

# HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Cary, Illinois

April 4, 2021

**Easter Sunday: 7:30 & 9:30 AM**

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## RESURRECTION SUNDAY INTROIT

He is risen! Alleluia! Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia! Remember how he told you, Alleluia, that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia! O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet. O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. He is risen! Alleluia! Why do you seek the living among the dead? Alleluia! Remember how he told you, Alleluia, that the Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise. Alleluia!

## EASTER PROCLAMATION

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: (As you are able), please stand and turn to face the Processional Cross as we begin our worship.

P: Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*[The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.]*

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

**C: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

LSB 457

**Jesus Christ is risen 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 heavenly 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 heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

#### KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: **♪ Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: **♪ Amen.**

#### HYMN OF PRAISE

“This Is the Feast”

LSB p. 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.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, in Your crucifixion and resurrection, You overcame the twin forces of sin and death. The tomb could not contain you and is not Your home. Give us the victory over sin, death, and the power of the devil that You have won for us by Your cross and empty tomb so that we would not despair but ever hold fast to the blessed hope that the tomb is not our home either; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today"

- arr. Markworth

EPISTLE: I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

P: The Holy Gospel according to 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. 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.**

Awake, my heart with gladness, see what today is done;  
 Now, after gloom and sadness, comes forth the glorious sun.  
 My Savior there was laid where our bed must be made  
 When to the realms of light our spirit wings its flight.

The foe in triumph shouted when Christ lay in the tomb;  
 But lo, he now is routed, his boast is turned to gloom.  
 For Christ again is free; in glorious victory  
 He who is strong to save has triumph o’er the grave.

CHOIR: This is a sight that gladdens – what peace it doth impart!  
 Now nothing ever saddens the joy within my heart.  
 No gloom shall ever shake, no foe shall ever take  
 The hope which God’s own Son in love for me has won.

Now hell, its prince, the devil, of all their pow’r are shorn;  
 Now I am safe from evil, and sin I laugh to scorn.  
 Grim death with all its might cannot my soul affright;  
 It is a pow’rless form, howe’er it rave and storm.

The world against me rages, its fury I disdain;  
 Though bitter war it wages, its work is all in vain.  
 My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me.  
 Misfortune now is play, and night is bright as day.

CHOIR: Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true;  
 My Lord will leave me never, whate’er He passes through.  
 He rends death’s iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain;  
 He shatters hell’s grim thrall; I follow Him through all.

He brings me to the portal that leads to bliss untold,  
 Whereon this rhyme immortal is found in script of gold:  
 “Who there My cross has shared finds here a crown prepared;  
 Who there with Me has died shall here be glorified.”

SERMON: “Come and See – Go and Tell!”

#### APOSTLES’ CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +

#### PREFACE

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 do we praise You that the tomb contains our sins but could not hold Your Son, so that by His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, 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:

#### SANCTUS

**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.**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

P: Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### 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.**

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: ♪ Amen.**

#### AGNUS DEI

**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.**

#### DISTRIBUTION

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"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

LSB 461

**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!**

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;  
He lives all glorious in the sky; He lives exulted there on high.

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.

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.

He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;  
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;  
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.

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!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"

LSB p.164

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.

Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.

He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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: 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

"He is Arisen! Glorious Word"

LSB 488

He is arisen! Glorious Word! Now reconciled is God, my Lord;  
The gates of heav'n are open.

My Jesus did triumphant die, And Satan's arrows broken lie,  
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.

O hear what cheer! Christ victorious, rising glorious,  
Life is giving. He was dead but now is living!

†††CHRIST IS RISEN†††