

Easter Sunday April 4, 2021 7 a.m. & 9 a.m.

St. Bartholomew Lutheran Church Brillion, WI

Welcome

Theme Verse

P Our theme verse for today is, "Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there" (John 19:41-42).

Invocation and Call to Worship

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- **P** Let us ever walk with Jesus.
- **C** To see the depths of His love.
- **P** To behold the gift of His forgiveness.
- **C** To gaze upon the heights of His grace.
- **P** To marvel at the magnitude of His mercy.
- **C** We travel to the garden tomb.
- **P** And we need not be afraid.
- C For Christ is risen!
- **P** He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- **C** Faithful Lord, with me abide. I shall follow where You guide!

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

LSB 457

- 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!

Δ4 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!

Confession and Absolution

- P Forgive me, O Lord, when my besetting sins entangle me and completely surround me.
- **C** Who will rescue?
- P Forgive me, Lord, when I am so eager to get, but so reluctant to give; so ready to receive Your gifts, but so unwilling to bear the cross.
- **C** Who will rescue me?
- P Forgive me, merciful Father, when I avoid making any commitment to You; when I doubt that You really see my sin; when I disobey Your commandments and am satisfied with only living for myself.
- **C** Who will rescue me from this body?
- P Forgive me, O God, when I am quick to find fault, but resentful when someone points out my faults; when I am so soon at play, but so late in prayer.
- **C** Who will rescue me from this body of death?
- **P** Father, forgive me when I rejoice in the temporary but think little of the eternal; when I am so fond of being idle but show little passion for helpful service.
- C Lord, have mercy! Christ, have mercy! Lord, have mercy!
- P Hear the good news! Jesus walked to places of rejection, suffering, torment, and death—for you. Jesus was determined to go to Gethsemane, Gabbatha, and Golgotha—for you. That's why Jesus forgives you completely and loves you eternally. Faithful Lord, with me abide!
- C I shall follow where You guide!

Hymn of Praise

LSB 155

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power,

riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.

Almighty God and Father, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by Your lifegiving 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

Job 19:23-27

Epistle

Romans 8:15–18

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1–11

Mini Message

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

LSB 461 vs. 1-4, 8

- I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives! He lives, He lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head.
- 2 He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save; He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

- 3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to plead for me above; He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
- 4 He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with His eye; He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

Sermon

Nicene Creed

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.

Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- Living Lord Jesus, You bid us to go forth confidently with Easter faith and a deathless and endless hallelujah; we will do just that, in the power of Your Holy Spirit and as a witness to the world.
- **G** Jesus, let me faithful be, life eternal grant to me. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

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

LSB 162

Pax Domini

LSB 163

- **P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 163

C Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

LSB 463

- 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!

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB 633

- 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!
- 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!
- $\Delta 8$ 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!

Dismissal

P Now may this true body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in one true faith unto life everlasting. Go peace and joy. Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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 Jesus invites us to walk with Him to the garden tomb, a place of great joy and a place of great love. We will walk with Jesus all our days to the empty tomb—and resurrection victory.

C Let us ever walk with Jesus!

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

LSB 685 vs. 1 & 4

- 1 Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow His example pure, Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure. Onward in His footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above, Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding. Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where You guide.
- 4 Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
 That to life we may awaken. Jesus, You are now our head.
 We are Your own living members; Where You live, there we shall be
 In Your presence constantly, Living there with You forever.
 Jesus, let me faithful be. Life eternal grant to me

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