

**THE RESURRECTION
OF OUR LORD
EASTER SUNDAY**

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afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go
to Galilee, and there they will see Me.”**

Matthew 28:10

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WELCOME to IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors this morning. It is our hope that you will benefit by your worship here with us, and that you will return again soon.

A Prayer Upon Entering Church - Heavenly Father, on the cross Your Son finished the sacrifice to pay for all my sins. I remember Your promises; I give thanks for His sacrifice; I pray that Your Holy Spirit will enliven me to live as Your forgiven child here in time and forever in eternity; through Jesus Christ, my Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

AS WE GATHER - The spring of souls. The queen of seasons. The royal feast of feasts. With those colorful phrases the ancient writer John of Damascus, who lived in the eighth century, described Easter Day in a classic hymn text. The Feast of the Resurrection and its importance is difficult to put into words. Everything has been done: Christ has come and has established His kingdom in the world for the sake of the resurrection and the life to come. His saving work is accomplished—and we are the beneficiaries! The action word “go” is central for us this day, as we go in to meet our Lord in worship and go to share the message of the empty tomb and risen Lord!

By Martin Luther

1 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands

For our offenses given;

But now at God's right hand He stands

And brings us life from heaven.

Therefore let us joyful be

And sing to God right thankfully

Loud songs of alleluia! Alleluia!

2 No son of man could conquer death,

Such ruin sin had wrought us.

No innocence was found on earth,

And therefore death had brought us

Into bondage from of old

And ever grew more strong and bold

And held us as its captive. Alleluia!

3 Christ Jesus, God's own Son, came down,

His people to deliver;

Destroying sin, He took the crown

From death's pale brow forever:

Stripped of pow'r, no more it reigns;

An empty form alone remains;

Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

4 It was a strange and dreadful strife

When life and death contended;

The victory remained with life,

The reign of death was ended.

Holy Scripture plainly saith

That death is swallowed up by death,

Its sting is lost forever. Alleluia!

5 Here our true Paschal Lamb we see,
Whom God so freely gave us;
He died on the accursèd tree—
So strong His love—to save us.
See, His blood now marks our door;
Faith points to it; death passes o'er,
And Satan cannot harm us. Alleluia!

6 So let us keep the festival
To which the Lord invites us;
Christ is Himself the joy of all,
The sun that warms and lights us.
Now His grace to us imparts
Eternal sunshine to our hearts;
The night of sin is ended. Alleluia!

7 Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the bread of heaven;
The Word of grace has purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed;
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other! Alleluia!

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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!

INVOCATION

Leader In the name of the Father and of the Son
 and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES Psalm 8:6; 118:24; Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7;

Leader: This is the day that the LORD has made;

All: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Christ has risen from the dead. Alleluia!

ALL: **God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor,**

Leader: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;

All: **He has put all things under His feet. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Leader: Let us come before God in true repentance, seeking His mercy and forgiveness.

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

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

(We take a moment of silence to reflect on our sin and our need for the Savior.)

L Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

A 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.

L "In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to Become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ."

A Amen.

INTROIT *Psalm 118:1-2, 13, 21-22, 24, 26: antiphon, Matthew 28:6a, 7b*

L Alleluia. Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.

A Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

L Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."

A I was pushed back and about to fall, but the Lord helped me. I will give you thanks,

L for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

A The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone:

L This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, from the house of the Lord we bless you.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L Alleluia, Christ has risen, as he said. He has risen from the dead. Alleluia.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light. Grant that we who have been raised with Him may abide in His presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1–6

(The Lord has an everlasting love for His people.)

“At the same time,” says the Lord, “I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people.”

2 Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword Found grace in the wilderness— Israel, when I went to give him rest.”

3 The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: “Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you.

4 Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, And shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.

5 You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; The planters shall plant and eat them as ordinary food.

6 For there shall be a day when the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim, ‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion, To the Lord our God.’ ”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

PSALM *Psalm 16*

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your holy one see corruption.

C **Preserve me, O God, for in You I take refuge.**

P I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You."

C **As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.**

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

C **The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.**

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

C **I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.**

P I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

C **Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.**

P For You will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let Your Holy One see corruption.

C **You make known to me the path of life; 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 beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE Colossians 3:1-4

(Our lives are hidden with Christ in God.)

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

3 For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

A **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 28:1-10

(Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.)

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

A **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it.

3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

4 And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.

5 But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified.

6 He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.

7 And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."

8 So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring His disciples word.

9 And as they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "Rejoice!" So they came and held Him by the feet and worshiped Him.

