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**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**This is the day the Lord has made!**  
**The Resurrection of Our Lord**

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# GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God, even virtually!*

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

GREETINGS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN "That Easter Day with Joy was Bright"

1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the  
2 O Je - sus, king of gen - tle - ness, with  
3 O Christ, you are the Lord of all in  
4 All praise, O ris - en Lord, we give to

sun shone out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing  
con - stant love our hearts pos - sess; to you our lips will  
this our Eas - ter fes - ti - val, for you will be our  
you, once dead, but now a - live! To God the Fa - ther

eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord!  
ev - er raise the trib - ute of our grate - ful praise.  
strength and shield from ev - 'ry weap - on death can wield.  
e - qual praise, and God the Spir - it, now we raise!

## THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

**we give you thanks and praise.**

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

**Amen.**

## GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

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.**

*Easter turns the world upside down. It defies our expectations with hiddenness and bluntness: Mary does not recognize the resurrected Jesus (John 20:14), the good news is heralded by an earthquake and terrifying angels and is brought to the women of the church first, rather than to the Twelve (Matt. 28:1-10). The radical reversals prophesied in scripture and revealed in Christ's life and ministry culminate in the good news we proclaim today: Christ, through death, has triumphed over death. "The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone" (Ps. 118:22).*

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:1-6

- <sup>1</sup>At that time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people.
- <sup>2</sup>Thus says the LORD: The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest,
- <sup>3</sup>the Lord appeared to him from far away.  
I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
- <sup>4</sup>Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!  
Again you shall take your tambourines,  
and go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.
- <sup>5</sup>Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria;  
the planters shall plant, and shall enjoy the fruit.
- <sup>6</sup>For there shall be a day when sentinels will call in the hill country of Ephraim:  
"Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 118:1-2, 14-24

*The psalm of the day is printed here for devotional purposes. For our Easter worship we will offer a sung chorus based on this psalm.*

- <sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good;  
God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
“God’s mercy endures forever.”  
<sup>14</sup>The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.  
<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:  
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!  
<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the Lord is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”  
<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the Lord.  
<sup>18</sup>The Lord indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.  
<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.  
<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the Lord;  
here the righteous may enter.”  
<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.  
<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.  
<sup>23</sup>By the Lord has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

<sup>1</sup>If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28th chapter  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

<sup>1</sup>After 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 Kate Warn

## HYMN OF THE DAY "Now the Green Blade Rises"



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

## APOSTLE'S CREED

**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.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Risen Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

## MUSICAL OFFERING

*Please post your prayer requests now if you haven't already done so.  
Note: sometimes there is a delay in the posts coming through....*

## PRAYERS

### 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.**

# BLESSING

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

# CLOSING HYMN “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”



*M - fu - ra - hi - ni, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.  
 2 For three long days the grave did its worst  
 3 The an - gel said to them, “Do not fear.



*m - ko - mbo - zi a - me - fu - fu - ka.*  
 Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.  
 un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.  
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.



*A - me - fu - fu - ka, ha - le - lu - ya,*  
 For our re - deem - er burst from the tomb,  
 He who gives life did death un - der - go,  
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.



*m - si - fu - ni sa - sa yu ha - i.*  
 e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.  
 and in its con - quest his might did show.  
 On - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there.”

*Refrain*



*Tu - mwi - mbi - e so - te kwa fu - ra - ha.*  
 Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



*Ye - su a - me - to - ka ka - bu - ri - ni.*  
 Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



*Ka - shi - nda ki - fo, ha - le - lu - ya;*  
 Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



*ha - le - lu - ya, Ye - su yu ha - i.*  
 Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

4 “Go spread the news: he’s not in the grave.  
He has arisen this world to save.  
Jesus’ redeeming labors are done.  
Even the battle with sin is won.”  
*Refrain*

5 Christ has arisen to set us free.  
Alleluia, to him praises be.  
Jesus is living! Let us all sing;  
he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.  
*Refrain*

## THE BLESSING

The blessing of the living God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
surround and sustain you, keep you from harm,  
and fill you with peace. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## THE DISMISSAL

May you abide in peace. **Thanks be to God.**

## TODAY’S WORSHIP TEAM:

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