

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Babbtown - 8:00 am

Schubert - 10:00 am

THE FESTIVAL OF THE RESURRECTION

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025

Order of Worship:

Printed below

(with P for Pastor, C for Congregation)

The Tolling Of The Bell – A reminder of Jesus' death

The Sentences and Gospel Reading: Luke 24:1-12
(spoken from back of Church)

Response: Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Come, let us worship the Lord.

Ringing Of The Bell – **Prelude And Processional** [*Please stand*]

The Invocation And Welcome

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

The Hymn, TLH 199 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

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!

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!

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!

△ **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! Amen.

[Please stand]

Opening Prayer

P: We come rejoicing and we come confessing our sins, assured of forgiveness because Christ has been crucified and now He is risen!

P: Let us confess together:

All: **O Almighty God, You brought Your Son back to life on the third day. It was for me that He suffered and died on the cross. Because of my sins, both past and present, I know that I do not deserve Your love or Your mercy. Instead of death You offer life. I, with my fellow believers, confess my sin with my whole heart. I repent of all the wrongs I have done in thought and deed, and much that I fail to do. Because of the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ I come to you in humbleness asking for grace. Amen.**

The Words of Forgiveness

[Please be seated]

The Hymn, TLH 198 “He’s Risen, He’s Risen”

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

**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.**

**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, yea, He lives, and will nevermore die.**

**O where is thy sting, death? We fear thee 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.**

**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,
Who sitteth in glory and ever shall reign. Amen.**

The Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

Babbtown: Hymn TLH 189, "He Is Arisen!"

**He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open. My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie, Destroyed hell's direst weapon.
Oh, hear What cheer! Christ victorious Riseth glorious,
Life He giveth--He was dead, but see, He liveth! Amen.**

Schubert: Choir Anthem "Lord of All"

The Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 15:19-26

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

P: Christ is risen! C: He is risen indeed!

The Nicene Creed: *[Please stand]*

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten son of God:
the one begotten from the Father before all the ages, light of light, true God of true God,
begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things came into
being, who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and became a human life
by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and as a man was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried, and on the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come
again with glory to judge the living and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, the one who proceeds from the
Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke
through the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy, Christian and apostolic church: we confess one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins; we look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to
come. Amen.**

Hymn, TLH 193 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"

**"Christ the Lord is ris'n today," Sons of man and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heav'ns, and, earth, reply.**

**Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened Paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King; Where, O Death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O Grave?**

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

**Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Praise to Thee by both be given!
Thee we greet triumphant now: Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Amen.**

The Sermon: “Going to the Father” - Text: John 20:10-18

Introduction – Jesus had a favorite thing he talked about –

1. He talked about it often
 - a. When he was only 12 years old
 - b. He was constantly praying to his Father
 - c. He spent his last hours on earth with his Father
2. It was the first thing he said when he rose from the dead
 - a. He was alive, preparing to go back to his Father
 - b. He wanted his brothers and sisters to join him
 - c. He is ready to back to his Father with his disciples
3. Jesus is never completely finished with his journey
 - a. Jesus comes at Easter to invite us to be with the Father
 - b. Jesus wants you to be with him forever
 - c. The Father in heaven is also your father

Conclusion – The most awesome thing Jesus wanted to do – bring us to the Father

Hymn TLH 309 – “O Jesus Blessed Lord to Thee” *(The Offerings Are Received And Presented)*

**O Jesus, blessed Lord, to Thee My heartfelt thanks forever be,
Who hast so lovingly bestowed On me Thy body and Thy blood.**

**Break forth, my soul, for joy and say What wealth is come to me this day!
My Savior dwells within my heart: How blest am I! How good Thou art! Amen.**

The Prayers & The Lord’s Prayer

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Registration: Visitors and guests who are communicant members in good standing of Lutheran Congregations in fellowship with us, and who are sorry for their sins, may commune. Thank you.

Invitation to the Table of the Lord

The Canticle, “Worthy Is Christ” *(Used with permission from CPH)*

REFRAIN: 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.
REFRAIN.**

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

[Short Interlude]

**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. REFRAIN.**

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

FINAL REFRAIN: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alle-lu-ia.

Prayer and Words of Institution

[Please be seated.]

The Distribution

Distribution Hymns:

TLH 657 “*Beautiful Savior*”

**Beautiful Savior, King of Creation, Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine! Amen.**

TLH 196 “*I Am Content! My Jesus Liveth Still*”

**I am content! My Jesus liveth still, In whom my heart is pleased.
He hath fulfilled the Law of God for me; God's wrath He hath appeased.
Since He in death could perish never, I also shall not die forever.
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my Head; His member I will be.
He bowed His head when on the cross He died With cries of agony.
Now death is brought into subjection For me, too, by His resurrection.
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my Lord, My Price of Life and Peace;
His heart is yearning for my future bliss And for my soul's release.
The home where He, my Master, liveth He also to His servant giveth.
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! My Jesus is my Light, My radiant Sun of Grace.
His cheering rays beam blessings forth for all: Sweet comfort, hope, and peace.
This Easter Sun doth bring salvation And everlasting exultation.
I am content! I am content!**

**I am content! Lord, draw me unto Thee And wake me from the dead
That I may rise forevermore to be With Thee, my living Head.
The fetters of my body sever, Then shall my soul rejoice forever.
I am content! I am content! Amen.**

