

St. John-St. James

Ev. Lutheran Church & School



EASTER SUNRISE

6:00 AM SERVICE

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Our thanks to Judy Mangin for leading us in worship playing organ and Nicki Kiesow playing trumpet.

CHRIST CANDLE

At the end of Good Friday, the Christ candle was removed signifying his burial. The Christ candle has now returned to the Sanctuary for Christ will not be found in the tomb. He is not there; He has risen just as he said. Now He dwells among his believers!

OPENING PRAYER

M Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

M *“Christ has indeed been raised from the dead.” (1 Corinthians 15:20,22)*

C ***“For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”***
(1 Corinthians 15:22)

M *“Through the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead.”*
(Romans 1:4)

C ***“For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him.”***
(Romans 6:9)

M *“This is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.”*
(Psalm 118:24)

C ***“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good. His love endures forever.”***
(Psalm 118:29)

M Heavenly Father, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on a cross, and by His glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Help us today to celebrate Your love for all the world in sending your Son Jesus to conquer death and open heaven.

C **Lord Jesus, we gather in your name. As you opened the Scriptures to your disciples that first Easter, so open them to us. Bless our worship with the comfort of your presence and promises. Amen.**

Opening Hymn:

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Christian Worship, Hymn # 438

C Verse 1

♪ **Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our triumphant holy day, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who did once upon the cross, Al-le-lu-ia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Al-le-lu-ia!**

C Verse 2

♪ **Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al-le-lu-ia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Al-le-lu-ia!
Sinners to redeem and save, Al-le-lu-ia!**

C Verse 3

♪ **But the pains which he endured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Our salvation have procured, Al-le-lu-ia!
Now above the sky he's King, Al-le-lu-ia!
Where the angels ever sing, Al-le-lu-ia!**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 4

♪ **Sing we to our God above, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise eternal as his love, Al-le-lu-ia!
Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Al-le-lu-ia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Al-le-lu-ia!**

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Even on such a joyful day, when we, sinful people, come into God's holy presence there is always that nagging reality that we have fallen short of God's holy will. Trusting in Jesus, let us go to God in repentance to seek the assurance of His love and forgiveness.

C **Most gracious heavenly Father, we come with the burden of our sins for which your Son died. We are ashamed of our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. In humble repentance, we ask for your mercy. For the sake of your Son's death and resurrection, forgive us, renew us, and lead us to enjoy the new life you have promised. Amen.**

M On this most holy day, on which our Savior conquered death and the grave, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by the authority he granted on that first Easter, I joyfully assure you that all of your sins have indeed been forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C ***"Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!" Amen.*** (1 Corinthians 15)

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

C Verse 1

♪ **He's risen, he's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain the praises prolong.**

C Verse 4

♪ **Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions his blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are his own.**

(CW, Hymn #445)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C Amen.



²³ “Oh, that my words were recorded, that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴ that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead, or engraved in rock
 forever! ²⁵ I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand
 on the earth. ²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will
 see God; ²⁷ I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not
 another. How my heart yearns within me!

Song Response:

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Christian Worship, Hymn # 441

C Verse 1

**♪ 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!**

C Verse 2 **♪ He lives triumphant from the grave;
 He lives eternally to save.
 He lives all-glorious in the sky;
 He lives exalted there on high.**

C Verse 3 **♪ 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.**

C Verse 4 **♪ 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.**

Epistle Lesson

Revelation 5:1-14

5 Then I saw in the right hand of him who sat on the throne a scroll with writing on both sides and sealed with seven seals. **2** And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming in a loud voice, “Who is worthy to break the seals and open the scroll?” **3** But no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth could open the scroll or even look inside it. **4** I wept and wept because no one was found who was worthy to open the scroll or look inside. **5** Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.” **6** Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing at the center of the throne, encircled by the four living creatures and the elders. The Lamb had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits^[a] of God sent out into all the earth. **7** He went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who sat on the throne. **8** And when he had taken it, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. Each one had a harp and they were holding golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of God’s people. **9** And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. **10** You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” **11** Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. **12** In a loud voice they were saying: “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” **13** Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying: “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” **14** The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.



