



Good Morning! Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

*The stone has been rolled away! Your Savior is alive, and that changes everything! As we have journeyed through the season of Lent over the last forty days, we have anticipated the joy that we share together this Easter Day. Today's goal is to both **profess** Easter and **possess** Easter. Easter happened. That's **profess**. Easter is happening in me. That's **possess**.*

Our sermon for today is titled, "Against All Odds!"



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EASTER SUNDAY

10:30am FESTIVAL SERVICE

Pre-Service Music

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Welcome

Pastor Paul Appold

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"

LSB #457

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!

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!

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!

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!

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Easter Litany

Selected verses from Psalm 118

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The LORD is my strength and my song; He has become my salvation!

C: The LORD'S right arm has done marvelous things!

P: We will not die; instead, we will live to tell what the LORD has done.

C: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.

P: This is the LORD'S doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

C: This is the day that the LORD has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

P: Lord Jesus, search our hearts and minds that we may receive Your Word, share in Your Spirit, and be renewed in our relationships with You and with one another.

*(We kneel before the cross and observe a moment of silence
for personal prayers of confession.)*

P: With humble hearts, let us pray together:

C: Lord Jesus, the Father's only Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords, hear us as we pray.

P: Your Father led His people of old to the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. You also have promised us the gift of unending life, which we sinners do not deserve.

C: Our rebellion against You in thought, word, and action is why You died for us—

P: To forgive our sins, to redeem our lives, and to cancel the debt we owe to God.

C: With hearts that are humble and lives ever grateful, help us to receive Your grace, bow before You in worship, and confess that You alone are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

P: Almighty God our heavenly Father shows His mercy to us in the sending of His Son, Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. On this very day He conquered sin and death, opening for us the way to life everlasting in the promised land of heaven. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, 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!

Song of Praise

"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**(CHORUS) *You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high***
(REPEAT ALL)

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Prayer of the Day

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.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 15:1-18

Moses and the people rejoice that God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt, and was now leading them to the Promised Land.

R: The Old Testament Reading is from Exodus the fifteenth chapter.

Then 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.² The 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.³ The 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. ⁵ The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶ Your right hand, O LORD, glorious

in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.⁷ In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.⁸ At 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.⁹ The 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.'¹⁰ You 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?¹² You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them.¹³ "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O LORD, which your hands have established.¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 15:51-58

The Apostle Paul tells us the great Easter promise that we will rise bodily.

Because Jesus rose, death itself has been defeated.

R: The Epistle is from First Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.⁵³ For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.⁵⁴ When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory."⁵⁵ "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?"⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.⁵⁷ But

thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.⁵⁸
Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always
abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is
not in vain.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

"Alleluia"

Trinity Choir

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel is from St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth 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. ² 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. ³ His appearance was like
lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ And for fear of him the guards
trembled and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women,
"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is
not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷
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." ⁸ So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and
great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ And behold, Jesus met them and
said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and
worshiped him. ¹⁰ 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.

Nicene Creed

**All: 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.

Childrens' Message

Pastor Paul Appold

Sermon Hymn

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives" LSB #457, v. 1-4, 8

- 1. 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!**

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Sermon

"Against All Odds!"

Matthew 28:1-10

Offering

Offertory

"Hallelujah" (Easter Version) Jeff Huston & Tom Jandt

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Prayers of the Church

P: Lord, in Your mercy...

C: Hear our prayer

Lord's Prayer

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.

We Prepare

P: God of Mercy and Love, you established the Lord's Supper so that your people could receive the gifts of forgiveness, strength, and renewal. At times, we come to the table feeling unworthy to partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, under this bread and wine. You call us to come just as we are.

C: In faith, we willingly come and realize that we are in need of Your forgiveness and strength to live our lives for You.

P: You clearly showed us your love and grace by sending Jesus Christ, your only Son, to suffer and die on the cross for our sake and just as He promised, He rose from the grave.

C: His Resurrection means eternal life for us as well. Help us always to marvel in this great Good News.

All: In Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you!

C: And also with you!

[Worshipers may turn to one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and share the peace which comes from the Lord with words such as, "God's peace be with you."]

Distribution

Distribution Songs

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

I believe in the Son

I believe in the Risen One

I believe I overcome

By the power of His blood

(CHORUS) Amen amen

I'm alive I'm alive because He lives

Amen amen

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives

I was dead in the grave

I was covered in sin and shame

I heard mercy call my name

He rolled the stone away

(CHORUS)

**(BRIDGE) I can face tomorrow
Because He lives ev'ry fear is gone
I know He holds my life
My future in His hand**

**(CHORUS) Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends**

**(CHORUS) Amen amen
I'm alive I'm alive because He lives
Amen amen
Let my song join the one that never ends
Because He lives
Because He lives**

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"In Christ Alone"

**In Christ alone, my Cornerstone
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live**

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P: Let us pray. O God the Father, who in love and mercy sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that You have given us pardon and peace in this Supper. Deepen our trust in Your Son as we walk by faith and hope throughout our days of pilgrimage,

C: Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord,

P: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit

C: One God, now and forever. Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today” LSB #469 vs. 1-3, 6

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.**

**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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