

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 17, 2022 – 9:30 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

We have followed Jesus to the cross, the tomb, and now we follow Jesus out of the tomb as He rises from the dead and appears to another witness: Mary Magdalene. Jesus' Easter morning resurrection appearance to Mary Magdalene might be unexpected. After all, Mary had endured a terrible past. Jesus had cast seven demons out of her in the early part of His ministry. But Mary is chosen to be this eyewitness, and she exclaims to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). Mary is the first to see Jesus' resurrected glory and proclaim this good news, which we speak again and again today, "Alleluia! Christ is risen!"


PRELUDE "Duke Street" -Wilbur Held
"Hail Thee Festival Day" -setting by Jacob B. Weber

HYMN OF INVOCATION "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" LSB 457

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

 4 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!
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

People: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us,

renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

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.

People: Amen.

INTROIT *Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 15:1b*

*(The congregation will chant the verses in **bold**.)*



I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

The Lord is my strength | and my song,*

and He has become my sal- | vation;

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious | in power,*

Your right hand, O Lord, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You | have redeemed;*

You have guided them by Your strength to Your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on Your own | mountain,*

the place, O Lord, which You have made for | Your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which Your hands have es- | tablished.*

The Lord will reign forever and | ever.

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.

I will sing to the Lord, for He has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider He has thrown in- | to the sea.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: 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.

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Lord, have mercy.

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

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE “This Is the Feast” *LSB p. 155*

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: 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.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jeremiah 31:1–6*

Pastor: The Old Testament Reading is from Jeremiah, the thirty-first chapter.

“At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be My people.” Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued My faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.’”

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EASTER GRADUAL (*Choir*)

Christ has risen from the dead.

God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor,
He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;
He has put all things under his feet.

EPISTLE *Colossians 3:1–4*

Pastor: The Epistle is from Colossians, the third chapter.

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA AND VERSE “Alleluia — II” *LSB 952*

All: Refrain



Choir: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

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HOLY GOSPEL *John 20:1–18*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So 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.” So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that He must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. They 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.” Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus 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.” Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to Him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.’ ” Mary 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 Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” *LSB* 461

1 I know that my Redeemer lives;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my ever-living head.

2 He lives triumphant from the grave;
He lives eternally to save;
He lives all-glorious in the sky;
He lives exalted there on high.

3 He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.

4 He lives to grant me rich supply;
He lives to guide me with His eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint;
He lives to hear my soul’s complaint.

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!

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SERMON

When I say the word *orchestra*, what comes to mind? You probably picture beautiful woodwinds, brass, and strings played by adults in snazzy black suits. But one orchestra is made up of kids who play instruments *made out of trash*. It's called the "Recycled Orchestra of Cateura". However, Cateura isn't really a town. It's actually a slum built on a huge landfill in Paraguay. Every day, about three million pounds of waste is dumped in Cateura. Many families eke out their existence by scavenging trash from the landfill to resell, and kids get pulled out of school to help. Noelia, a violinist, says, "To be honest, there was nothing in Cateura. What there was most was drugs." Her violin, like many in the orchestra, is made out of cans, wooden spoons, and bent forks. One of the ensemble's cellos uses an oil drum. Another teenager plays a saxophone made out of a drainpipe, melted cooper, coins, spoons handles, cans, and bottle caps. Talk about a group of misfits, right?

Several years ago, a short video was made about them. The hope was to raise \$175,000 to make a full-length documentary. Not only did they raise the money, but also the video went viral. Since then, the Recycled Orchestra of Cateura has performed all over the world. The group plays things like Mozart, Paraguayan folk music, and even Frank Sinatra.

Whoever would have thought that anything good could come from a landfill? But, there is beauty from a landfill. There is awesome music to be made from garbage. Most of these kids are orphans and live in extreme poverty. Most live in mud huts. They are misfits, but misfits make beautiful music. And isn't that just like our God to take what is thrown away, to take what is trash, to take what is of little or no value, and make something beautiful out of it? That is our God, and that is what He does best.

God makes music with misfits. That's what Easter is all about! God loves to make music with misfits. I'm a misfit. You're a misfit. We're all misfits. We all fall short of God's will and ways. But, fellow misfits, it is time to make music. What do I mean by that? The biblical orchestra is made up of the most unlikely musicians. Peter is a first-chair trumpeter, and He denied Jesus three times! Paul plays the violin, but there was a time when Paul played a religious thug and persecuted Christians. And the guy on the harp? That would be David. The adulterer, bloodthirsty, yet *repentant* David. **Today**, on Easter **Sunday**, we add another person to the misfits who make music. Her name is Mary, Mary Magdalene, and she is one of the last people you would expect to be invited to this orchestra of grace.

