

# Easter Sunday Worship

April 12, 2020

Lord of Life Lutheran Church, North Pole, AK

## *Welcome*

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen! **C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

## *Gathering Hymn* – 365 Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia! (verse 1, 2, 4)

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!

sinner to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

praise eternal as his life; Alleluia!

praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## *Confession and Forgiveness*

L: God of life,

**C: we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises when around us is despair. Forgive us, O God, and let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord, amen.**

L: People of God: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Through the waters of baptism you have been born anew by the living word of God. Know that your sins are forgiven in + Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## *Sharing Christ's Peace*

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

## *Prayer of the Day*

**God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, amen.**

## *Scripture readings*

Jeremiah 31:1-6

At that time, says the Lord, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. <sup>2</sup>Thus says the Lord: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall take your tambourines, and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit. <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim: "Come, let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God."

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good; God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted! The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD; here the righteous may enter."

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

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Matthew 28:1-10

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. <sup>4</sup>For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. <sup>5</sup>But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." <sup>8</sup>So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup>Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Easter Sermon*

*Hymn of the Day* – 619 I know that my Redeemer Lives! (1, 4, 7)

I know that my Redeemer lives!	he lives to calm my troubled heart;
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!	he lives all blessings to impart.
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;	He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives my ever-living head!	he lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives to silence all my fears;	he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to wipe away my tears;	he lives to bring me safely there.

*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, 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.

*Prayers of God's People*

L: Lord in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

### *Offering:* Offertory music by Kyle Renner

- You may mail your offering to our locked mailbox at 1005 St. Nicholas Drive, North Pole, AK 99705.
- You may give securely on our website, [lordoflifeak.com](http://lordoflifeak.com) by clicking the "Giving" tab and "I'd like to give" button.
- You may give securely from your phone using the "Give Plus Church" app, just search by our zip code of 99705 and choose Lord of Life, and follow the easy instructions.

Prayer: Merciful God, our ordinary gifts seem small for such a celebration, but you make of them an abundance, just as you do with our lives. Feed us again at this table for service in your name, in the strength of the risen Christ, amen.

### Communion

Christ's Words of Institution

\*We will take communion at specific times during the Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer: We pray together with confidence the prayer our Lord Jesus taught us to pray,

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, the power, and the glory, forever and ever, amen.

### Announcements

Parade route – Left out of the parking lot, right onto Blanket blvd, cross over 8<sup>th</sup> and go left on 5<sup>th</sup>, right on Santa Claus Lane and part ways at the roundabout.

Next Sunday, worship LIVE on Facebook.

Mask Making – shifted from feminine products to masks! Got a system of transporting material and pieces from one home to another. Contact Evie Freeman or Dixie Keil to be part of the team!

### Sending Blessing and Dismissal

L: Christ is Risen!   **C: Christ is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

L: Go in peace, share the good news, Alleluia!