



# ***The Resurrection of Our Lord***

***March 31, 2024 8:30 a.m.***

MESSIAH  
LUTHERAN CHURCH





(Hymns are from *Lutheran Service Book*)

## **PRELUDE**

## **“Easter Suite”**

**Helman**

### **AS WE GATHER**

Jesus’ resurrection from the dead is the single greatest event in all history. It is the turning point of history and the birthplace of all hope, peace, and true joy. What a day to celebrate! Christ lives! And because he lives, we too shall live a forgiven, abundant, and eternal life. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, “For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.” When Adam and Eve sinned, death arrived on the scene. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death was “swallowed up” in his resurrection victory. We celebrate a variety of victories in our lives, but Christ’s victory is certainly the greatest! Heaven is ours, through Christ. Hope is ours, through Christ! Let the victory celebration begin and never end!

### **WELCOME AND GREETING**

### **PREPARATION**

**P:** People of God - Friday was not the end of God’s story! Our God is a God of the living! Jesus Christ has risen to save you! He has risen to give you life! People of God - look! The tomb is empty! He has risen!

**C: The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

**P:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

# OPENING HYMN

(Please Stand)

## "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

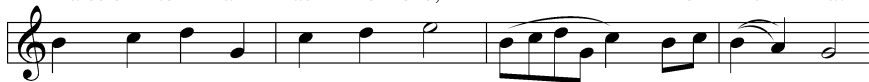
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1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

## INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

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: Do you believe in the one Lord, your God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes. May the name of the living Lord be praised!**

P: But you are only able to say, "Jesus is Lord" by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**C: The Spirit of God has created within us a living faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who on this day rose from the dead. He is alive and lives with us, within us, and for us!**

P: How were you brought to this faith?

**C: Through Baptism and God's Word. We have been raised to new life in Christ. Because he lives, we, too, shall live.**

P: The abundant, forgiven, and eternal life is a gift from God – rejoice in it always. Revel in his gifts of love and life, and gracefully follow in his ways.

## **MUSICAL SELECTION**

**“Awake, My Heart, with Gladness”**

**Cathy Carson, Sharon Schmetzer**

## **CONFESSION OF OUR SINS AND RECEIVING GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

P: The transformation of our lives and God's world begins with the acknowledgement that Jesus is Lord over sin, death, and the devil. Then we come to him, confessing our sins, seeking his gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins.

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the tomb. We also want to rise victoriously over the death and defeat which we face every day.

**C: We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to live whole-heartedly for you and others.**

P: We are trapped in the tombs of self-centeredness. We need the power of your forgiveness. Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.

**C: Forgive us! Let us die to sin and be raised to new life in you, through your resurrection. Make us alive in you! Amen.**

P: Jesus has carried our sins to his own death. His sacrifice is complete and full. He has won the victory! He is your living,

personal, and sure Redeemer. Hardened hearts are crushed!  
 Stone walls of sin have been rolled away! Alleluia! In Jesus'  
 name, and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the  
 name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen! We have been forgiven! We have been restored to  
 new life in Christ! Alleluia!**

**P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!**

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

# HYMN "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" #461

1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com - fort  
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -  
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to  
 this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who  
 ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious  
 guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort  
 once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.  
 in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.  
 me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

## THE OLD TESTAMENT READING

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

**R:** The Old Testament Reading for the Resurrection of Our Lord  
 is from the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter of Isaiah.

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: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

**I Corinthians 15:1-11**

R: The Epistle Reading is from the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of First Corinthians.

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**Mark 16:1-8**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?" But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed. "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'" Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone because they were afraid.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **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 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.**

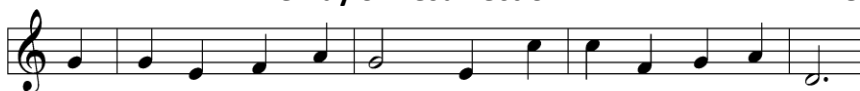
### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**



## HYMN

## "The Day of Resurrection"

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1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,  
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil That we may see a - right  
 △ 4 All praise to God the Fa - ther, All praise to God the Son,



The pass - o - ver of glad - ness, The pass - o - ver of God.  
 The Lord in rays e - ter - nal Of res - ur - rec - tion light  
 All praise to God the Spir - it, E - ter - nal Three in One!



From death to life e - ter - nal, From sin's do - min - ion free,  
 And, lis - t'ning to His ac - cents, May hear, so calm and plain,  
 Let all the ran - somed num - ber Fall down be - fore the throne



Our Christ has brought us o - ver With hymns of vic - to - ry.  
 His own "All hail!" and, hear - ing, May raise the vic - tor strain.  
 And hon - or, pow'r, and glo - ry As - cribe to God a - lone!

## MESSAGE

## "Of First Importance"

## VOLUNTARY

## "Crown Him Lord This Easter Day"

## Choral Ensemble

As we listen to the Voluntary, we ask that each worship household fill out the attendance "Green Card," located in your ministry folder. Please place them in the offering plate when you leave. Thank you.

## EASTER PRAYER

P: Jesus, with sorrowful, repentant hearts we watched the soldiers nail you to the cross on Friday.

C: **We heard your words of love and forgiveness that you spoke from the cross.**

P: We watched as they carried your limp body into the tomb.

**C: Friday we cried. Today we rejoice! You have turned our tears of sorrow into tears of joy!**

**P:** What a miracle to watch you turn a tree of death into a tree of life.

**C: Your tomb is empty, but your promises are not! You rose in the midst of our mourning and gave us fullness of life. You have changed our lives!**

**P:** We give you our eternal praise as the Son rose in the morning to disperse our gloom, fear, and anxieties. You have replaced them with peace, as only you can give.

**C: For victories large and small, we give you thanks!**

**P:** We also bring before your throne of grace this morning ...

*(special intercessions)*

We commend our lives, joys, and sorrows into your care, the One who cares for us.

**C: Bless us and grant us your peace as we live as your Easter people, proclaiming Christ crucified and Christ, our living Savior. Amen and alleluia!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**A:** 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 INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

## **THE BENEDICTION**

## EASTER RESPONSE

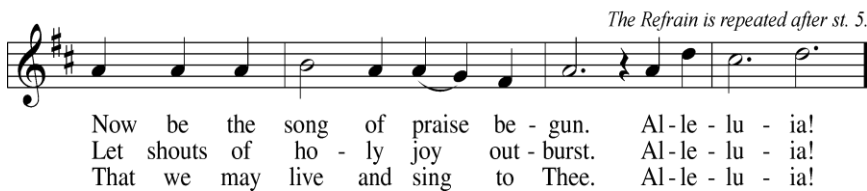
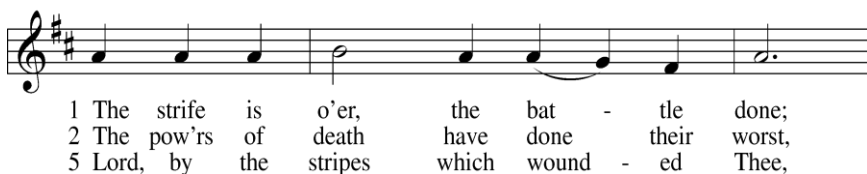
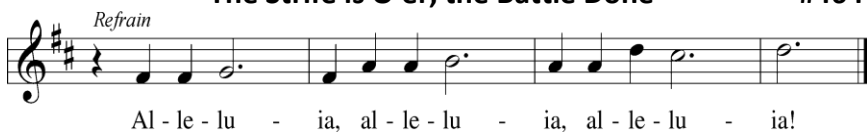
P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

### “The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done”

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## POSTLUDE

### “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

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