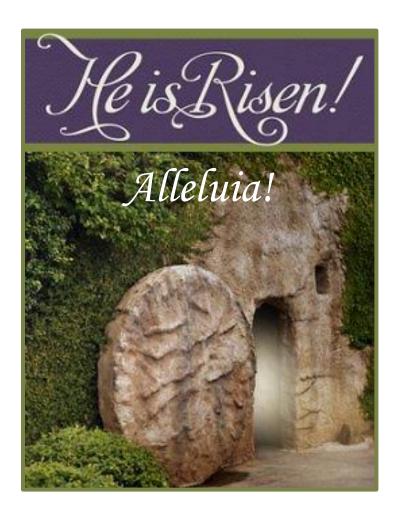
Holy Cross Lutheran Church

Divine Service Four

The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 9, 2023





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8:00 and 10:30 AM

Prayer for the Resurrection of Our Lord

Living Lord Jesus, our risen Savior, today we celebrate the victory You have won, a victory that is eternal. Your resurrection proves that our sins have been paid for once and for all, that Satan has been vanquished, and that death has been destroyed. Give us resurrection joy to live each day a new life of victory over temptation, to celebrate life even in a body that is destined to die, and to boldly face the evils of this age knowing that when we stand with You, our Savior, then and only then are we more than conquerors. Let us stand in Your victory: because You live, we will also live. Empower us and all members of Your holy Christian church to be bold in Easter joy so that we proclaim the message of victory until You come again in visible glory. In Your name, our Savior and King, we pray. Amen.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink

for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust in His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm (1 Cor. 11:17-34), and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked to speak with the Pastor prior to communing with us for the first time. We thank you for respecting our belief and practice regarding the Lord's Supper.



We begin the service in the narthex.

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3-4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- **©** who made heaven and earth.
- If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Confession of Sins

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen. **Absolution** [John 20:19–23]

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Christians, to the Paschal Victim (LSB 460)

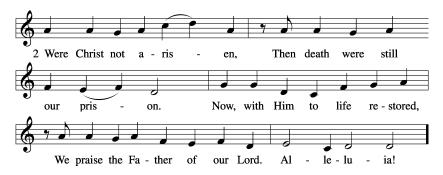
Christians, to the Paschal Victim
Offer your thankful praises!
The Lamb the sheep has ransomed:
Christ, who only is sinless,
Reconciling sinners to the Father.
Death and life have contended
In that combat stupendous:
The Prince of life, who died,
Reigns immortal.

459 Christ Is Arisen



"Speak, Mary, declaring
What you saw when wayfaring."
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
My Lord, my hope, is arisen;
To Galilee He goes before you."

459 Christ Is Arisen



Christ indeed from death is risen,
Our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!

459 Christ Is Arisen



Collect

P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

- Amen.
- P Christ is Risen!
- Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



Follow the Procession of the Cross into the sanctuary during the singing of the hymn and take your seat.

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today







Service of the Word

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17-18; antiphon: v. 1b



I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,* and he has become my sal- | vation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,* your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have redeemed;* you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,* the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,

the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

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

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;* the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

Kyrie Mark 10:47



C Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- P Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sit

Choir: Thine Be the Glory by Handel



First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: 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. 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, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, 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. 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. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name "

- **A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6



Christ has risen | from the dead.*

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and | honor. He has given him dominion over the works | of his hands;* he has put all things un- | der his feet.

Epistle: Colossians 3:1-4

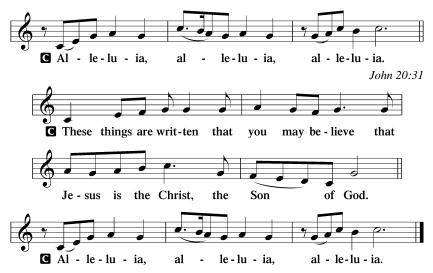
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When

Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



Holy Gospel: Matthew 28:1–10

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

Glory to You, O Lord.

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. 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. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. 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." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. 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.





Nicene Creed

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 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.

