

Easter Sunday

The Resurrection of our Lord

March 31, 2024

8:30 AM

“Go Tell Peter”

AS WE GATHER

Resurrection means new life. Resurrection means hope. Resurrection means that death doesn't have the last word. But resurrection also means forgiveness for those who have fallen. The Easter angel wanted to make sure that Peter got the message - Peter, who had denied His Lord a few hours before.

But that's not all. Today we will hear words of Easter truth from St. Paul, the one who persecuted the church and killed Christians. And we will speak the words of one of David's Psalms - David who had committed adultery and murder.

The resurrection means forgiveness, new life and hope not just for them, but also for you and me. May the Risen Lord's mercy and grace bless all of us as we worship this morning!

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 Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷ On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 **(Read responsively) NIV**

Reader: Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: **I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”**

Reader: I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

People: **Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.**

Reader: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

People: **The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

Reader: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

People: **I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Reader: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

People: **because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your Faithful One see decay.**

Reader: You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, and then to the Twelve. ⁶ After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers and sisters at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, ⁸ and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born.

⁹ For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But 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. ¹¹ Whether, then, it is I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

“Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen”

LSB 474

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

Heaven to earth, Christ to the people,
Gift of the future now flowing to me.
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia! **Refrain:**

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

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

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

Jesus the vine, We are the branches;
Life in the Spirit the fruit of the tree;

City of God, Easter forever,
Golden Jerusalem, Jesus the Lamb,
River of life, Saints and archangels,
Sing with creation to God the I AM!
Jesus is risen and we shall arise:
Give God the glory! Alleluia! **Refrain:**

HOLY GOSPEL Mark 16:1-8

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 16th chapter

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

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

"Go Tell Peter"

OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise!”

Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Dan Forrest

Trumpet: Dave Lindgren

Congregation and Choir

Choir:
If God be for us,
Who can be against us?
He who did not spare His only Son
But gave Him up for all,
Shall He not with Him freely
Give us all things? (Sung twice)

Congregation:

**Hail the day that sees Him rise,
Alleluia!
To His throne beyond the skies,
Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n,
Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav’n
Alleluia.**

Women: Circled round with Angel pow’rs

All: Alleluia!

**Women: Their triumphant Lord and ours,
Alleluia!**

**Men: Christ has conquered death and sin,
Alleluia!**

**All:
Take the King of Glory in, Alleluia!**

Congregation:

**Hail the day that sees Him rise,
Alleluia!
To His throne beyond the skies,
Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv’n,
Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heav’n,
Alleluia!**

Choir:
Shall He not with Him freely give us all
things?
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

Andrew, Erika, & Orion Boudreaux & Elora Stepp
Linda Diviak
Dave & Rebecca Hudgins
Scott, Ayne, Abigail, & Madelyn Ondek
Pastor Ted, Elaine, & Stacie Zimmerman
Michael and Shad Campbell
Ricardo, Jessica, & Amelia Hernandez
Timothy and Lukas Johnson
Matthew, Sarah, & Cameron Tolbirt

+ 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 but 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:

**All: 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

"He's Risen, He's Risen" LSB 480

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison,
the incarnate, true Word.

Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises
prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His
foes.

The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, 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.

5 Then sing Your hosannas and raise Your glad
voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was
slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" LSB 465

1 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!

2 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!

3 Oh, 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!

(Please rise)

4 Adoring praises now we bring
And with the heavn'y 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!

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

He was delivered over to death for our sins
and was raised to life for our justification.

Romans 4:25

Serving in Worship Today

Preacher	Rev. Michael A. Schmid
Lay Reader	Megan Mathison
Communion Assistants	Dove Bain, Paula Schweiger, Mike Newton, Gerry Schneider
Organist	Erin Blackwood
Trumpeter	David Lindgren
Sound Technician	Bill Clark
Streaming Technician	
Worship Preparation Team	Gerry & Midge Schneider, Jan Newton, Ron Irwin, Sophie Frey
Ushers	Gary & Marlen Virkus
Projection Technician	Brian Schoenfeld