CONFESSION OF FAITH

C Verse 1 **♪ I believe in God the Father,
Maker of the heav'n and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, our Savior,
God's own Son of human birth.
Virgin-born, the Lord incarnate,
Whom the Spirit did conceive,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate;
He's the God whom I believe.**

C Verse 2 **♪ Crucified, was dead, and buried;
Down to hell in victory;
From the dead he rose the third day;
Up to heav'n triumphantly.
There at God's right hand he's ruling;
By his will the world is led.
He will come to judge the nations,
Both the living and the dead.**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)



Verse 3



**I believe in God the Spirit;
In his church, his chosen band.
They are joined in sweet communion;
Holy in his sight they stand.
I believe in sins forgiven;
I believe I'll rise again;
I believe in life eternal.
Alleluia and Amen!**

(sung to the tune of CW #460)

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:1-15

28 After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

²There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. ⁴The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

⁵The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you."

⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

(Our lesson continues on the next page.)

¹¹ While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened.

¹² When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, ¹³ telling them, “You are to say, ‘His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep.’

¹⁴ If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble.” ¹⁵ So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day.

Song Response:


Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Christian Worship, Hymn # 465


 Verse 1  **“Christ the Lord is ris’n today!”**

**Saints on earth and angels say;
Raise your joys and triumphs high;
Sing, O heav’ns, and earth, reply.**

 Verse 2

 **Love’s redeeming work is done,
Fought the fight, the battle won;
Lo, our suns eclipse is o’er;
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**

 Verse 3

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

Romans 4:23-25

God's Easter Sunday Declaration about You

²³ The words “it was credited to him” were written not for him alone, ²⁴ but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵ He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

Sermon Response:

Christian Worship, Hymn # 510

In Christ Alone

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C Verse 1

♪ **In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all;
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

C Verse 2 ♪ **In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the one He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

(Our hymn continues on the next page.)

C Verse 3

♪ **There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave, He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost it's grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

C Verse 4

♪ **No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

PLEASE STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M Jesus, this is a new day, a day that brings new life, revival, and restoration. Help us to see the truths that will renew our joy.

C **Make every day a day we rise to find our hope in you.**

M Our lives can be filled with difficulty and toil. We can get tired and discouraged. Help us to rekindle our hope and contentment in you.

C **Make every day a day we rise to rejoice in you.**

(Our prayer continues on the next page.)

M Life gets complicated and chaotic. We can get busy and disoriented. Help us to refocus our attention and reassign our priorities.

C **Make every day a day we rise to live for you.**

M We need to drown the old self each day. Help us to remember that we are invited to call upon you when we face temptation.

C **Make every day a day we rise to find strength in you.**

M The future is often unclear and what we do know can cause anxiety. We can be timid and fearful. Help us to reacquaint ourselves of your promises.

C **Make every day a day we rise to confidence in you.**

M Your mercy is a constant in our lives. We can take your blessings for granted. Help us to receive your mercies new every day.

C **Make every day a day we rise to contentment in you.**

M Jesus, this is a new day, a day that brings new life. Revive us. Restore us. Reinvigorate us. Help us to live anew to your glory for now and forevermore.

C **Make every day a day we rise to bring honor to you, Lord Jesus. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

CLOSING

M “Since, then, you have raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden in Christ in God.” *(Colossians 3:1-3)*

C **“When Christ, who is our life appears, then we also will appear with him in glory.” Amen.** *(Colossians 3:4)*

Closing Hymn:

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Christian Worship, Hymn # 441

C Verse 5 **♪ 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.

C Verse 6 **♪ 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.

C Verse 7 **♪ 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.

C Verse 8 **♪ 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!”



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