



## St. Luke Lutheran Church • Easter Worship • 2020

Prelude and Announcements

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Unveiling of the Cross

Easter Morning Processional and Congregational Alleluia

Call to Worship

L: Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed!

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is the day of hope. A day of great joy. Christ's tomb is empty. God has conquered death and brought new life. Rejoice O people of God for Christ is Risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Festival Hymn #365 "Jesus Christ is Risen"

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 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!

Verse 4

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
praise eternal as his love; Alleluia!  
praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

Confession and Forgiveness *(Please stand as you are able)*

*(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)*

L: Faithful and just God,

C: We confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord. Amen.

L: Christ suffered for sins once for all in order to bring you to God. Now you are God's people; now you have received mercy. In the name of the risen + Lord Jesus, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. Lay aside guilt, put away shame, for you are chosen and precious in God's sight. Live in the marvelous light of Christ. Amen.

**Prayer of the Day:** O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**Psalm 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 & my song, & has become my salvation. <sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing & 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.

**Epistle Lesson:** 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.

**Gospel Acclamation** "Joyful, Joyful" (Please stand as you are able)

Joyful, joyful we adore thee; God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

**Gospel Reading:** John 20:1-18 <sup>1</sup>Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. <sup>2</sup>So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup>Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup>The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup>He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, <sup>7</sup>and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup>Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup>for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup>Then the disciples returned to their homes. <sup>11</sup>But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; <sup>12</sup>and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. <sup>13</sup>They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup>When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup>Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup>Mary Magdalene went & announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

L: Word of God. Word of life. C: Thanks be to God.

**Children Sermon and Sermon** (you may be seated)

**Hymn of the Day** #369 "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!"

**Verse 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 fee. Alleluia!

**Verse 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!

**Verse 3**

Christ, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled; Alleluia!  
when contending death and life, Alleluia!  
met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

**Verse 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!

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and un seen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### The Prayers:

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence.* God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders (especially). Open our ears to their proclamation this day & always....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All your creation praises you – the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, & the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear & blend our voices in the song....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The countries of the world experience disunity & conflict; we set our minds on fear & greed rather than on your rule of justice & steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence (especially).....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bless the creative & helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, & all others who provide welcome & hospitality in our midst....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died (especially). Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope & draw us to you in our final days....Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Sharing the Peace

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

### Offering - Doxology

 **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

### The Great Thanksgiving

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L: The Lord be with you      **C: And also with you**

L: Lift up your hearts.      **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.      **C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### Holy, Holy, Holy      *"Great Are You Lord"*

Holy Lord, most holy Lord, You alone are worthy of my praise;

O holy Lord, most holy Lord, with all of my heart I sing.

Great are You, Lord, worthy of praise,

Holy and true, great are You, Lord, most holy Lord.

### Words of Institution

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; & 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.

**Lamb of God** *"Lamb of God"* #336 (You may be seated)

Verse 1

Your only Son no sin to hide  
But You have sent Him from Your side  
To walk upon this guilty sod  
And to become the Lamb of God

Chorus

Oh Lamb of God sweet Lamb of God  
I love the holy Lamb of God  
Oh wash me in His precious blood  
My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God

Verse 2

Your gift of love we crucified,  
We laughed and scorned Him as He died.  
The humble King we named a fraud  
And sacrificed the Lamb of God

Verse 3

I was so lost, I should have died  
But You have brought me to Your side  
To be led by Your staff and rod  
And to be called a lamb of God

**Communion Blessing**

**Communion Prayer**

**Blessing** *(Please stand as you are able)*

L: May God who has brought us from death to life fill you with great joy. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** *"Thine Is the Glory"*

Verse 1

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won  
Angels in bright raiment  
Rolled the stone away  
Kept the folded grave clothes  
Where Thy Body lay

Verse 2

Lo Jesus meets thee,  
Risen from the tomb  
Lovingly He greets thee,  
Scatter s fear and gloom  
Let His church with gladness  
Hymns of triumph sing  
For the Lord now liveth  
Death hath lost its sting

Verse 3

No more we doubt thee,  
glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee;  
aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conqu'rors,  
through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan  
to thy home above.

Refrain

Thine is the glory risen conquering Son  
Endless is the victory  
Thou o'er death hast won!

**Dismissal**

L: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

L: You are the body of Christ raised up for the world. Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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