

# EASTER SUNDAY 2023



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Easter Sunday ☩ April 9, 2023 ☩ 8:30 and 11:00 A.M.

Fritz Wiese, Senior Pastor Miriam Beecher, Pastor David Beecher, Guest Organist

The Christ Our Shepherd Brass, Karl Dietmeyer, Conductor James C. Hagberg, Choir Director

☐ = Pastor ☐ = Lector [reader] ☑ Congregation ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red hymnal)

↑ Please stand as you are able.

### PRELUDE: *Easter Celebration*

*Joyful Noise/Peace Ringers, with Rita DeNell, flute*

*Welcome to worship! Today's worship includes the sacrament of communion. Communion is offered by intinction: you may receive a wafer and dip it in the chalice with wine or white grape juice. Or you may pick up a prefilled communion "kit" on the altar rail as you approach the altar. Please tell an usher if you need a communion kit brought to you where you sit. At home you may prepare ahead of time wine/grape juice and bread appropriate for your family. Our liturgy declares we celebrate with "the church on earth and the hosts of heaven."*

*We acknowledge that communion always connects us "remotely" and powerfully with the Church through time and space.*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

- ☐ Morning has broken, but this morning is different.  
☑ We've come to visit the grave of a friend, but "he is not here."  
☐ Darkness and death end in defeat;  
☑ for Christ is risen in our hearts.  
☐ He has taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy.  
☑ He has turned our mourning into dancing!

↑ LIGHTING OF THE PASCHAL CANDLE: *If you have a candle ready at home, please light it now.*

- ☐ Alleluia! Christ is risen! ☑ He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

↑ HYMN OF PRAISE: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

*ELW Hymn 365*

- 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 you heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14<sup>th</sup> century, Stanzas 1-3; translated by J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708, altered; Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, St. 4 Text is in Public Domain.

### ↑ GREETING

- ☐ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
☑ And also with you.

### ↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- ☐ God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
☑ Amen.

**READING: Acts 10:34-43**

Ⓐ Today's lesson is from Acts, the tenth chapter.

**P**eter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality,<sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.<sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.<sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced:<sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.<sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree;<sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear,<sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.<sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.<sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Ⓐ Word of God, word of life.

☪ **Thanks be to God.**

⬆ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Easter Sunday Verse**

*Congregation, Choir, Organ, and Brass*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed.  
Therefore let us keep the Feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Text and Music: James Carl Hagberg, born 1956

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⬆ **HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10**

Ⓐ The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

☪ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**A**fter the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.<sup>2</sup> And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it.<sup>3</sup> His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow.<sup>4</sup> For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men.<sup>5</sup> But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified.<sup>6</sup> He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.<sup>7</sup> Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you."<sup>8</sup> So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples.<sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him.<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Ⓐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☪ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Pastor Fritz

⬆ **HYMN OF THE DAY: Thine Is the Glory**

*ELW Hymn 376*

**1 Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son; endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.**

**REFRAIN: Thine is the glory, Risen, conqu'ring Son; Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won!**

**2 Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb! Lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting! REFRAIN**

**3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.  
Make us more than conqu'rors, through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. REFRAIN**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; translated by R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939 Text is in Public Domain.

## ↑ OUR PROFESSION OF FAITH: THE APOSTLES' CREED

**P** Let us confess our baptismal faith together.

**C** I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*When the petition concludes "Risen Lord, in your mercy" please respond, "hear our prayer."*

*The prayers are ended with these words, "Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord."*

*Please respond, "Amen."*



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## OFFERING MUSIC: *Victimae Paschali Laudes*

*Sanctuary Choir*

- 1 *Christians, to the paschal victim offer your thankful praises—a lamb the sheep redeeming,  
Christ, who only is sinless, reconciling sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous; the prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.*
- 2 *Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw when wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
bright angels attesting, the shroud and napkin resting.  
My Lord, my hope, is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you."*
- 3 *Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen.*

Text: attributed to Wipo of Burgundy, died about 1050; translation is composite. Text is in Public Domain.

## ↑ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**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 our thanks and praise.

**P** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

—ELW page 144

## ↑ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**P** In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me. ▶

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

## ↑ THE 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.**

## SHARING COMMUNION in the Sanctuary or with your household

*As the pastors and worship team commune, please join them and the whole Church.  
Please approach the altar using the diagonal aisles and return by the side or middle aisles.  
You will be offered a wafer, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or white grape juice.  
You may also choose a packaged cup with wine or grape juice, or a gluten-free wafer with wine.  
At home commune each other/yourself with these ancient words of promise:  
"The body of Christ for you" and "The blood of Christ for you."*

## HYMNS during COMMUNION: *The Strife Is O'er*

*ELW Hymn 366*

- 1 **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; now is the victor's triumph won!  
Now be the song of praise begun. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**
- 2 **The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Jesus their legions has dispersed.  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; translated by Francis Pott, 1832-1909 Text is in Public Domain.

## *The Day of Resurrection*

*ELW Hymn 361*

- 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 glad refrain.**
- 3 **Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high 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 Christ 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, about 696—about 754 A.D.; translated by John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, altered Text is in Public Domain.

## ↑ PASTORAL BLESSING and BENEDICTION

- ☒ The God of all, who raised ☩ Jesus from the dead, bless you by the power of the Holy Spirit to live in the new creation.
- ☒ **Amen.**

- 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! He is living!" 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** Oh, 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!
- 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!

Text: Paul Z. Strodach, 1876-1947, altered

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↑ **DISMISSAL**

- ☒ Alleluia! Christ is risen.                                    ☒ **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
- ☒ Go in peace. Tell what God has done. Announce to all the possibilities of Jesus' joy and life.
- ☒ **Thanks be to God.**

↑ **POSTLUDE**

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*Altar Guild: Jennifer Archer*

*Ushers: Tor Brunso and John Musil (8:30); Tom Conrad and Rich DeBreuil (11:00)*

*Tech Crew: Davida Kilgore, Dakota Atkins; Brad Milburn, Joni Siepert, Carol Jensen-Linton*

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