

He is not here, He has risen!
Remember how He told you,
while He was still in Galilee.

Luke 24:6

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE
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Our Mission:
As God's forgiven family,
we grow in faith through
Word and Sacrament to
share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ.

WELCOME!

WE ARE HAPPY YOU WERE LED TO WORSHIP WITH US! IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST TIME IN A LUTHERAN CHURCH, WE WANT YOU TO FEEL COMFORTABLE AND "AT HOME" IN OUR WORSHIP SETTING.

The Lord speaks to us through His Word and Sacrament and we respond with joy in song and prayer. This rhythm reflects our rich worship heritage built on the teachings of the Bible placing Jesus Christ at the center of all we do.

Check out the back of this bulletin for information on Bible Classes, upcoming events, how to get involved and more!

Holy Communion: CTK practices "close" communion. This expression means that all who receive the Sacrament believe in the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in, with and under the bread and wine, and embrace the teachings of the Lutheran faith according to the Scriptures. If you are not a member of an LCMS congregation, we ask that you please contact one of the pastors prior to receiving the Sacrament. You are welcome to approach the altar with folded arms to receive a blessing.

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH MISSOURI SYNOD

AS WE GATHER “Early in the morning” says the Gospel. While the darkness was still lifting from the face of the earth, the Resurrection of our Lord is made known to His disciples. As we shake off the sleep of the night, we find an apt image of our Christian task in life. Every day we struggle to shake off the darkness and sleep of sin and its death and live in the Light of God. Today we see the focus of that struggle even more clearly as we come early in the morning to celebrate and to make known the resurrection of Jesus and the light that has triumphed over the darkness of sin and death.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

P: Let us not forget that it was our sins that caused Christ’s death on the cross. With His resurrection from the grave our union with the Father is restored.

C: Merciful Lord, we confess that we are sinners, who have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We cannot free ourselves. We pray You for the mercy Your Son has promised that we may be forgiven, restored to a right relationship with You, and redeemed for the holy purpose of proclaiming His salvation. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, Who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

EASTER READING from the Gospel of St. Mark 16

HYMN OF PRAISE LSB 461 v. 1,2,7

**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 exalted there on high.**

**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.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL + Guitar Solo “Agnus Dei” (M.W. Smith)

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 65:17-25

(New Heavens and a New Earth)

¹⁷“For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness. ¹⁹I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress. ²⁰No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days, for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed. ²¹They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit. ²²They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity, for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the LORD, and their descendants with them. ²⁴Before they call I will answer; while they are yet speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain,” says the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL TE DEUM *LSB* 223-225

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (*The Resurrection of Christ*)

¹Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ²By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. ⁶After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. ¹¹Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE *LSB* 173

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord. to whom shall we go?
You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 20:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C:

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said

to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.”³ So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb.⁴ Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.⁵ And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there,⁷ and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.⁸ Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;⁹ for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.¹⁰ Then the disciples went back to their homes.¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb.¹² And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.”¹⁴ Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher).¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C:



SERMON HYMN “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” *LSB* 475

**Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is ris’n this day; Bring flow’rs of song to strew His way;
Let all the world rejoice and say: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory That love, that life which cannot die,
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord, And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

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SERMON

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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. For faith to receive the light of Christ and for courage to live in His light as children of the light and of His resurrection, let us pray to the Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For honest hearts to discern the darkness and for the strength to seek out and embrace the light of Christ, let us pray to the Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For hope and joy to mark our daily lives as we journey here by faith until we are His in heavenly light for all eternity, let us pray to the Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For those estranged from the Church's sacramental life, that their faith may be renewed and they may be restored to the fellowship of the Lord's table, let us pray to the Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Remembering Mary who went to the tomb so early in the morning and all who have confessed our Lord's death and gloried in His resurrection, let us commend ourselves with all the saints to God's eternal glory. Let us pray to the Lord. Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Heavenly Father, we ask You to bless, heal, and comfort . . . Lord in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

OFFERING + Solo “Resurrection Hymn” (Getty, Townsend)

*See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce, “Christ is risen!”
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!*

*See Mary weeping: "Where is He laid?"
As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years, Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears, For He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!*

*One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty,
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him, Death is dead, love has won,
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him, For He lives:
Christ is risen from the dead!*

OFFERTORY LSB 192

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation,
and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

✠ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136

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; but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS LSB 178

