

WHO

Will Roll

Away the Stone?



EASTER DAY: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

March 31, 2024

Immanuel Lutheran Church

Fargo, North Dakota

AS WE GATHER

Easter is called the queen of feasts because it celebrates the central hope of the Christian faith...the hope of the resurrection. It is the one hope that sustains the church in triumph, even in the face of seeming defeat. When troubles or trials surround the body of Christ, this one hope gives us strength and every blessing! Because He lives, we also shall live! Peter's epistle gives us this triumphant line of praise, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has begotten us again to a living hope and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade kept in heaven for you."

Prelude includes Special Music: "An Easter Exclamation – A Resurrection Introit," by Victor C. Johnson

At the breaking of the dawn, earth resounds with joyful song.

*The garden blooms, the night is gone! *Christus surrexit! Resurrexit vere!*

Golden skies announce the day, God's abundance on display.

*The garden blooms, the night is gone! *Christus surrexit! Resurrexit vere!*

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!

Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen as He said!

Lift your eyes and lift your heart, earth displays her finest art.

Let the celebration start!

**Christus surrexit! Resurrexit vere!*

** = Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!*

✠ PREPARATION ✠

Processional Hymn ***"Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"***

LSB 457

(The Alleluia Banner that was buried during Lent is raised in celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord)

Easter Proclamation

P: Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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

C: **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 25:8

P: He will swallow up death forever;

C: **and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,**

P: and the reproach of His people He will take away from all the earth,

C: **for the Lord has spoken.**

Confession and Absolution

P: Confession has two parts.

C: **First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**

(Small Catechism, Confession)

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **O Lord, our God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. Our thoughts, words, and actions have not reflected that You are of first importance in our lives. We have not kept Your command to love You and love our neighbor. Merciful Lord, we humbly ask that for the sake of Your Son, our risen Savior, have mercy on us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

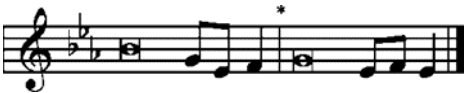
P: “The Lord is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.” (*Exodus 15:2*) Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, I announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of ✠ the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

✠ WORD ✠

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: Exodus 15:1b



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.**

Hymn of Praise “*Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*” **LSB 465**, *Choir sings v.3*

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **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.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading (*Rejoicing in the Lord’s salvation*)

Isaiah 25:6–9

R: The Old Testament Reading for this Easter Sunday is from Isaiah, chapter twenty-five.

On this mountain the Lord of Hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Reading (*Ours is a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.*) *1 Peter 1:3-9*

R: The Epistle Reading is from First Peter, chapter one.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

E: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Verse “*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*” *LSB 477, vv. 1-2*

**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.**

**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.**

Gradual Verse

2 Timothy 1:10b

P: Alleluia!

C: **Alleluia!**

P: Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia.

C: **Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

(Jesus is risen!)

Mark 16:1–8

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixteenth chapter.

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

P: When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint Him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. And they were saying to one another,

C: **“Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?”**

P: And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back—it was very large. And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. And he said to them,

C: **“Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter that He is going before you to Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.”**

P: And they went out and fled from the tomb, for trembling and astonishment had seized them, and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Alleluia! Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day *“Awake My Soul with Gladness”*

LSB 467

Sermon *“Who will roll the stone away?”*

Mark 16:3

Creed *“We All Believe in One True God”*

LSB 954

Prayer of the Church / Litany of the Resurrection

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

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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 to the women by an angel,

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 five hundred 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: O Lord,

C: have mercy.

P: O Christ,

C: have mercy.

P: O Lord,

C: have mercy. Alleluia! Amen.

Offering *(Please sign and pass the green Fellowship book found at the center end of each pew.)*

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

[2 Timothy 4:22]

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[Psalm 136]

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ,

the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore, with Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

[LSB 178]



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of



pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is He who comes in the name



of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Words of Our Lord

[Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:19–20; 1 Cor 11:23–25]

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. *1 Corinthians 11:26*

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. *Revelation 22:20*

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

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 Peace of the Lord

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

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

"Lamb of God"

[LSB 180]



C Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of



God, You take a - way the sin of the world;



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Distribution Hymns

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”

LSB 466

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

LSB 469

“Jesus Lives! The Victory’s Won”

LSB 490

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

LSB 633

Post-Communion Canticle “Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace”

LSB 937



1 Lord, bid Your ser - vant go in peace,
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world,
3 With saints of old, with saints to come,



Your word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
The Gen - tiles’ prom - ised light, God’s glo - ry dwell - ing
To You we lift our voice; To Fa - ther, Son, and



va - tion’s dawn, This child so long fore - told.
in our midst, The joy of Is - ra - el.
Spir - it blest Be hon - or, love, and praise.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: 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.

Benediction

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: Let us go forth rejoicing, in the name of the Lord.

C: Amen.

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Announcements

Recessional Hymn “This Joyful Eastertide”

LSB 482