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OUR MISSION

"The Our Redeemer church family exists to **welcome** people to faith; help people **grow** in the faith that works in real life; and **serve** our community and the world together in **Jesus'** name."

GUESTS AND MEMBERS - WELCOME TO OUR REDEEMER

We're happy that you've joined us in worship, especially if you are a visitor with us.

We pray that the Lord who led you here would lead you into a time of knowing Him better, trusting in Him more, and growing deeper in His love as He places His Word and cross before your eyes, ears, and hearts.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS, HYMNALS & LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE

Please see an usher for assistance with these items.

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD MARCH 31, 2024

DIVINE SERVICE SETTING I

CALL TO WORSHIP

"Christ is Risen, Alleluia!"

Adult Choir

By Sally K Albrecht & Jay Althouse

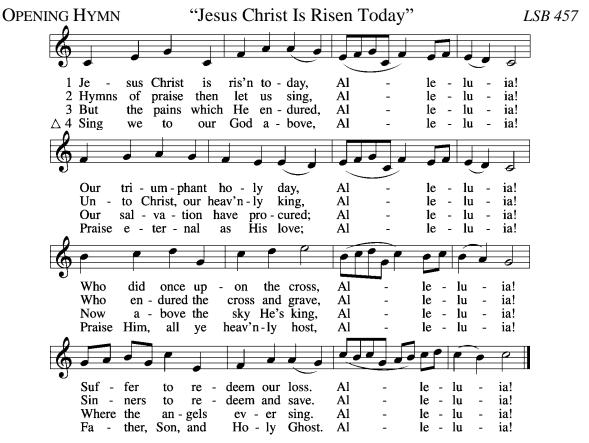
INVOCATION

P: Christ has risen! Our Lord is alive!

C: He has risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: And so we celebrate this glorious Easter day in the name of the Triune God, our God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!



- 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.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

- P: Let us then 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: 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.
- C: Amen.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PSALM Psalm 16

- P: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.
 - C: I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."
 - P: As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.
 - C: The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.
 - P: The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.
 - C: The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.
 - P: I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.
 - C: I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

- P: Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.
- C: For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.
- P: You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

KYRIE LSB 152

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

LSB 156

P: The Lord be 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.



OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25:6-9 (Pew Bible pg. 586)

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."

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (Pew Bible pg. 961)

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.

A: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM OF PRAISE

"Glad Easter Praises" By Lloyd Larson

Adult Choir

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

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, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" 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, "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." 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: Praise to You, O Christ.

NICENE CREED LSB 158

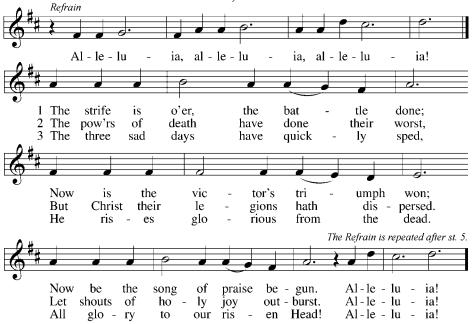
I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

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.

SERMON HYMN "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

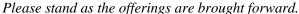
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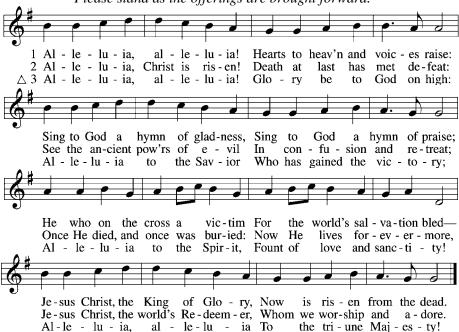


- 4 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
 The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
 Let hymns of praise His triumph tell. Alleluia!
- 5 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee, From death's dread sting Thy servants free, That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SERMON "Resurrection: The Linchpin of Salvation"
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

The offerings are presented during the hymn.





PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

Preface LSB 160

P: The Lord be with you.



P: Lift up your hearts.



We lift them to the Lord.

