

EASTER SUNRISE

The Light of Christ Brings Hope

April 4, 2021

6:30am

AS WE GATHER

Jesus is the Light of the World. On this morning, as dawn breaks upon the earth, we remember that first Day of Resurrection, where early before dawn our Lord Jesus Christ rose to life again. The Light of the World slain by the darkness of sin and death rose in victory to bring us salvation. So we pray to our victorious Lord: "Let Your light scatter the darkness and illumine Your Church." The Day of Resurrection is just beginning! Let us keep the feast with sincerity and truth!

(Rise)

OPENING SEQUENCE

Pastor: May the light of Christ, rising in glory, dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds. Hear the words of the Gospel of John, the first chapter:
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

The pastor lights the Christ candle.

Pastor: The light of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Pastor: We join together in our hearts and minds, singing praise to our risen Lord Jesus Christ.

HYMN #477 "Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, Sing to God a hymn of praise;
He who on the cross a victim For the world's salvation bled-
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory, Now is risen from the dead.

Alleluia, Christ is risen! Death at last has met defeat;
See the ancient pow'rs of evil In confusion and retreat;
Once He died, and once was buried: Now He lives forevermore,
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer, Whom we worship and adore.

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high:
Alleluia to the Savior Who has gained the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, Fount of love and sanctity!
Alleluia, alleluia To the triune Majesty!

INVOCATION

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

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

Pastor: Christ has risen from the dead.

People: God the Father has crowned Him.

Pastor: He has made Him ruler over the works of His hands.

People: He has put everything under His feet.

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen, indeed!

All: Alleluia! Amen.

HYMN #488

"He Is Arisen! Glorious Word"

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!

INTROIT

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

People: The LORD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation.

Pastor: Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

People: You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; You have guided them by your strength to your holy abode.

Pastor: You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode,

People: the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.

All: 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. I will sing to the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

(Sit)

HYMN #478

"The Day of Resurrection"

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.

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 victor strain.

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, Let earth its song begin,
Let all the world keep 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!

All praise to God the Father, All praise to God 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!

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 15:1–11* (The miracle of the saving of the Israelites at the Red Sea crossing)

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. ²The 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. ³The 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. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, O LORD shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At 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. ⁹The 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.' ¹⁰You 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?

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 5:6b–8* (The death of Christ and the promise of the resurrection)

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

VERSE *Psalms 33:20–21*

All: Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

HOLY GOSPEL *Luke 24: 13-35* (The risen Lord appears to the disciples on the road to Emmaus)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, "What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?" And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?" ¹⁹And he said to them, "What things?" And they said to him, "Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." ²⁵And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. ²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent." So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?" ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!" ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Sit)

HYMN OF THE DAY #467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness" Stanzas 1-5

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
Then 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 triumphed o'er the grave.

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'r-less form, How-e'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.

SERMON

"The Glory of a New Dawn"

Luke 24:13-35

HYMN OF THE DAY "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Stanzas 6-7

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 brakes 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."

(Rise)

APOSTLES' CREED

People: **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.**

OFFERING Offering plates will be placed in the narthex and by the elevator for collection at the end of the service.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.
Heavenly Father, we pray for the Church, that the light of Christ may shine throughout all the world and that we rejoice together with all who believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our victorious Savior.
Lord, in your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: We pray for the nations of the world, that all may know times of peace and security. Grant that your plan for our world unfold without hindrance so that your gracious will is done on earth as in heaven. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all workers in the Church, that they be bearers of your light into places where darkness and sorrow are experienced. Grant that a sense of devotion and dedication be the hallmark of your people as they live out their faith in whatever calling is theirs. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our world on this bright Easter Day, that we treasure all of creation and be good stewards of the many gifts we have been given by our loving God. We especially thank you for Norma Strand as she celebrates her 91st birthday. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for special situations of need and concern, that there may be comfort for all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially the Barry family mourning the death of Crystal's father, Reynold, and the Barber family mourning the death of John. Have mercy on the sick: Janine, Nancy, Dorothy, Steve, Marilyn, Cindy, Arlene, Jan, Louis, Dawn, Carol, Debbie, Mary, Dennis, Diane, June, Jerry, Shirley, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley and Sarah. Give us compassionate hearts to bring the light of Christ to those who face darkness in their lives, sharing with them your tender care. Lord, in your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: All these things and whatever else you know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

EASTER AFFIRMATION

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again;

People: death no longer has dominion over Him.

Pastor: For if we have been united with Him in a death like His,

People: we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.

HYMN #806

"Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks
to the Holy one, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks
to the Holy one, Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.
And now let the weak say "I am strong." Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say "I am strong,"
Let the poor say "I am rich,"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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

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

People: Amen.

HYMN #550

"Lamb of God"

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But You have sent Him from Your side
To walk upon this guilty sod, And to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in His precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.**

Your Gift of love they crucified, They laughed and scorned Him as He died:
The humble King they named a fraud, And sacrificed the Lamb of God. **Refrain**

I was so lost, I should have died, But You have brought me to Your side
To be led by Your staff and rod, And to be called a lamb of God. **Refrain**

DISTRIBUTION Wait for the usher to direct you to come forward. Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN #461 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

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 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!

HYMN #481 "Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom"

Scatter the darkness, break the gloom; Sun, reveal an empty tomb
Shining with joy for all our sorrows, Hope and peace for all tomorrows,
Life un-eclipsed by doubt and dread: Christ has risen from the dead!

Bearing the standard from on high As the Lamb of God to die;
He who for us, so cruelly treated, Lives again our foes defeated!
Where is your sting, O death and grave? Christ has shown His strength to save!

Banners of triumph, be unfurled! Trumpets, sound throughout the world!
Crying and sighs, give way to singing: Life from death, our Lord is bringing!
Let there begin the jubilee- Christ has gained the victory!

COMMON DISMISSAL

CLOSING PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe. In love you have given your Son, Jesus Christ, into death for us and raised Him to life again; so raise us from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit. Grant that the light of Christ shine in our hearts now and forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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.

People: Amen.

HYMN #469 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

"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.

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.

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ hath burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened paradise.

Lives again our glorious King! Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Once He died our souls to save; Where thy victory, O grave?

Soar we now where Christ has led; Foll'wing our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.
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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Alleluia!

Christ is Risen!