

HE IS RISEN!!!

***EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
MT. CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH – HURON, SD
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Responsive Reading for Easter Sunrise

P: *(From the Narthex)* This is the day that the Lord has made.

C: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

P: The angel said to the women: “Why are you looking among the dead for the one who is alive?
He is not here. He is risen!”

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Processional Hymn # 469 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

(The congregation stands for the hymn and faces the Narthex. As the processional cross passes them, worshipers shall turn and continue to focus their eyes and hearts on the cross.)

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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Easter Response

P: Grace and peace to you from Him who is, and who was, and who is to come, from the Lord, Jesus Christ, who is the Faithful Witness, the Firstborn from the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve His God and Father – to Him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. (*Revelation 1:4b,5-6*)

P: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

C: He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

P: And all the saints on earth shout:

C: Alleluia!

P: And all the saints and angels in heaven shout:

C: Alleluia!

P: And all the people of the Lamb shout:

C: Alleluia, and Amen!

Response (*Remain standing*) # 488 – He Is Arisen, Glorious Word

1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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Invocation

P: In Baptism our old sinful nature was buried with Christ when He died. When God the Father brought Him back to life again, we were given His wonderful new life to enjoy. To remind ourselves of what happened at our Baptism, we speak the words that were spoken then:

C: **In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Hymn of Praise (*Be seated*) # 475 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

- 1 Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The Lord of life is ris'n this day;
Bring flow'rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Praise we in songs of victory
That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Prayer of the Day (*Remain Seated*)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

Almighty Father, You give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. With the Good news of Jesus' resurrection we are reminded of the invitation to "come and see" and of the command to "go and tell." Enrich our lives with Your presence and power so that we may go forth announcing the Easter message by the words we speak and the actions we perform; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Old Testament Reading Exodus 15:1-11

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

"I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation;
this is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;
the LORD is his name.

⁴"Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

⁵The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.

⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’

¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?”

(Following the Reading:)

P: This is the Word of the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

The Epistle Reading Acts 10:24-43

²⁴And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. ²⁵When Peter entered, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. ²⁶But Peter lifted him up, saying, “Stand up; I too am a man.” ²⁷And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered. ²⁸And he said to them, “You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit

anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. ²⁹So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me.”

³⁰And Cornelius said, “Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing ³¹and said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. ³²Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ ³³So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord.”

³⁴So Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how 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. ³⁹And 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, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not 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. ⁴²And 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. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

(Following the Reading:)

P: This is the Word of the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:1-19

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now 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. ²So 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.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes.

¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They 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.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus 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.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus 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 to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

(Following the Reading:)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord:

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Hymn # 465 – Now, All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

1 Now all the vault of heav’n resounds
In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here:
“Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Eternal is the gift He brings,
Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife.
Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 O fill us, Lord, with dauntless love;
Set heart and will on things above
That we conquer through Your triumph;
Grant grace sufficient for life’s day
That by our lives we truly say:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

(stand)

4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heav’nly blessed sing:
“Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!”
Be to the Father and our Lord,
To Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon “Jesus’ Resurrection: Meant to Be Shared”

(Based on Acts 10:24-43)

Exchange of Peace and the Offering

Prayer of the Church and the Lord’s Prayer

P: O Father, as You have called us together by the Good News of the resurrection,

C: Fill our hearts with joy and gladness.

P: Even as we profess the resurrection faith, we often find our lives denying it with our sinful ways.

C: Forgive us and raise us above a sin-dominated life.

P: Fill our hearts with the joy of the resurrection.

C: Grant to us, the people of Your Church, the power of the resurrected Christ and the desire to share with others the message of faith and Christ’s death and resurrection.

P: Bless our homes with the comfort and hope of Easter.

C: Send the conquering banner of Christ’s victory into all the world.

P: In the promise of Easter take away from us all the fear of death.

C: Visit with Your divine presence those who are lonely and forgotten.

P: Heal the sick, give courage to the bereaved and disheartened; and be a constant witness to all who are in special need.

C: Speak peace to our souls and maintain our faith in Jesus who promises resurrection and life.

P: We pray in the name of our risen Lord who has taught us to pray:

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 Benediction

P: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The LORD look upon you with favor ☩ and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Recessional Hymn # 482 – This Joyful Eastertide

(As the Cross is carried to the Narthex of the Church, all worshipers shall turn so that they are always facing the Cross. When the Cross has entered the Narthex, the worshipers may turn and face the Altar.)

482 This Joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide
 Away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified,
 Has sprung to life this morrow: *Refrain*

ref Had Christ, who once was slain,
 Not burst His three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
 But now has Christ arisen,
 arisen, arisen;
 But now has Christ arisen!

2 Death's flood has lost its chill
 Since Jesus crossed the river;
Lover of souls, from ill
 My passing soul deliver: *Refrain*

3 My flesh in hope shall rest
 And for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west
 Shall wake the dead in number: *Refrain*

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