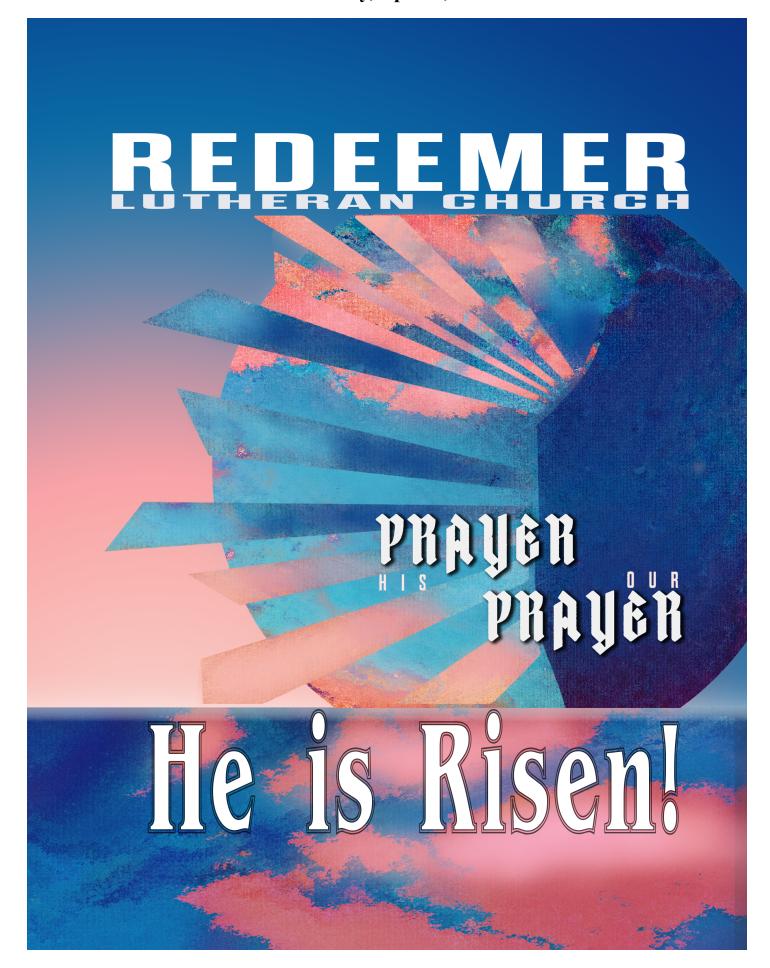
Easter Morning, 7:00am Sunday, April 9, 2023



Death has been destroyed, our sins have been atoned for, and eternity with God is available to all people who place their faith in Jesus, our Savior.

Rejoice! Sing alleluias! Tell the news that Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

#457, Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia! Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured; Alleluia! Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
- 4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Text: tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, London, alt.; (sts. 1–3): Latin, 14th cent.; (st. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707–88
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- P: In the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

- P: Jesus has risen from the dead.
- C: God the Father has crowned Him with glory and honor.
- P: He has given Him dominion over the works of His hands;
 - C: He has put all things under His feet.
- P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!
 - C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P: When our heavenly Father accepted Jesus' sacrifice for the sins of the world, He validated all that our Lord had said about Himself. Forgiveness is freely available. Let us confess our sins, confident of the grace and mercy we do not deserve......For all that we have done, loving ourselves more than we loved God or the people around us,
 - C: forgive me, heavenly Father.
- P: For all those times when we failed to show love to our friends and neighbors,
 - C: O Spirit, show me mercy and enliven my faith.
- P: For all our thoughts, turned inward and focused on ourselves,
- C: risen Lord, forgive me and break through my self-serving thoughts. Raise my sights heavenward, where You live and reign now and into eternity.
- P: God, we cannot help ourselves.
- C: Strengthen me in the conviction that because He lives nothing shall separate me from Your love in Jesus, our Lord.
- P: Rejoice and be glad! Your Savior is alive, He has conquered every foe including death itself. As a called and ordained servant of Jesus and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins 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: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Together, we pray,

C: Heavenly Father, in raising Your Son from death, You showed that nothing can stand between Your powerful love and us sinful people. Grant us growth in grace and faith so that we may daily praise You for the gift of each new day and thank You with all that we have and are; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Children's Time

Acts 10:34-43

Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him. As for the word that He sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ, He is Lord of all, you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how 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. And 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, but God raised Him on the third day and made Him to appear, not 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. And 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. To Him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Colossians 3:1–4

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th Chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples that He has risen from the dead, and behold, He is going before you to Galilee; there you will see Him. See, I have told you." So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell His disciples. And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see Me."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

#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! Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; tr. Jane E. Leeson, 1809–81, alt. Text: Public domain

The Sermon The Kingdom, Power, and Glory...Forever!

P: Please rise and join me as we profess our faith,

C: Nicene Creed

The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes
O Sons and Daughters Of The King
Avonlea Brannock

The Prayers of His Children

P: Spirit, in Your mercy C: hear our prayer

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

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, 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, 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,

C: Holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Words of our Lord

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: Lord remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray,

C: LORD'S PRAYER

The Distribution of Holy Communion

#633, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

- 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercèd side. Alleluia!
- 2 Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast—Christ the victim, Christ the priest. Alleluia!
- 3 Where the paschal blood is poured, Death's dread angel sheathes the sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
- 4 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love Eat we manna from above. Alleluia!
- 5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath You lie; You have conquered in the fight, You have brought us life and light. Alleluia!
- 6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; You have opened paradise, And Your saints in You shall rise. Alleluia!
- 7. Easter triumph, Easter joy! This alone can sin destroy; From sin's pow'r, Lord, set us free, Newborn souls in You to be. Alleluia!

(Rise) 8. Father, who the crown shall give, Savior, by whose death we live, Spirit, guide through all our days:

Three in One, Your name we praise. Alleluia!

Text: Latin, c. 5th-10th cent.; tr. Robert Campbell, 1814-68, alt.

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#490, Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

- 1Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me; Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.
- 2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given. I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven. God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.
- 3 Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living, Pure in heart and act abide,

Praise to Him and glory giving. All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever. Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever. God will be my sure defense;

This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal; This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal. Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:

Jesus is my confidence!

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#480, He's Risen, He's Risen

- 1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord; He opened death's prison, the_incarnate, true Word. Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.
- 2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.

In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer, For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

- 3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose, And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes. The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high; He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.
- 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more; Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door. For all our transgressions His blood does atone; Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.
- Rise 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice; Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice. Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain: With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Text: C. F. W. Walther, 1811–87, abr.; tr. Anna M. Meyer, 1867–1941, alt.

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P: Together, we pray,

C: We give You thanks Lord, that You have bestowed on us forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this Sacrament. Assure us of Your presence as we go on our way and through each day until the faith You have given us will turn to endless sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our risen Lord, with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

God's Benediction

#478, The Day of Resurrection

- 1 The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, The passover of gladness, The passover of God. From death to life eternal. From sin's dominion free, Our Christ has brought us over With hymns of victory.
- 2 Let hearts be purged of evil That we may see aright The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection light And. list'ning to His accents. May hear, so calm and plain, His own "All hail!" and, hearing, May raise the victor strain.
- 3 Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin, Let all the world keep triumph And all that is therein. Let all things, seen and unseen. Their notes of gladness blend, For Christ the Lord has risen, Our joy that has no end!
- 4 All praise to God the Father, All praise to God the Son, All praise to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One! Let all the ransomed number Fall down before the throne And honor, pow'r, and glory Ascribe to God alone!

Text: John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt. Text: Public domain

Postlude