TLH 188 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

**Hallelujah! Jesus lives! He is now the Living One;
From the gloomy halls of death Christ the Conqueror has gone,
Bright Forerunner to the skies Of His people, yet to rise.**

**Jesus lives! Let all rejoice! Praise Him, ransomed ones of earth.
Praise Him in a nobler song, Cherubim of heav'nly birth.
Praise the Victor-King, whose sway Sin and death and hell obey.**

**Jesus lives! Why weepst thou? Why that sad and frequent sigh?
He who died our Brother here Lives our Brother still on high.
Lives forever to bestow Blessings on His Church below.**

**Jesus lives! And thus, my soul, Life eternal waits for thee;
Joined to Him, thy living Head, Where He is, thou, too shalt be;
With Himself, at His right hand, Victor over death shalt stand.**

**Jesus lives! To Him my heart Draws with ever new delight.
Earthly vanities, depart, Hinder not my heavenward flight.
Let this spirit ever rise To its Magnet in the skies.**

**Hallelujah, angels, sing! Join us in our hymn of praise;
Let your chorus swell the strain Which our feebler voices raise;
Glory to our God above And on earth His peace and love! Amen.**

The Thanksgiving: *[Please rise]*

P: "O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

C: **His mercy endureth forever."**

P: Let us pray

C: **Amen.**

P: He is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed!**

P: Go forth and live in the joy of the Resurrection.

C: **Christ was raised for me.**

P: Let not fear destroy your joy, but rather let perfect love cast out your fear.

C: **We depart in the Lord's peace.**

P: May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever".

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn, TLH 200 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my everlasting Head.**

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

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly 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.**

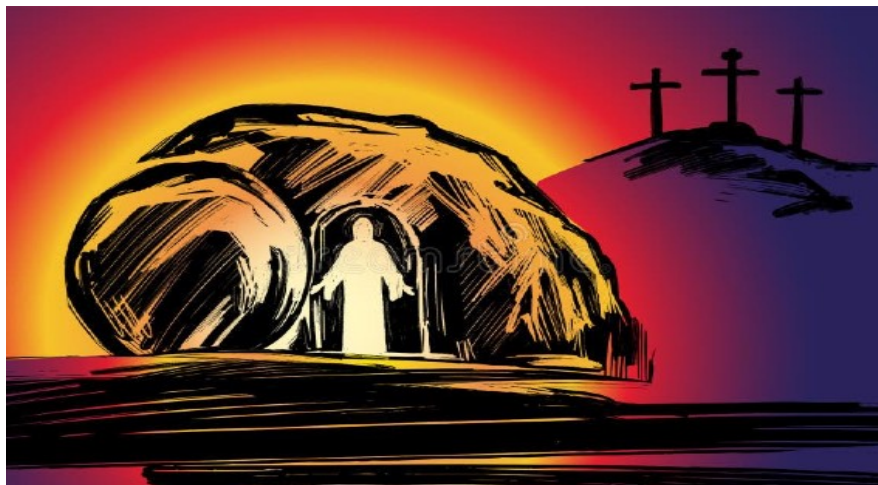
**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**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!" Amen.**

The Silent Prayer

The Announcements

The Postlude



FLOWERS GIVEN IN CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS

Babbtown

Nancy Clark Bernice Kiss in memory of Family Members
Arnold & Teresa Mueller Art & Donna Mueller
Dennis & Kathy Rabold in memory of Loved Ones
Ed Schroeder in memory of Family Members Gabe & April Schubert
Joshua Schubert in memory of Parents, Ron and Dianna Schubert
Judy Yeary in memory of James Yeary

Schubert

James Backman in memory of Charles Backman
Karen Belcher in memory of Amanda Belcher, Sharen Green
Keith & Pam Bohl in memory of Ken & Evelyn Bohl, Linda Fritsch
Carl Brandenburg in memory of Reba Brandenburg
Linda Brenner in memory of loved ones
Martha Brenner in memory of Bob Brenner and other loved ones
Allan & Carol Forbis in memory of loved ones
Jim & Kay Forbis in memory of Howard & Esther Forbis
Michael & Karen Forbis in memory of Russell Gross
John & Jennifer Hanes in memory of loved ones
Jim & Linda Kemmer in memory of Spencer Kemmer
Gary & Lynn Lofton in memory of Ellie Witmer
Ginger & Dennis Luetkemeyer & Family in memory of , Chloe King,
Ivy & Claude McCoy, Eathan & Henrietta King,
Jenna Paterson, Don & Nora McCoy
Anne and Ashley Mueller in memory of loved ones
Rev. Bart Mueller & Jana in memory of their parents
Jennifer Murray in memory of her father and grandparents
Susan Nienhueser in memory of Bob Nienhueser
Mark & Sherri Russell in memory of their parents
Rev. Gerald & Paula Scheperle in memory of their parents
Gary & Kathleen Stroup in memory of Earnest & Gladys Stroup,
John & Gretta Kintsler
Russ & Jan Titus in memory of their parents
Ron & Mary Vida in memory of their parents
Gene & Terry Walkenhorst in memory of Marion Wiseman, Ozzie & Delores Walkenhorst
Teresa Wehmeyer in memory of her parents
Ronda Williams in memory of loved ones