10 Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell My brethren to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

A Praise to You, O Christ

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.

HYMN OF THE DAY Christ has Arisen, Alleluia **LSB 466**

1 Christ has arisen, alleluia.
Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.
For our Redeemer burst from the tomb,
Even from death, dispelling its gloom. Refrain

**ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

2 For three long days the grave did its worst
Until its strength by God was dispersed.
He who gives life did death undergo;
And in its conquest His might did show. Refrain

3 The angel said to them, “Do not fear!
You look for Jesus who is not here.
See for yourselves the tomb is all bare;
Only the grave cloths are lying there.” Refrain

**ref Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;
Death’s fearful sting He has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia!
Jesus is living, alleluia!**

4 “Go spread the news: He’s not in the grave;
He has arisen this world to save.
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done;
Even the battle with sin is won.” Refrain

5 Christ has arisen; He sets us free;
Alleluia, to Him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;
He reigns triumphant, heavenly King. Refrain

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SERMON ***“There you will see Him”*** (Matthew 28:7)



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Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

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5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

OFFERING (cheerfully sent with thanksgiving)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace, let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they have need.

L O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot overcome.
Lord, in Your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves. Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,

A Hear our prayer.

L O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,

A **Hear our prayer.**

L O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of Donald, our president; Greg, our governor; the Congress of the United States; and all state and local elected officials. Guide them according to Your Word, that their labors for our nation's health and welfare may not be in vain, nor forgetful of the vulnerable, aging and unemployed. Lord, in Your mercy,

A **Hear our prayer.**

L O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth [especially _____]. Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged for glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy,

A **Hear our prayer.**

L O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day. Increase in the hearts of Your people delight in Your mercy, gratitude for all Your benefits, and eagerness to support the mission of Your Church in word and deed. Lord, in Your mercy,

A **Hear our prayer.**

L All praise to You, dear Father in heaven, for You have opened up to us the way to eternal life in the resurrection of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. We give You thanks for all those who have gone before us in the faith and now rest from their labors. Keep us in that same faith, and embolden us by Your resurrection to be fearless in the face of disease, chaos, loneliness and every sorrow of this world. Give us, with Job, the solemn expectation to cheer us: our Redeemer lives, and we, too, shall be resurrected and glorified to live with Him in His eternal Kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our resurrected Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

C 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.

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

BENEDICTION

L The Lord bless us and keep us,
The Lord make His face shine upon us and be gracious to us
The Lord lift His countenance upon us and grant us peace

A Amen

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SENDING 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!

DISMISSAL

L Christ is risen!

A He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

L Go in peace as you serve our risen Lord.

A Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Today is Risen Christ the Lord

The Victory of Christ Crucified Is Given to You in the Preaching of His Resurrection

Every Sunday is the Lord's day, the day of His resurrection, "*after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week*" (Matt. 28:1). In the Divine Service, the Church enters upon the eternal "eighth day." The Lord Jesus, "*who was crucified,*" who "*has risen, as he said*" (Matt. 28:5-6), is the firstborn from the dead and the firstfruits of the new creation. Because "*you have died*" with Him in Holy Baptism, "*you have been raised with Christ*" and "*your life is hidden with Christ in God*" (Col. 3:1, 3). The Lord Jesus has become our God, as surely as He is "*the God of all the clans of Israel,*" and we now belong to His people (Jer. 31:1). In this, He "*shows no partiality*" (Acts 10:34), but "*everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name*" (Acts 10:43). As "*God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power*" and "*raised him on the third day,*" He also raises us up and pours out His Spirit upon us through the Gospel (Acts 10:38, 40).

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KIDS IN THE
DIVINE SERVICE
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**If all Jesus had to do was die,
then why is Easter such a big deal?**

Easter is a very important day. Easter is the day that we celebrate Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

After Jesus was crucified, His disciples were very sad. It seemed like their God and friend had been defeated and killed. They had forgotten that Jesus told them that He would rise from the dead. They must have thought Mary Magdelene was crazy when she told them that Jesus had appeared to her at the tomb where He was buried. But her story was true! Jesus was alive! He had risen from the dead!

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples many times to prove it. And that's just what He did, *He proved it!* By His resurrection, He proved to the world that He was victorious over death and paid for our sins completely. Now, the first words you hear in church on Easter Sunday are: "The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"



Parents: Help your children to recognize the different places in our worship service which speak of Jesus' resurrection (the Creed is a good example). Point out some of the symbols in the church that might aid in their understanding of the resurrection. Remind them that we join in His resurrection through our Baptism!



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