



Grace

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Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here,
but has risen.
Luke 24:5

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about
“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Easter Sunday

April 12, 2020

Our Easter Worship begins in silence and darkness as we ponder the women who approached Jesus’ tomb that morning preparing to anoint his dead body.

Pre-Service Music

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” – LSB #436, v. 4 *only*

(The pre-service portion of our worship today is being done outside at the graveyard. The Pastors will sing this verse from Go to Dark Gethsemane out there and you are welcome to join as they sing)

Early hasten to the tomb Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom, Who hath taken Him away?
Christ is risen! He meets our eyes. Savior, teach us so to rise.

Processional Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #457

“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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, al ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

At the end of the Procession the Paschal Candle will be lit before us.

The Paschal Candle will burn for the next 40 days of the Church Year until we celebrate the ascension of Our Lord. This burning light symbolizes that Jesus Christ, who departed this life on Good Friday, is alive. Following the Ascension Day celebration it will be lit at baptisms and funerals to remind us of Christ's victory over death and the promise of new life for us.

Invocation & Opening Sentences

1 Corinthians 15:20, 54-57

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Death is swallowed up in victory!

C Alleluia!

P O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

C Alleluia!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God's great mercy in Christ.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

P Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.**

P If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

Lutheran Service Book #465

“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!
3. O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love; Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph; Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say: “Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
4. Adoring praises now we bring And with the heav’nly 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!

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Your love, O Father God, is seen most clearly in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Transform us by Your self-giving love to follow the servant way of Jesus, until that day when He comes again in glory, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

"The disciples are witnesses to the risen Lord."

L The First Reading for Easter Sunday is from Acts, chapter ten.

³⁴ So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷ you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

Colossians 3:1-4

"Our lives are hidden with Christ in God."

L The Epistle Reading is from Colossians, chapter three.

^{3:1} If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia Verse *Sung*

"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

"Jesus Christ is risen from the dead."

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter.

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

^{28:1} Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went 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 and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel 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 has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his

disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.”⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him.¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles Creed

C 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 shall 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

Lutheran Service Book #461, verses 1-5

“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.
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.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Lutheran Service Book #461, verses 6-8

“I Know That My Redeemer Lives”

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!

Prayer of the Church

Responses after each petition:

P Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P These things and all else that we should have asked on this day of holy rejoicing,
grant to us, Lord, for the sake of our risen Savior Jesus Christ.
C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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.

The Closing Prayer

P Merciful Father, in the hearing of the Gospel of Jesus our Lord, we have tasted
and seen that You are good! The blessings of the first Easter Day have been given

to us again on this Easter Day! Help us to go forth from this worship service and share the hope You've placed within us with the people You place around us. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

C Amen.

Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

P This is the feast of victory for our God! For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign.

C Alleluia!

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P The LORD bless you and keep you.

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

The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #837

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain:

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1. Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *refrain*

2. Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. *refrain*

3. All newborn soldiers of the Crucified
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. *refrain*

4. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. *refrain*

5. Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. *refrain*

6. So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! *refrain*