

# Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord

April 9, 2022

8:30 AM

“What Difference Does Easter Make?”

## AS WE GATHER

Does Easter matter? Paul thought so. He wrote that if Christ has not been raised then our faith is useless. Why did he write that? Why is Easter that important? Today we look at the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus and why it matters so much!

## PRELUDE

+ GATHERING +

## HYMN

*“Jesus Christ Is Risen Today” LSB 457*

1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

3 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!

2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!  
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!  
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

## INVOCATION *(Psalm 118:15-20)*

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

Pastor: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

People: **You have become my salvation.**

Pastor: I will not die but live,

People: **And will proclaim what the Lord has done.**

Pastor: You are my God, and I will give you thanks.

People: **You are my God, and I will exalt You.**

Pastor: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;

People; **His love endures forever.**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

Pastor: Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Amen. Alleluia!**

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*"Hallelujah Chorus"*

*Messiah, HWV 56: Part II, no. 44*

*George Frideric Handel*

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah**

**For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth  
Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah**

**King of kings and Lord of lords  
King of kings and Lord of lords  
And He shall reign forever and ever  
Forever and ever**

**Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah**

**+ The Service of the Word +**

**FIRST READING** Acts 10:34-43

<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism <sup>35</sup> but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. <sup>36</sup> You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

<sup>39</sup> "We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a cross, <sup>40</sup> but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. <sup>41</sup> He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He

commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SECOND READING** Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. <sup>3</sup>For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN** “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia” **LSB 463**

1 Christ the Lord is ris'n today; Alleluia!  
Christians, hasten on your way; Alleluia!  
Offer praise with love replete, Alleluia!  
At the paschal victim's feet. Alleluia!

3 Hail, the victim undefiled, Alleluia!  
God and sinners reconciled, Alleluia!  
When contending death and life, Alleluia!  
Met in strange and awesome strife. Alleluia!

2 For the sheep the Lamb has bled, Alleluia!  
Sinless in the sinner's stead. Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives no more to die. Alleluia!

4 Christians, on this holy day, Alleluia!  
All your grateful homage pay; Alleluia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Alleluia!  
Now He lives, no more to die. Alleluia!

**HOLY GOSPEL** Matthew 28:1-10

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

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

<sup>2</sup>There 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. <sup>3</sup>His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. <sup>4</sup>The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

<sup>5</sup>The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. <sup>6</sup>He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. <sup>7</sup>Then 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.”

<sup>8</sup> So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. <sup>9</sup> Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped 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."

Pastor            This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People:           Praise to You, O Christ.

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH – NICENE CREED**

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **SERMON**

*"What Difference Does Easter Make?"*

## **OFFERING**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

***“Resurrection Victory”***

***Sanctuary Choir***

***By Lloyd Larson***

***Trumpet: Dave Lindgren***

He is risen! Christ is risen!  
Sing it out with joyful voice!  
He has burst the three days’ prison,  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice!

Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen!  
He shall reign for all eternity!

He is risen! Christ is risen!  
Risen to a holy state!  
We are free from sun’s dark prison,  
He has opened heaven’s gate.

Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen!  
He shall reign for all eternity!

Crown Him the Lord of life,  
Who triumphed o’er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save;  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
He died eternal life to bring,  
And lives that death may die!

He is risen! Christ is risen!  
Sing it out with joyful voice!  
He has burst the three days’ prison,  
Let the whole wide earth rejoice!

Death is conquered, we are free,  
Christ has won the victory.  
He is risen! Christ is risen!  
He is risen! Christ is risen!  
Christ is risen, Alleluia!

**PRAYER**

**Thanksgivings**

**Pastor:** O Lord, we praise You.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Petitions**

**Pastor:** Lord, in Your mercy,

**People:** **Hear our prayer.**

**St. John’s People and Families**

Lance & Dove Bain  
Herb & Nancy Heil  
Stewart & Sandra Mehrens  
Ed & Sherlene Mulsoff  
Joshua Wright & Roxana Castro  
Giancarlo, Karyn, Dante, & Matteo Bettinelli  
Toassaint, Sheryl, & Mikaella Gaines  
Trevor, Justine, & Stella Hall  
Hayden, Quinn, Liam, & Lola Morris  
Julia & Benjamin Scott



## + The Service of Holy Communion +

### PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish by have eternal life.

For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed. By His death, He has redeemed us from bondage to sin and death, and by His resurrection, He has delivered us into new life in Him.

Grant us to keep the Feast in sincerity and truth, faithfully eating His body given into death and drinking His life's blood poured out for our salvation until we pass through death to the promised land of life eternal.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.**

### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

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

People: **Amen.**

## COMMUNION

Pastor: Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**People:** Amen. *(Take and eat)*

Pastor: Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**People:** Amen.  
*(Take and drink)*

## COMMUNION HYMNS

### HYMN

### “Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

1 Alleluia! Jesus is risen!  
Trumpets resounding in glorious light!  
Splendor, the Lamb, heaven forever!  
Oh, what a miracle God has in sight!

3 Jesus the vine, we are the branches;  
life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;  
heaven to earth, Christ to the people,  
gift of the future now flowing to me.

#### **Refrain**

#### **Refrain:**

Jesus is risen and we shall arise:  
Give God the glory! Alleluia!

4 Weeping, be gone; sorrow be silent:  
death put asunder, and Easter is bright.  
Cherubim sing: "O grave, be open!"  
Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

#### **Refrain**

2 Walking the way, Christ in the center,  
telling the story to open our eyes;  
breaking our bread, giving us glory:  
Jesus, our blessing, our constant surprise.

#### **Refrain**

5 City of God, Easter forever,  
golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,  
river of life, saints and archangels,  
sing with creation to God the I AM!

#### **Refrain**

### HYMN

### “The Day of Resurrection”

LSB 478

1 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.

3 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!

#### **(Please rise)**

2 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.

4 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!



## COMMUNION BLESSING

**Pastor:** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. His peace be with you.

**People:** Amen.

### + Sending +

#### Prayer

**Pastor:** Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith through our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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.

**Pastor:** Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

## HYMN

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

LSB 477

1 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.

2 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 forever more,  
Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,  
Whom we worship and adore.

3 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.

## Offering

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### Memory Verse for This Week

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,  
the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.  
*1 Corinthians 15:20*

### Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Readers	Gail Vandeburgt, Susan Clark
Communion Assistants	Mike Newton, Gerry Schneider
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Trumpeter	David Lindgren
Sound Technician	Andrew Schweiger
Streaming Technician	Joel Wahlers
Worship Preparation Team	Betsy Gewirz, Doris & Bob Klein
Ushers	Gary & Marlen Virkus
Projection Technician	Brian Schoenfeld