Sit

461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Vs. 1, 2 All

- 3 Women
- 4 Men
- 5 Women
- 6 Men
- 7, 8 All

Sermon

"Do Not Be Afraid"

Text: Matthew 28:1-10

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Stand

Prayer of the Church

After each portion of the prayer:

- **P** Lord, in Your mercy,
- hear our prayer.

Sit



Offering

(Please add your name to the red fellowship book and pass it to your fellow worshipers.)



Service of the Sacrament

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Please read our Statement on Holy Communion on the inside cover of the bulletin before communing with us.

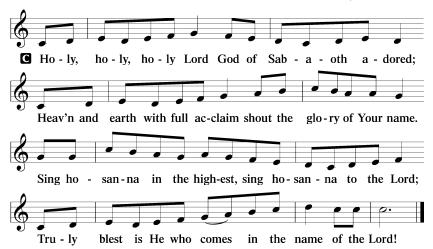
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Stand

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Lift up your hearts.
- **©** We lift them to the Lord.
- **P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:



Prayer of Thanksgiving

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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

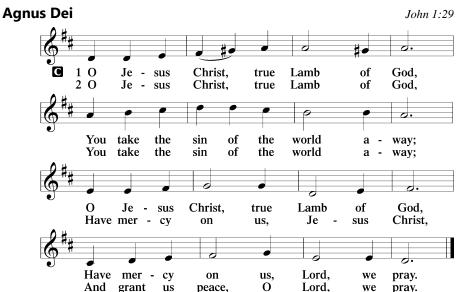
Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My
→ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- Amen.



Personal prayer before Communing

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen



Distribution

Personal prayer of thanksgiving after receiving the Sacrament

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.







633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

547 The Lamb

Stand



Post Communion Hymn

473 Our Paschal Lamb, That Sets Us Free



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

Benediction Numbers 6:24-26

- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and

 → give you peace.
- Amen.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



(To God alone be the glory.)

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The Easter Season



The third and final part of the Time of Easter is the season of Easter. Easter is the high point of the Church Year and has been called the "gueen of feasts." The Early Church recognized the importance of this feast since it was the first festival to be observed annually by Christians. Easter is a time of great joy for us because Jesus, by His resurrection, was our victor over sin, death, and the grave. Easter is on April 9 this year.

The Easter festival commences on the Eve of Easter and begins with the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Easter is followed by six Sundays. The conclusion of the Easter Season is the Feast of Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Easter. Pentecost will be on May 28 this year.

The liturgical color for paraments, vestments, and banners during the Season of Easter is white, the color of purity and eternity. White also symbolizes perfection, celebration, and joy.

> The above information was excerpted from The Altar Guild Manuel, Lutheran Service Book Edition, by Lee A. Maxwell, CPH, 2008.

Thank You, O Lord God, that Jesus' bodily resurrection is the bedrock on which our salvation is built. Your Spirit had Paul write these words in Romans 4:25, "[Christ] was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification" so that we might have the strength and comfort of the resurrection throughout our earthly life and in the hour of our death.

May the evidence all around us of sin's activity and of death not cause us to overlook Jesus' clear, simple words of the blessings of His resurrection. O Lord, grant that we take refuge in the fact that the resurrection of Jesus' believers is inseparable from His resurrection. Fill our hearts with peace and joy in knowing that because Jesus lives, sin and death have been defeated and we too shall rise. Truly, Jesus ends all sadness. Amen.

Announcements



Assisting Elders: 8 a.m. – Steve White 10:30 a.m. – Andy Olson

Fellowship Committee



We have a new Fellowship Committee that is looking for members! We will organize, plan, and execute providing snacks for special occasions, fun activities, and social events. If you are interested in participating in the planning of Christian fellowship, please contact Kathy Harrington at 1-209-352-6893.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." (Matthew 18:20)

Thank You!



A big "Thank You" to all those who donated to World Vision at our Valentines Brunch sponsored by Thrivent Financial. With

the \$1,100 collected, we ordered a couple of water purifiers, some goats, chickens, ducks, sheep and a pig through World Vision.



