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Church Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday

Both the Common Cup and Individual Cup are used.

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The Resurrection of Our Lord

March 31, 2024

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Prayer for the Day

O most wonderful God, our Father, who has blessed us with joy and happiness by raising your Son, Jesus, from the grave, keep us mindful of the joy which is forever ours because of Jesus' resurrection. Let us never cease to sing your praises, both with our lips and our lives. Give us faith that will inspire committed living so that in death we may be with our Savior forever. Raise us above this sin-dominated life to a life firmly established in the faith of our living Savior and Lord. We pray this and ask your Spirit's power through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord. Amen.

As we enter the House of God, let us meditate quietly and prepare our hearts for the worship and praise of our Lord and Savior.

The Lord is in His holy temple;

Let all the earth keep silence before Him!

Elders:

- * Paul Blake, Jamie Munro
- * Dustin Anderson, Kevin Steidley
- * Robert Wilson, John Slaughter

Ushers: Justin Gore, George Hubert, Klaus Miodov,
Terry Tetzlaff, Dave Ekardt, Bob Klinger,
Caden Schnelle, Tom Wilkins

Sound/ Don & Cindy Nelson
Video: Michelle Anderson & Rick Miller

**Acolytes/
Crucifers** Lindsey Davis
Ommar Perez
Gabriel Schnelle

Counters: Kevin & Sharon Steidley
Lee & Nancy Tieman

Altar Guild: Sandy Danyluk, Peggy Kienzle, Connie Stauffer



FLOWERS on our altar are given to the glory of God in grateful love and thanksgiving in loving memory of Charles and Florence Wadenklee.

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The Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

PRESERVICE MEDLEY Gary Williams & Austin Boudi, Trombones

PRELUDE "Ciaccona with 14 Variations" Johann Pachelbel

GREETING AND WELCOME

CHANCEL BELLS "Were You There?" Dobrinski

Please rise and face the rear of the sanctuary for the ANNOUNCEMENTS and PROCESSIONAL. As the cross passes please focus your eyes and hearts on the cross.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor: *This is the day that the Lord has made.*

Congr: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Pastor: *Why are you looking among the dead for the One who is alive? He is risen!*

Congr: **He is risen indeed!**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today



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 endured, 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!



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!



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!

INVOCATION

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

Congr: **Amen.**

EASTER RESPONSE

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you from who is, and who was, and who is to come, from the Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

Congr: **to Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen!**

Pastor: *Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

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

Pastor: *And all the creatures of the earth shout:*

Congr: **Amen!**

Pastor: *And all the saints and angels shout:*

Congr: **Amen!**

Pastor: *And the people of the Lamb shout:*

Congr: **Amen and amen!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congr: **who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Congr: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,
Congr: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. 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.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and 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.
Congr: Amen.

PSALM 16 (said responsively)

Pastor: Preserve me, O God.
Congr: for in you I take refuge.

Pastor: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord;
Congr: I have no good apart from you."

Pastor: As for the saints in the land,
Congr: they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

Pastor: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;
Congr: their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.

Pastor: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup;
Congr: you hold my lot.

Pastor: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
Congr: indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

Pastor: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel;
Congr: in the night also my heart instructs me.

Pastor: I have the Lord always before me;
Congr: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

Pastor: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices;
Congr: my flesh also dwells secure.

Pastor: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol,
Congr: or let your holy one see corruption.

Pastor: You make known to me the path of life;
Congr: in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
And to the Holy | Spirit;
As it was in the be- | ginning, *
Is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
Congr: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray. 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.
Congr: Amen.

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING – Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Congr: **Thanks be to God.**

THE EPISTLE – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Congr: **Thanks be to God.**

PLEASE RISE FOR THE GOSPEL PROCESSION

(The Gospel is read in the midst of the congregation, indicating Christ's living presence in our midst.)

GOSPEL PROCESSION "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds, In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!

He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us

clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!"
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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THE HOLY GOSPEL – John 20:1-18

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the [rock] had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb.

He saw the linen cloths lying there,⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.¹³They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher).¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

Pastor: *This is the Word of the Lord.*

Congr: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSE "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"

O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above

That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life's day
That by our lives we truly say:

"Christ has triumphed! He is living!" Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

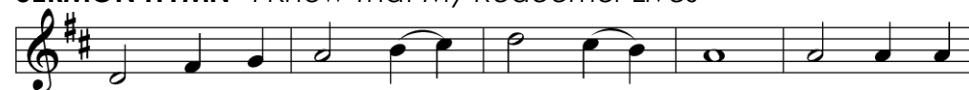
The third day He rose again from the dead.

**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.**

9 & 11AM CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"



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
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



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
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



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.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

- 5 He lives to silence all my fears;
He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart;
He lives all blessings to impart.

6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

7 He lives and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare;
He lives to bring me safely there.

8 He lives, all glory to His name!
He lives, my Jesus, still the same;
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

PASTOR SCHNELLE'S EASTER MESSAGE

"Come and See. Go and Tell"

Matthew 28:1-10

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

7 & 9AM *"Crown Him with Many Crowns"* George Elvy, arr. John Arnn

11AM *"Christ Is Risen"* Polish Carol, arr. Carlton Young
The Chancel Choir and Handbell Choir

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Each petition concludes with)*

Pastor: Lord in your mercy,

Congr: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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;
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.

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

Congr: He is risen, indeed!

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face
shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give
you peace.

Congr: Amen.

**As the cross passes, worshippers shall turn and continue to focus
their eyes and hearts on the cross.**

HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"



1 Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!
2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Hail, the vic - tim un - de - filed, Al - le - lu - ia!
4 Chris - tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - less in the sin - ner's stead. Al - le - lu - ia!
God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled, Al - le - lu - ia!
All your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



Of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!
When con - tend - ing death and life, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



At the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!
Met in strange and awe - some strife. Al - le - lu - ia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE *"Allegro, Courante and Fugue"*

John Blow



*Thank you to all who served to the glory and praise of our
Risen Savior on this beautiful Resurrection morning!*

Easter breakfast has been prepared and will be served by
our youth from 8 – 11am in the Great Hall.
A free-will offering will be taken.

Easter Egg Hunt at 10am begins in the Great Hall.

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