The musical score for the Sanctus is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: 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


Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI LSB 180



Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of
God, You take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

+ Guitar Solo “The Easter Song” (A. Herring)

“With High Delight Let Us Unite” LSB 483

**With high delight Let us unite In songs of great jubilation.
Ye pure in heart, All bear your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.
To set us free Forever, He Is ris’n and sends
To all earth’s ends Good news to save ev’ry nation.**

**True God, He first From death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.
His enemy Doth vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.
"And yours shall be Like victory O'er death and grave,"
Saith He, who gave His life for us, life renewing.**

**Let praises ring; Give thanks, and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.
His honor speed By word and deed To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.
So shall His love Give us above, From misery
And death set free, All joy and full consolation.**

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"Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won" LSB 490

**Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won! Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done! From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! To Him the throne High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone, Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence! This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! For me He died, Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide, Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! I know full well Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense; This shall be my confidence.**

**Jesus lives! And now is death But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense: Jesus is my confidence!**

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*P: May the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,
make us perfect in every good work to do His will, working in us that which is well
pleasing in His sight; through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever.*

C: Amen.

P: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

*The LORD make His face shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.*

*The LORD lift up His countenance upon you
and ✠ give you peace.*

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds” *LSB 465*

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! Christ has triumphed!”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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!

O 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!

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!

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SILENT PRAYER

POSTLUDE



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FLORAL MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

HYDRANGEAS

Pat Boysen in thankfulness for families

Jan Mathis in thankfulness for answered prayers

Gil & Karen Whitlock for our many blessings

The Novy family in loving memory of Warren & Marilyn Brugge and John Novy

The Novy family in honor of Nancy Novy

Pete Chimpouras & Gretchen Eisenhart in loving memory of our daughter-in-law,
Kate Chimpouras

Dan & Sharon Reisinger for all our blessings

Dennis & Barb Pine in memory of loved ones

Billy & Carol Kutteh in memory of our parents

Billy & Carol Kutteh in honor of our children

Steven & Jennifer Andrews in memory of Larry & Beverly Andrews and Martha Lemley

Debbi Foshee in thanks for all my blessings

Joni Wolfe in memory of Tony Strop

Pam Winter in celebration of the birth of our great granddaughter

Murph & Lorraine Ellard for our many blessings

Jim & Felicia Calhoun in joy for our family

Mike & Georgia Clark in honor of caregivers and for family & friends

Paula Walter in honor of my parents Rev. Paul and Carol Donner

Paula Walter in memory of Rev. James Walter

Tim & Barb Boyer in loving memory of our parents

Anna Brown in loving memory of all my deceased relatives

Gary & Sue Lucius in honor of loved ones

Anna Brown in loving memory of Uncle Wayne

Ruth Summers in loving memory of Wesley Summers, Jr.

Edward & Cheryl Lockhart in honor of granddaughters, Layla & Lyza

Gary Osing in honor of family

Fina Behnke in grateful praise and thanksgiving for family & friends

The Mills, Locke and Schroepfel families in memory of Richard & Peggy Rouzer and
William Mills

AZALEAS

Hubert Dellinger in loving memory of Mom & Dad

Mickey & MaryEllen Croom in memory of Eloise Gaia

The Byrums and Judy Jacquez in memory of Bernie Jacquez

Jim & Felicia Calhoun in memory of our parents

Walt & Kitty Kosman for our many blessings

Steve Vail in memory of Phyllis Vail

Anna Brown for Minzy, Mary and Violatta

Roy & Lindy Stephenson in loving memory of daughter, Melissa

Roy & Lindy Stephenson in thanksgiving for daughter, Michelle and grandkids Will,
Sarah, Lucas, Amber

Ernie & Jean Rakow in memory of our parents

The Gable & Wilt families in loving memory of Paul Gable

The Mills, Locke and Schroepfel families in memory of Jackson Schroepfel

Vernon & Betty Wilkinson in honor of our children & families

David & Jule Joffre in memory of our parents

Caroline & Nolan Johnson in loving memory of Ken Johnson

Caroline Johnson in thankfulness for Nolan, Ryan & Tyler Johnson and Meredith
Reynolds and family

Patrick & Ellen Denning in thankfulness for our family

Ann Hart & Mary Henderson

Marily Skwor in loving memory of Don

Martin & Megan Ostmann in loving memory of our grandparents