Easter lilies were given to the glory of God this morning by the following:

Greg Allan Family Warren and Pat Denny – in memory of Josephine and Gene Gil Ignatius Floro and Roxanne Smith Kathy Harrington Dorinda Hedin Dan and Sylvia Kingsbury David and Christine Koter John and Diane Lee Curt and Lisa Oliver – in memory of Harlan Kurtz (Lisa's father) and Mary Oliver (Curt's mother) Keith and Lynne Rodefeld – in loving memory of our fathers Mark and Lourdes Schlager Scott and Barbara Schlapkohl Jerry and Shirley Tuell Jane Wheatley Steve and Becky White

Plants can be taken home after the late service Easter morning.

Portals of Prayer for April-June 2023 are out!

Pick up your copy from the table in the narthex. We have digest size copies if you need larger print. These are a great resource to use in your daily devotions!

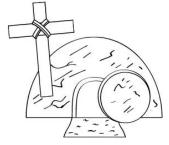


Please check the **Sunday Greeter schedule**, posted on the bulletin board, to find out when you're scheduled to serve. Thank you!





Spring is almost here and maybe you too are excited to do some gardening in the fresh air. Here at Holy Cross we have flower beds that would love some tender loving care. Whether you have gardening experience or not, please consider adopting one of the flower beds. You might prefer the quiet time to garden alone or perhaps you would enjoy tending a a friend, your spouse, children, or with grandchildren. All are welcome. You would be able to choose the plantings and tend the bed on your schedule. Some funding is available if cost is an issue. Please contact Debbie Skelton at 720-470-1706 to volunteer and to pick out your flower bed. Thank you for making Holy Cross more beautiful!



PURPLE CELEBRATION REJOICE **CROSS** EASTER RISEN

RESURRECTION GOOD FRIDAY SACRIFICE **JESUS** SAVIOR LENT

SUNDAY MIRACLE TOMB **PASSOVER**

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SPRING LWML RALLY

at Christ Lutheran Church located at 2695 S. Franklin St., Denver, CO 80210



on Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

We will have pastries and fruit for breakfast. Lunch will be provided.

The Bethesda Craft Sale will be present.

We will be collecting shoes in any condition for Soles for Souls.

We will be collecting canned vegetables for the Community Food Bank.

We will be collecting newborn baby items – diapers, wipes, clothes.

We hope to see you there!

Petitions and Prayers: Through Jesus who justified us by His death and resurrection, we are assured that God will hear us and will "freely give us all things."



Health concerns:

Heavenly Father, as You sent Your Son to be with us in times of illness and pain, we beseech You to bring healing to those who are ill as best suits Your will. Bless the efforts of their doctors, surgeons, and health care workers to facilitate their return to health. Keep Your holy angels around them in their times of worry and pain. Amen.

Please keep the following in your prayers:

- Devon Hanson (grandson of Connie and Terry Mitchell) mental health issues
- Roger Frank (brother of Connie Mitchell) cancer
- Mary (relative of Tabris') pray for protection and wisdom for her family concerning special needs.
- Angela (single mother in Illinois) friend of Helen Tabris –waiting for heart transplant
- Jamie (is missing and has mental health issues) and young daughter Jade (is being adopted by family in Colorado)

Prayer of intercession:

*Lord Jesus, our risen and victorious Savior, thank You for bursting forth from Your grave in triumph and ushering in the day of salvation. What greater joy could we have? You are alive forever! What greater confidence could we have? Your resurrection is proof that our sins are forgiven. What greater hope could we have? Because You rose we too will leave behind empty tombs and will rise to eternal glory. We ask Your Spirit to enable us to share this Good News with others. Amen.

"Life Quotes" from Lutherans for Life April 9, 2023

"Our true identity turns us back toward our Creator, the one who not only made us but also defines us in His Word. So, permit me to remind you of that truth once more: You are a created child of God. You are handmade by Him, loved by Him, redeemed by Him, and sustained by Him. The gifts you possess are gifts He's given you; all that is good comes from Him. Your identity and your value are, always were, and always will be, found in Him."

Michelle Bauman, Y4Life
A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org



I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25-26

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Easter the rest of the Christmas story.