



Easter Sunday

Resurrection of our Lord

March 31, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS!

We are glad that we are here to worship the Lord together and thank God for your presence. We pray that you feel at home. For those with young children, there are bags located next to the sanctuary entrance. Toys, books, and a rocking chair may be found in the nursery. Please ask an usher for assistance.

INTRODUCTION

Jesus is raised from the dead and returns to Galilee, toward the out-of-the-way place that was the site for most of his ministry. When Jesus was raised, he went back home. If we would meet the resurrected Christ that is where we most likely will meet him: at home, amid the ordinary, everyday tasks of life, in a place like Galilee.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

Lord Jesus, on this day, you not only defeated death, rose victorious over the grave, and triumphed over evil and sin, you also came back to us. You rose, not only to take your seat in heaven, but also to be present with us at the table, beside the sea, and along the road. For your continuing presence among us, we give thanks, for your forgiveness of us, we give thanks, and this day of days, praise, praise, praise. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Gathering Song, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," Peace Choir & Congregation

Christ the Lord is risen today; Alleluia! Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing ye heavens and earth reply: Alleluia!
(CHOIR SINGS VERSE 2)

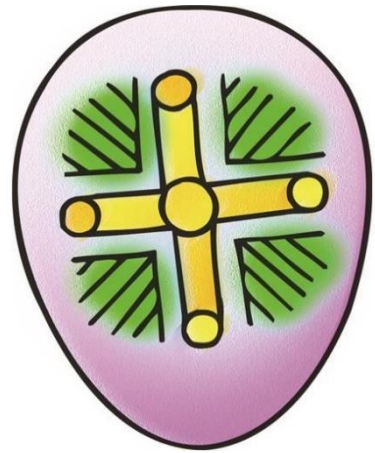
Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia! Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

Easter Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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



Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF PRAISE (found on insert)

The Prayer of the Day

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. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Then Peter began to speak to them: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching

peace by Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²He 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. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

...the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** (*Please stand as you are able.*)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (found on insert)

Gospel: John 20:1-18

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter...**Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed 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."

³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who 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 returned to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; ¹²and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus



had been lying, one at the head and the other 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." ¹⁴When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" 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 Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because 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 she told them that he had said these things to her.

Glory to you, O Lord...**Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

Homily by Pastor Grant Quever – “What Difference Does Easter Make?”

(Please stand as you are able.) “Now all the vault of heaven resounds,” ELW 367

APOSTLE’S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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. *(A brief silence.)*

Each petition ends with: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

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. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Share the peace with each other as you are comfortable.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray... **O God, in the giving of these gifts, may our hands touch yours. We are reminded that Jesus came to serve and to offer His life as a ransom for many. Use our lives—all that we are and all that we give, for your kingdom purposes. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

The Lord be with you... **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts... **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God... **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Lord's Prayer *ELW 145 (Traditional Version – In front of cranberry hymnal)*

OFFERTORY SONG (found on insert)

Invitation to Communion

Come to the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Please come forward and surround the altar.

Post-Communion Prayer & Blessing

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Please stand as you are able.)

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn, "Thine is the glory," ELW 376

Blessing

Alleluia! Grow in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



Peace Lutheran Announcements

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Keep in your prayers... Shirley Berndt, Bill Goulding, Dianna Shamel, and the family of Mary Lueder.

Joys and Concerns... If you have any joys and concerns you would like to add to our prayers during worship today, please fill out a 3X5 card found in the Narthex under the bulletin board and hand it to a council member before the service.

Coffee Fellowship... Please join us for coffee and fellowship after worship. Sit, relax, and chat together! The sign-up sheet to host is posted in the Narthex.

Meditation with Janet... Join us after worship next Sunday, April 7 for the final reflection time with Janet on inclusion and exclusion.

Altar Flowers... If you would like to decorate Peace with flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please sign-up in the Narthex on the bulletin board (noting the special occasion), send an email to peacelca@gmail.com, purchase your own flowers, and bring them to Peace on the Sunday you would like and place them on the altar.

Growing Relationships... Please contact Renee Knapton by phone (262-492-0718) or by e-mail at reneeknapton@gmail.com with any joys, sorrows, prayer requests, etc. that you wish shared with fellow members.

TLC Giving Baskets... The most needed items for March and April are crackers, cereal, peanut butter, and healthy snacks for kids. Thank you!



He Is Risen!!
Alleluia!!