

# Trinity

## LUTHERAN CHURCH



Easter Sunday  
The Resurrection of Our Lord  
March 31, 2024  
8:30 am



*Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!*

# Order of Worship

# = Hymn Number, pp. = Page in front part of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship" (ELW)  
or "All Creation Sings" (ACS)

## GATHERING MUSIC

**"Winchester New"** ..... arr. Nigel Williams  
Preston Wilhite: Trumpet; David Singer: Organ

(sit) **EASTER GOSPEL** ..... Mark 16:1-8

<sup>1</sup>When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint [Jesus' body]. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(stand) **OPENING HYMN**  
**"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"** ..... ELW #365



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 you 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!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, alt.; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, st. 4  
 Music: EASTER HYMN, J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

**(stand) GREETING**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **And also with you.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P** Let us pray . . .

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.

**G** **Amen**

**(sit) READING..... Acts 10:34-43**

*Peter crosses the immense religious and social boundary that separates Jews from Gentiles in order to proclaim the good news of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, so that God's forgiveness in Jesus' name would reach out to all people.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,  
<sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

<sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>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. <sup>39</sup>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; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>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. <sup>42</sup>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. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

**A** Word of God, word of life.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**CHILDREN’S TALK**

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

“A Gaelic Easter Celebration” ..... arr. Patti Drennan  
featuring Caitlin Hitchcock: Flute & Jason Mraz: Percussion

(sit) **SERMON** .....Pastor Scott Sessler

(stand) **HYMN OF THE DAY**  
“He Lives!” ..... Alfred H. Ackley



I serve a ris - en Sav - ior, he's in the world to - day;  
In all the world a - round me I see his lov - ing care;  
Re - joice, re - joice, O Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing



I know that he is liv - ing, what - ev - er men may say.  
And tho' my heart grows wea - ry, I nev - er will des - pair.  
e - ter - nal hal - le - lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King!



I see his hand of mer - cy, I hear his voice of cheer,  
I know that he is lead - ing thro' all the storm - y blast;  
The hope of all who seek him, the help of all who find.

And just the time I need him, he's al - ways near.  
 The day of his ap - pear - ing will come at last.  
 None oth - er is so lov - ing, so good and kind.

He lives, he lives! Christ Je - sus lives to - day! He  
 walks with me and talks with me a - long life's nar - row way. He  
 lives, he lives, sal - va - tion to im - part! You  
 ask me how I know he lives? He lives with - in my heart

*(stand)* **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** God has made us God's people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into  
 heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge  
 the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the  
 forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*(stand)*

**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A** Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*Silence for reflection.*

*Each petition will close with the words: "God of grace,"  
The response is "hear our prayer."*

**P** Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C** Amen.

**PEACE**

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

*(sit)*

**THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**"Thine is the Glory" ..... arr. Lani Smith**

Barbara Schonhardt: Piano; David Singer: Organ

**OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** Let us pray. Risen One,

**C** you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

*(stand)*

**GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**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 right to give our thanks and praise.

**P** Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:  
Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.  
You have filled all creation with light and life;  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

6 We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt,  
the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets;  
and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,  
who proclaimed the good news in word and deed  
and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**C** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**P** Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup  
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.  
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,  
we await his coming in power  
to share with us the great and promised feast.

**C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P** Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share in Christ's body and blood  
may live to the praise of your glory  
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

**C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** Join our prayers with those of your servants  
of every time and every place,  
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest  
until he comes as victorious Lord of all.  
Through him, with him, in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,  
now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.
- C** **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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

- P** The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Come and eat at God's table.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(sit)* **COMMUNION INSTRUCTIONS**

*Communion will be distributed by stations in front of the railing. Follow the direction of the ushers. If you are not able to come to the front, the pastor will bring the bread and wine to you at the pew. Gluten free wafers and grape juice are available. Simply request these from the pastor.*

## MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

### "Lamb of God"





**“Eat This Bread” .....ELW #472 (both verses)**

*Refrain*

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.  
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”  
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

**“Easter Joy” ..... John A. Behnke**  
**Resounding Joy**

*(stand)*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen!**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** Let us pray. Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C** **Amen.**

**BLESSING**

- P** Alleluia! Chris is risen!
- C** **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**
- P** The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.
- C** **Amen.**

**SENDING SONG**

**“Christ is Risen! Alleluia” ..... ELW #382**

1 Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!  
Gratefully our hearts adore him  
as his light once more appears;  
bowing down in joy before him,  
rising up from griefs and tears.

*Refrain*

Christ is risen! Alleluia!  
Risen our victorious head!  
Sing his praises! Alleluia!  
Christ is risen from the dead!

2 Christ is risen! All the sadness  
of our Lenten fast is o'er;  
through the open gates of gladness  
he returns to life once more;  
death and hell before him bending  
see him rise, the victor now,  
angels on his steps attending,  
glory round his wounded brow. *Refrain*

3 Christ is risen! All the sorrow  
that last evening round him lay  
now has found a glorious morrow  
in the rising of today.  
See the grave its firstfruits giving,  
springing up from holy ground;

Christ was dead, but now is living;  
he was lost, but he is found. *Refrain*

- 4 Christ is risen! Henceforth never  
death or hell shall us enthrall.  
We are Christ's, in him forever  
we have triumphed over all.  
All the doubting and dejection  
of our trembling hearts have ceased;  
hail the day of resurrection!  
Let us rise and keep the feast. *Refrain*

**DISMISSAL**

**P** Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE**

**“March Triumphant”** ..... arr. Christopher Glenn

**David Singer, Organist**

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