Mary begins as a mess. Luke 8:2 tells us, "**Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out.**" There are five Marys in the New Testament, which is why this one is identified with "Magdalene." Magdalene isn't her last name, though; it refers to her hometown, Magdala, which is a little fishing village on the northwest coast of the Sea of Galilee. He also tells us that Mary had been demon-possessed, with seven demons, the biblical number for a complete set. Yikes! Can you imagine being that messed up? She had been trashed, discarded, and thrown away. Who wants someone with *seven demons*? Mary was a mess. Sadly, though, we can be more than ready to relate. We all know what it is like to be in a mess, living in the gutter, feeling like we have been rejected, or worthless.

It can happen because of our past, right? Maybe you still carry wounds from your childhood because of neglect, abuse, or bullying; things that might not be healed this side of heaven. Maybe you still feel the burden of shame, which is *sin done to us*. Or maybe it is the weight of *guilt*, which is *sin done by us*. It could be that word we can't take back, the action we cannot undo, or the opportunity that was missed. It can happen because of our past.

It can happen through the present, too. How? Through compromise. A quote I have always found insightful is "The road to hell is paved with good intentions." Compromise *might* begin well, or *mean* well, but it doesn't end always end well. When we compromise on God's Word, His ways, and His teachings, the result is *always* disaster, whether spiritually *or* earthly. It results in messes. The same goes with rationalizing. We might say, "It's not *that bad*." Or, "Everyone *is doing it*. Get with the times." Or, "At least I'm not as bad as *you*."

It can come with distorted thinking. We can tell ourselves, "Things will get better *after* I finish this project." "I'll get back on track with my family *after* this busy season or *after* this business trip." "I'll stop at the New Year, at summer, at fall, for the holidays." However, the day never comes and things never change. It hits with disengagement. Life can become a checklist of things to do. One thing after another. We can become robotic, just going through the motions. We play the part, put on a face, but might have nothing left in the tank.

Did you know that 20% of all people on disability are on it because of severe depression? Did you know that, despite being the richest nation on earth, the United States is also the most *depressed nation on earth*? Did you know that in the last decade, depression in our teenagers has increased 200%? We can relate with Mary more than we ever would like. We can all get down, depressed, and hit rock bottom. Who would ever want us? We are a mess! Or as Paul says, “a wretch!” (and music? We have no song to sing.) Who would ever want us? Jesus. Jesus does. He loves misfits. Jesus loves Mary, and loves us!

Mary was down, but her Messiah had lifted her up! Jesus lifted Mary up from her pit of seven demons. That’s why Mary Magdalene follows Jesus all the way to the cross to watch her Savior bleed and die. And you know what? Mary’s Messiah is your Messiah, too. His face is caked with spit and blood. His throat is so dry He can’t swallow. His voice is so hoarse He can barely speak. To find the last time moisture touched His lips, we need to rewind the clock twelve hours to the meal in the Upper Room. Since drinking from the Passover cup, Jesus has been betrayed, condemned, mocked, beaten, and crucified. No liquid has quenched His thirst. The Savior has no song to sing!

And that is how things stand just before dawn on **Sunday**. There had been so much hope, so much promise. But now, it had all come to what, nothing. Absolutely nothing. The famous Rabbi? Dead. His disciples? In hiding. Other followers? Scattered. One, Judas Iscariot, has even killed himself. Mary Magdalene gets up to anoint Christ’s dead body, but the body isn’t in the tomb! Mary breaks out crying; who could blame her? So she tells her story, first to Peter and John, and then to the angels, and now, for a third time, to a man she thinks is the gardener. **“Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away.”**

“Mary,” the “gardener” says. The voice is unmistakable. She knew that voice. Christ is risen! No one ever said her name with such tenderness and love. “Mary.” She looks up, and in sudden recognition, cries out, “Rabboni!” It’s Jesus. He’s not dead, but risen from the grave as He said. Christ is Risen! He is alive and lives forevermore.

As Mary sees Jesus, emotions flood her heart. Can you imagine the scene, or being Mary? She goes from the pit to praise, from as low as you can go to heights of heaven. She transitions from the depths of grief and sorrow to the heights of ecstasy and joy! Just when it appeared as though it was all over, to the shock and surprise of everyone, the Father raised Jesus *bodily* from dead. Christ is risen! Mary’s song, better yet, *her symphony of celebration*, commences with great joy!