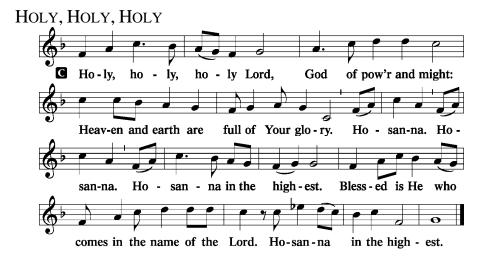
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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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:

LSB 161



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.

LORD'S PRAYER LSB 162

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

PEACE OF THE LORD

LSB 163

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



LAMB OF GOD



DISTRIBUTION

HOLY COMMUNION ... Because we believe Jesus' word that in communion He gives us His body and blood, forgives our sins, and strengthens our relationship with our brothers and sisters in Christ, we welcome to communion those

- * who are part of God's family through baptism;
- * who are growing by the power of the Holy Spirit in true faith in Jesus as their savior;
- * who are truly repentant and sorrowful for their sins; and
- * who intend by the power of the Holy Spirit to amend their lives.

If you feel your relationship with God is not of this nature, you may still come forward for a blessing (indicated by crossing your arms at the communion rail), rather than communing to your spiritual harm. For those communing, both wine and grape juice are available.

(If you are unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand after the last table of communicants has been dismissed.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

"He's Risen, He's Risen"

LSB 480 (v. 1-3)

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461 (v. 1-2, 7-8)

"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won"

LSB 490

POST-COMMUNION SONG "He Is Arisen! Glorious Word" LSB 488



POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

LSB 166

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom 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.

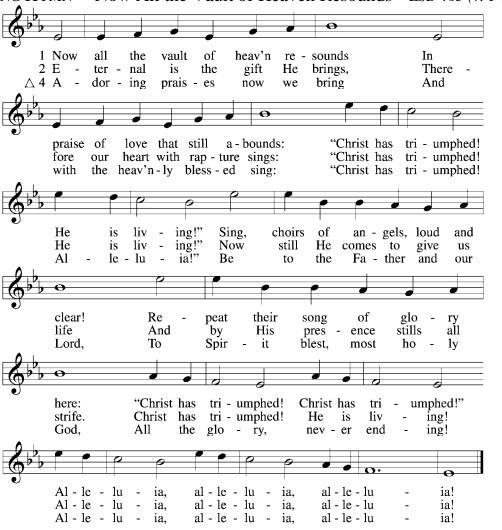


BENEDICTION

P: 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.



CLOSING HYMN "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465 (v. 1-2, 4)





The beautiful lilies that adorn our altar this morning were given out of love by the following people to celebrate our risen Christ through their memories of loved ones, special occasions, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Alice Block

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Gerry and Linda Christman

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Phil Christman

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Karen Cushing

*In memory of my parents, James and Marilyn Reifsteck

Doris Davenport

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Mike and Nancy Hathaway

*In memory of brother, Paul Westfall

Les and Rhonda Houk

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Danny and Nancy Kiedaisch

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Jeff and Connie Kuenneth

*Given to the glory of God! He is Risen!

Shirley Pike

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Gary Magnuson

*In honor of his wife, Judy Magnuson

Ron and Marilyn Rebmann

*Given to the glory of God for His many blessings

Mark and Sheryl Soukup

* Given to the glory of God for His many blessings; for our two daughters and our son-in-law Eli

If you ordered an Easter Lily, you are welcome to take it home after service today or the week following.

Any lilies remaining after Sunday, April 7th will be distributed.

Serving Us Today

Guest Pastor - Rev. David Ehlers **Pianist** - Tracy Holloway

Elder Danny Kiedaisch (309-533-5844)

Reader Jen Wright

Ushers Phil Christman (Lead) and Pam Fuller

Altar Guild Doris Davenport

Adult Choir Cally Robertson, director

Tracy Holloway, accompanist

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are sponsored by Ron and Marilyn Rebmann giving all the glory to Our Risen Savior.