

Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024
8:00 am



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

INVOCATION (From back of Sanctuary)

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

People: Amen.

EASTER PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 457

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 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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OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain!
Alleluia!

People: He gives us new life and hope through His resurrection! Alleluia!

Pastor: God has claimed us as His own.

People: God has called us from our darkness into the light of His day.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Pastor: In repentant faith, we come before our risen Lord to confess our sin. O God of Grace, like the first witnesses of the resurrection, we too, come to the empty tomb with a variety of responses. We hear the good news that Jesus has risen, but so often the evidence for this is difficult to detect in our lives.

People: Forgive us when we fail to make the risen Christ evident through our words and actions in our lives.

Pastor: As we come to the empty tomb seeking forgiveness for all our faults and shortcomings, help us to re-order our priorities so that we put the risen Christ first in our lives at all times.

People: Forgive us when we forget that the tomb is forever empty because Jesus is here and is wherever Christians live and worship.

Pastor: Help us always to remember the costly act of Jesus Christ which led to victory over sin and death, an act which gives us the gift of a new beginning.

People: Forgive us for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Pastor: The last enemy to be destroyed is death and Jesus has won the victory over sin, death and the devil and through Him your sins are forgiven. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF CELEBRATION: LSB 477

Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

1 Alleluia, alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled—
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

2 Alleluia, Christ is risen!

Death at last has met defeat:
See the ancient pow'rs of evil
In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried:
Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Whom we worship and adore.

3 Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:

Alleluia to the Savior
Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND PRAISE

Pastor: Yours is the glory, O God, for raising Jesus from the darkness of death.

People: Yours is the glory, O Christ, for being prepared, through Your love and Your sacrifice, to conquer death and give us the gift of eternal life.

Pastor: And, as if that were not enough, You greet us by name, as You greeted Mary in the garden, and transform our lives forever with Your Easter life.

People: Risen Lord, we worship and adore You;

Pastor: and we pray that the Holy Spirit, Your life in us, will so conform us to Your image, that we radiate Your glory here, through our rejoicing and praise, and in all the places where people's lives are still affected by the powers of death and sin.

People: Yours is the glory, O God, for showing us the human face of Your love in Jesus, Your Son, our risen Lord.

Pastor: Yours is the glory, risen Lord Jesus, and we rejoice that endless is the victory that You have won over death. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Amen.

TIME IN THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 35:1-8

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the Lord, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING Romans 6:1-4

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into

Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “Is He Worthy?” Jacob Shoup

Please rise out of respect for the words and ministry of Jesus Christ.

RESPONSE

People (Sing): Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

People (Sing): Glory to You, O Lord.

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became

like dead men. The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” So, the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 470 (verses 1-2, 9)

O Sons and Daughters of the King

- 1 O sons and daughters of the King,
Whom heav’nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2 That Easter morn, at break of day,
The faithful women went their way
To seek the tomb where Jesus lay.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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THE SERMON

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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, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

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

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING | TREASURE BOX | PRAYER CARDS

CHOIR ANTHEM: “The Lord Is Risen”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the servants of the Lord who proclaim God's victory for us.

Pastor: Gracious Father, in the midst of such great blessings, we celebrate the gifts You give to Your Church. Not only have You granted us the forgiveness of our sins through Your Son, Jesus Christ, but You bless Your Church with faithful servants to shepherd us in our spiritual life and welfare. We thank You for our pastor and all who serve as under-shepherds of Your people. Grant them joy in their labors and work in us gratitude for their service. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for the sick and recovering. O Lord, we implore You for Your mercy and healing. We are helpless in the face of sin and all its consequences in this world. Sickness and death are frightening to us for they remind us of our limited physical capacities. This also affirms for us our dependence upon You. Bless those who are sick and recovering today. Support them with Your grace, and guide the doctors and caretakers who minister to them. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who are celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Lord Jesus, You lived among the people of this world and celebrated every occasion that reminded Your people of Your Father's grace and blessings. We celebrate today with our brothers and sisters who remember their birthdays and anniversaries. Fill their hearts with joy and enable them to see Your abundant blessings present in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those not with us today, we especially remember our elderly who are in the nursing homes or who are confined to their homes. Long life is a special blessing from You, O Lord. With long life come both opportunities and challenges. Father, grant that Your servants seize opportunities and face challenges with courage and strength. Be with those whose physical abilities have become limited. Give them peace to accept Your will in their lives and to trust in You for their future. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all families in our congregation. Jesus, You have knit Your Church together to be one people, bound together by faith. We bring glory to You as we serve one another with the gifts You give. Zion has been blessed to proclaim Your Gospel and by the power of Your Word we are sustained as one united people. Be with all the families of our church and bless those we lift before You today and all those we name in our hearts now. Guide us as we live each day so that we may be a blessing. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: May the Lord be with you now!

People: And with you His servant true.

Pastor: Lift your hearts to sing His praise.

People: All our voices now we raise.

Pastor: It is good and right on this day to give thanks to God, the Father for the victory over death and the grave He has granted to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. On this day Christ destroyed the power of death for

all who believe in Him by His glorious resurrection from the dead. All the angels of heaven now sing His praise: the One who has been crowned the victor! All the saints of God who have gone before us now gather around His throne to worship Him, adding their voices to those of the angels of God. We gather here today celebrating with all those who are in heaven, the victory He has won for us made real, as we celebrate and receive the gifts of His body and blood. Therefore, with the angels and all the host of heaven we lift our voices to praise His holy name:
People (sing): Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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

People (sing): Amen.

AGNUS DEI: (Tune: My Faith Looks Up to Thee LSB 702)

People (sing): Meek, slaughtered Lamb of God,
You bore the sinners' load To buy our peace:
Now risen and enthroned, With life and glory crowned
To all the lost and found Please grant Your peace.

COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 465 (verses 1-2, 4)

Now All the vault of Heaven Resounds

- 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!

4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'ly 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!

COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 461 (verses 1-3, 8)
I Know That My Redeemer Lives

- 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.

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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COMMUNION HYMN: LSB 475

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing

1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

COMMUNION DISMISSAL

PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Dear Lord Jesus, we thank and praise You that You have again refreshed us with the gift of Your holy body and blood in this comforting Sacrament. Bless our participation that we may depart from Your presence with peace and joy in the knowledge that we are reconciled to God. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Assured of the victory Jesus has won for us, by the power of His resurrection, we leave the presence of our God with His benediction.

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God!

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

RECESSIONAL HYMN: LSB 463 (verses 1-2, 4)

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

- 1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

- 2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

- 4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

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SEND OFF

Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out, strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!