Mary’s music is a five-word song: **“I have seen the Lord.”** “Lord” isn’t just a polite way of talking about Jesus, like “Sir,” or “Master.” With “Lord,” Mary is saying, “I have seen God, the King of the universe.” “I have seen the One through whom and for whom all things were made.” “I’ve seen the One Who is coming again, riding on the clouds, as King of Kings and Lord of lords.” “I have seen Yahweh.” That’s why Thomas’ parallel confession in John 20:28 has these words, **“My Lord and my God.”**

And so, what’s it all mean? It means that there is more to our lives than what we think. It means that there is more to our story than what we see. It means, as Jesus says, **“go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”** Did you hear the words He used? *My brothers. My Father and your Father.* We are part of a family, God’s, and are His children through Jesus’ death and resurrection. And as children in His family, we have a home and we have a place. We are loved, cared for, valuable, priceless, and *wanted*. His resurrection means that death has lost its sting. It means that He has truly broken the power of sin and the devil over us. It means He has truly taken our guilt, shame, and sin, and that we stand forgiven before God and one another. Christ is Risen! And Jesus’ resurrection means that, just like Mary, we have a song to sing!

For remember, God loves to make music with misfits! It’s time for all of us misfits to make some music! What instrument will you play? Who will take the drums? Who will do the tuba? Who will do the tambourine? One thing is for sure, though, is that we have a song to sing! We sing it with our lips and with our lives. What’s the song called? Our song has six words. We just sang it. *I know that my Redeemer lives!* Christ is Risen! Amen.

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

OFFERING "Hear the Bells Ringing/Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" (Choir)

We offer our gifts to the Lord as we use this time in our service for contemplation and preparation for the sacrament of communion. Offerings can be placed in the plates at the back entrance doors as you leave the sanctuary.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

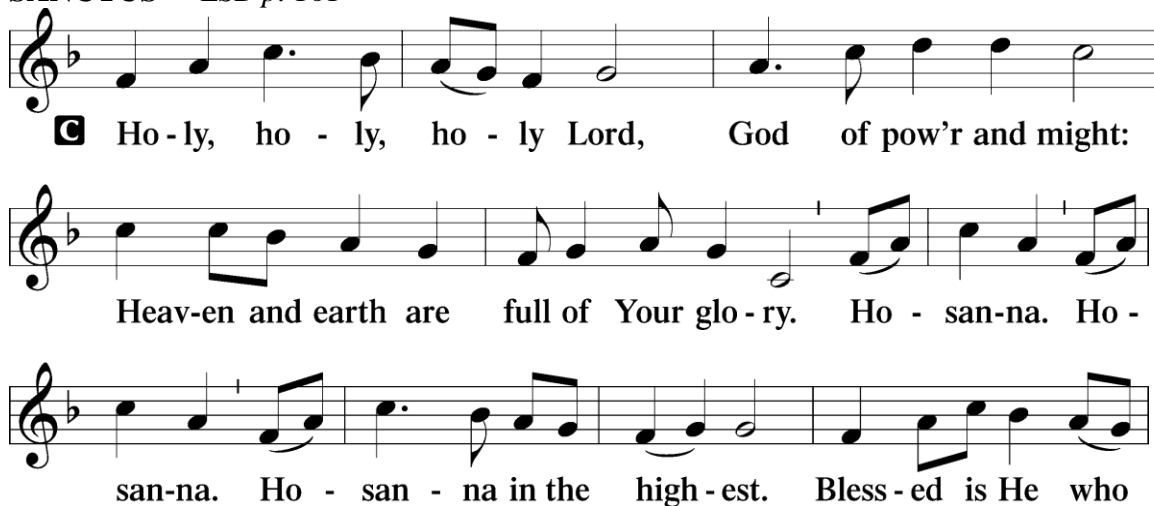
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, evermore praising You and saying:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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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."

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

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.

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.

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C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS "Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen" LSB 474

1 Alleluia!

Jesus is risen!

Trumpets resounding in glorious light!

Splendor, the Lamb,

Heaven forever!

Oh, what a miracle God has in sight! Refrain

ref Jesus is risen and we shall arise:

Give God the glory! Alleluia!

