

Immanuel Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
Altamont, Illinois

EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE



March 31, 2024

6:00 AM

+The Resurrection of Our Lord+

Including the Service of Light

From the Vigil of Easter

Dear guests: *Welcome to this service of Jesus resurrection. Please fill out the visitor side of an attendance card and place it at the end of your pew during the first part of the service. If you would like a call from the pastor, please check the appropriate box.*

The Service begins with the blessing of the Paschal Candle.

All stand and face the pastor at the entrance.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

Let us pray. O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with you, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen. May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

C Amen.

P Let us pray. Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this day in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

This responsory is spoken three times:

P The Light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C hear us.

P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,

C have mercy on us.

P Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"

C have mercy on us.

P Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,

C have mercy on us.

P Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,

C have mercy on us.

P Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,

C have mercy on us.

P Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias,
bringing a miraculous catch of fish,

C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to
James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,

C have mercy on us.

P Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all
nations by baptizing and teaching them,

C have mercy on us.

P By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P By Your victory over sin and death,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P By the majesty of Your risen body,

C good Lord, deliver us.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, Lord Jesus.

P That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and
walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,

C grant us, good Lord.

P That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly
things, serving others as we have been served by You,

C grant us, good Lord.

P That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as
citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,

C grant us, good Lord.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy on us.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN 463 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!
- 3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!
When contending death and life, Alleluia!
Met in strange and awesome strife. 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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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You made this most sacred morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

EASTER GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter (verses 1-18).

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

Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. 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." So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"

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." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (Which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending my Father and your Father, to my God and to you God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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.

Sit

HYMN 464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

ref Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!**
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.
Alleluia!**
- 3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!
Alleluia!**
- 4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.
Alleluia!**

**5 Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free
That we may live and sing to Thee.**

Alleluia! Refrain

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EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?
Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you
really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been
sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old
leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened
bread of sincerity and truth.

¶ This is the word of the Lord.

■ Thanks be to God.

HYMN 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!

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SERMON:

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Stand

PRAYERS *Lord, in your mercy . . . hear our prayer.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Hymn 480 He's Risen, He's Risen, *stanza 1*

**He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord.
 He opened death's prison, the incarnate, true Word.
 Break forth, host of heaven, in jubilant song.
 And earth, sea, and mountains their praises prolong.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

P After his resurrection Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said,

C Peace be with you!

P Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

P Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.

C Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed.

- P** This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world?
- C** **Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**
- P** Our Lord says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;
- C** **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.**
- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

HYMN 469 CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

- 1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n today!"
Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply.
- 2 Love's redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo! Our Sun's eclipse is o'er;
Lo! He sets in blood no more.
- 3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise;
Christ has opened paradise.
- 4 Lives again our glorious King!
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save;
Where thy victory, O grave?
- 5 Soar we now where Christ has led;
Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

**6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to Thee by both be giv'n!
Thee we greet triumphant now:
Hail, the resurrection, Thou!**

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POSTLUDE

Pastor: Rev. Dr. James F. Wright

Organist & Bell Choir Director: Sheryl Marble

You are invited to breakfast provided by the Youth Group following the service.

Holy Communion is celebrated today at 9 AM.

See announcement folder for parish news.



ALLELUIA! HE IS RISEN!
HE IS RISEN INDEED! ALLELUIA!