB p.168-69)

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The HYMN of PRAISE: “This Is the Feast” LSB p. 171

The COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.

C: and also with you.

P: Let us pray together...

All: Almighty God the Father, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened the gate of ever-lasting 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM “*Dance of Exultation*”

Text based on 1 Chronicles 29:11 / Music by: Dan Forrest (ASCAP)
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The OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 25:6-9 NIV 2011

[We will celebrate LIFE with God!]

⁶ On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples, a banquet of aged wine—the best of meats and the finest of wines. ⁷ On this mountain he will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; ⁸ he will

swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove his people's disgrace from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The EPISTLE LESSON: I Corinthians 15:1-11 NIV 2011

[St. Paul testifies to the Resurrection of Jesus.]

¹Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve.

⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(Please Rise)

The HYMN of the DAY: LSB 483 "With High Delight, Let Us Unite"

SERMON: Pastor Bruce Kischnick

Theme: "WE WIN"

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The NICENE CREED

(Please Sit)

OFFERTORY: LSB 456 vs. 1 & 4 “Were You There”

The PRAYERS of the CHURCH:

- P: Heavenly Father, to you we bring our thanks and praise for the glorious Resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ. Your plan for our salvation was in your heart and on your mind throughout the ages past. With the sacrifice of your Son, your only Son, you provided for our forgiveness. With the Resurrection of our Redeemer, you have graciously foreshadowed our own resurrections from the dead.
- C: To you, Gracious Father, we give all thanks and praise, all glory and honor.**
- P: O, dearest Jesus, to you we bring our thanks and praise for your glorious Resurrection and your triumph over the grave. We stand in awe of your willing sacrifice for us on the cross, and we are thrilled by your victory over death. Because you live, we shall live also!
- C: To you, Victorious Savior, we give all thanks and praise, all glory and honor.**
- P: Holy Spirit, Lord of Life, to you we bring our thanks and praise for the glorious Resurrection of Jesus. You have shown us the Good News of our Savior and have called us to faith in Him. The life that we now live, we live in Him. Keep us ever true to Him and lead us into all good works that the name of our God might be praised.
- C: To you, Holy Fire, we give all thanks and praise, all glory and honor.**
- P: Gracious God, hear us as we remember our sick and hurting ones...
- C: To you, Almighty God, we give all thanks and praise, all glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.**

+++ THE LORD’S SUPPER +++

(Please Rise)

PREPARATION:

- P: The Lord be with you.
- C: And with your spirit.**
- P: Lift up your hearts.
- C: We lift them to the Lord.**
- P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.
- C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: Lord of heaven and earth, we praise and thank you for having had mercy on those whom you created, sending 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. Hear us as we pray in his name and as he has taught us.

The LORD’S PRAYER

The WORDS of INSTITUTION

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

C: **And also with you.**

(Please Sit)

The DISTRIBUTION

{COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED IN CONTINUOUS FASHION. THE USHERS WILL DIRECT YOU FROM ONE SIDE OF YOUR PEW AND YOU WILL RETURN AT THE OTHER SIDE. PLEASE BE SURE TO STUDY AND COMPLETE ONE OF THE COMMUNION CARDS FOUND ON THE BACK OF THE PEW IN FRONT OF YOU. HAND THIS TO THE USHER AS YOU COME FORWARD TO THE TABLE. CHILDREN MAY ACCOMPANY THEIR FAMILY AND RECEIVE A BLESSING. IF YOU USE AN INDIVIDUAL CUP, PLEASE PLACE IT IN ONE OF THE BASKETS SET ON THE STANDS AT THE HEAD OF THE AISLES.}

**Hymns: LSB 467 vs. 1-3, 6-7 “Awake, My Heart, With Gladness”
LSB 475 “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”
LSB 478 “The Day of Resurrection”
LSB 461 “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”**

Blessing: “The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith unto life everlasting. Go in peace and Easter joy. Amen.”

(Please Rise)

The POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE: LSB p. 181 “Thank the Lord”

COLLECT of THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray...

P: ...one God, now and forever.

C: AMEN.

BENEDICTION

P: He is risen!

C: HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!!

(Please be seated)

The HYMN to DEPART: “Glorious Day” Choir & Congregation

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POSTLUDE

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