2 Walking the way,

Christ in the center

Telling the story to open our eyes;

Breaking our bread,

Giving us glory:

Jesus our blessing, our constant surprise. Refrain

3 Jesus the vine,
We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;
Heaven to earth,
Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me. Refrain

4 Weeping, be gone;
Sorrow, be silent:
Death put asunder, and Easter is bright.
Cherubim sing:
“O grave, be open!”
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light. Refrain

5 City of God,
Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life,
Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM! Refrain
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“He’s Risen, He’s Risen” *LSB* 480

1 He’s risen, He’s risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death’s prison, the incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan’s domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden’s door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

△ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.
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POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

“Thank the Lord” *LSB p. 164*



C Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

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POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

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.

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.

HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

1 Now all the vault of heav'n resounds

In praise of love that still abounds:

“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”

Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!

Repeat their song of glory here:

“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
 “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
 Christ has triumphed! He is living!
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 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!

△ 4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly 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!

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POSTLUDE “Hallelujah” -G. F. Handel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GENEROSITY THOUGHTS: *Luke 24:6-7 – “He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise.”* Jesus is risen. But is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen; the Good News is that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and sisters, and He means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen – He is risen indeed!

EASTER BREAKFAST: And help with the Federwitz family’s moving fund! Easter Breakfast will be available on Easter Sunday. Yummy Easter treats will be part of a bag/box to take with you or eat in the Social Hall on Easter Sunday after our worship service. A free will offering will be taken that will go towards the Federwitz family’s moving fund. A Thrivent Action grant is funding the meals.

EMMAUS GENERATIONS: Please join us for our rescheduled “Foods of the Bible” event on Tuesday, April 26 at 11:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

REJOICE IN HOPE! 29th Biennial LWML MN South District Convention: Thursday, June 16 – Saturday, June 18, 2022 at Willmar Conference Center (240 23rd St SE, Willmar, MN). For more information visit www.mnslwml.org.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS: It is time to renew (or begin) your subscriptions to *The Lutheran Witness*. Cost for the year is \$19.68 per subscription per year beginning August 2022. Renewals must be to the office by May 15. Checks should be made out to Emmaus.

JEENA'S BUSINESS is now open! You can visit Namaste Brows & Boutique at 1718B Lexington Ave N in Roseville. Brochures are available in the office. www.namastebrowsandboutique.com

“BRIGHT STAR,” an engaging Broadway production, will be presented at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, 4101 Washington St NE, Columbia Hts, MN on April 18 – May 1 and May 5-8 (Thursday-Saturday evening performances at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.). Reserved tickets are \$10 and proceeds will benefit the church's theater ministry. Please call 763-788-9427 or email carol.blase@juno.com to reserve your tickets.

FEDERWITZ FAMILY: The Federwitz family is moving back to the USA this June. With that comes the expense of shipping their belongings. In June Jonathan will take a new assignment at the Jaars mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. Wycliffe Bible Translators has established a special launch expense account that can be used to help meet the financial needs associated with shipping things from PNG to the USA, purchasing a vehicle, and setting up a home. The budget set for this account is \$25,000. If you would like to give to the special launch expense account, please send your gift to Wycliffe Bible Translators, P.O. Box 628200, Orlando, FL 32862 and include a separate note stating “Preference for the Launch Expense Account of Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz # 359951 - LE.” (Note: Gifts for the launch expense account should go to Wycliffe, not to LBT.) You can also give to the launch expense account online: www.wycliffe.org/partner/jcfederwitz. On the page that opens, find the drop-down box that says “Wycliffe Ministry Budget” and change it to “Launch Expense Account.” Then enter an amount and click “Give.” The launch expense account will be open through June. Please contact Jonathan if you would like more details. Jonathan_Federwitz@wycliffe.org

HEAR “THE LUTHERAN HOUR” on Sunday mornings at 6:05 a.m. on WCCO 830 AM radio. Next week's broadcast: “Misplaced Doubt” Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. John Nunes. You can doubt every doubt you've ever had about God's love for you in Christ Jesus. (John 20:24-29)

HELP AT YOUR DOOR

Do you know a senior who could use some help? For thirty-seven years, the nonprofit Help At Your Door has helped older adults in the seven-county Twin Cities area maintain their independence and continue living in their homes by providing essential services. Ordering and bringing groceries, basic home help (chores and light repairs), and even rides to and from appointments or social events are some of the resources that are available.

Are you looking for ways to give back to your community? Help At Your Door offers a variety of volunteer opportunities, including grocery shopping and delivery, providing transportation, and helping clients with tasks at home. Volunteers enjoy flexible scheduling, social interaction with a welcoming community, and most of all, hands on activities.

If you are interested in requesting a service or learning more, visit:

www.helpatyourdoor.org | 651-642-1892.