

The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day Festival Eucharist

St. Mark's Lutheran Church Sunday, April 20, 2025 11:00 am

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Plain text indicates a part of the liturgy led by a worship leader; **bold text** indicates a congregational response.

Hymn numbers refer to their corresponding pages in the back of the Evangelical Lutheran Worship hymnal.



Please leave your offering in the plate at the front of the nave, near the pulpit. If you would like to give online, please use the QR code to the right.

On this day the Lord has acted! On the first day of the week God began creation, transforming darkness into light. On this, the "eighth day" of the week, Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. We celebrate this new creation in the waters of baptism and in the feast of victory. With great joy we celebrate this day of days, even as we begin the great fifty days of Easter. Filled with hope, we go forth to share the news that Christ is risen!



Prelude This Joyful Eastertide arr. Raymond Haan

Welcome Prayer Requests

Music for Meditation The Strife Is O'er arr. Richard Webster

We stand as we are able.

Opening Dialog

- P: Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!
- C: Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels! Exult, all creation around God's throne! Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!

We turn and face the processional cross as it enters the nave, while we sing the hymn on the next page.

The image on the bulletin cover is of an icon of the resurrection depicting Christ having destroyed the gates of Hades. Flanked by saints, Christ is pulling Adam and Eve out of death into life. At the bottom of the image, Satan appears as an old man bound and chained. The Greek title (\bar{e} anastasis) translates as "The Resurrection."

Standing is the posture of the resurrection. We stand when we sing hymns and for other parts of the service as an expression of resurrection joy. It is a way of proclaiming that Jesus is powerfully alive! Colossians 3:14-18



We begin services in Eastertide with the Paschal Greeting, which recalls the resurrected Jesus' greeting to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary (Matt 28:6). The apostolic greeting which follows quotes the apostle Paul (2 Cor. 13:14)

Greeting

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!
- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

We continue by singing the hymn of praise on the next page.

The Hymn of Praise, Worthy Is Christ, is sometimes referred to as the Easter song of triumph and is adapted from Revelation 5:9-13 and 19:4-9.

Hymn of Praise Worthy Is Christ



The Prayer of the Day is tied to the overall theme of the scripture lessons or, sometimes, to the theme of day if it is a special occasion in the church calendar

The tradition of reading sacred scripture in worship is a tie to our roots in Judaism. I Timothy 4:13 reminds us of the importance of this practice.

During the Sundays of Easter, the first lesson is from the Acts of the Apostles.

A psalm is spoken or sung in response to the first reading.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray. O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

We are seated.



LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson: Acts 10:34-43 L A reading from Acts.

Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 118:14-17, 21-24

The choir sings the refrain, and all repeat it. The congregation sings the refrain as indicated.



On this day the Lord has act-ed; we will re-joice and be glad in it.

The Lord is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation.

There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous:

"The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!

The right hand of the Lord is exalted!

The right hand of the Lord has triumphed!"

I shall not die but live.

and declare the works of the Lord. R

The Lord has punished me sorely,
but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord.

"This is the gate of the Lord;
he who is righteous may enter."

I will give thanks to you for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

This is the Lord's doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes.

On this day the Lord has acted;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.

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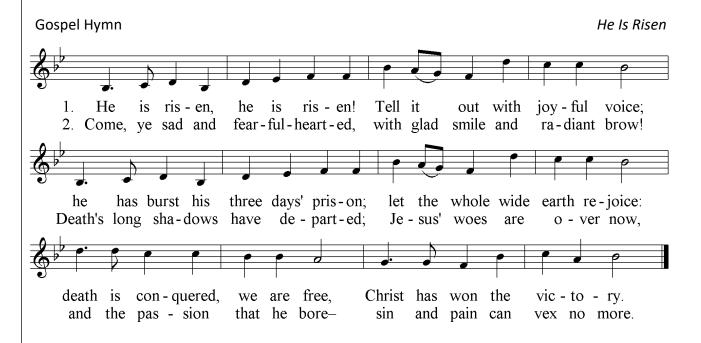
The second reading, usually from the New Testament letters, bears the witness of the early church.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 L A reading from First Corinthians.

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- L The word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

During the Gospel Hymn, we turn to face the processional cross as we prepare to encounter the Risen Christ in the reading of the Gospel.



The Liturgy of the Word culminates in the reading of the gospel and the sermon by which Christ comes among his people and speaks to us in our own context. Because of this we stand to listen to the good news of our Lord.

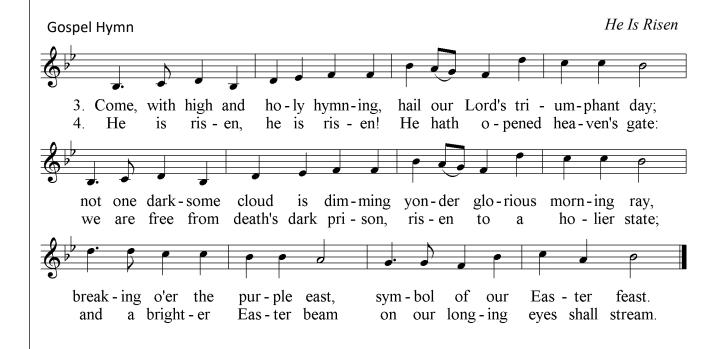
The Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 24th chapter.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

- P The Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to you, O Christ.



We sit.

Sermon Pastor James Armentrout

We stand as we are able and sing the hymn.

This hymn complements the day's scripture readings and sermon.

Hymn Thine Is the Glory



- 1 Thine is the glo ry, ris en, con-qu'ring Son; end less is the
- 2 Lo, Je sus meets thee, ris en from the tomb! Lov ing ly he
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glo rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! greets thee, scat-ters fear and gloom; out thee; aid us in our strife; An - gels in bright rai - ment let his church with glad - ness make us more than con - qu'rors,



rolled the stone a - way, hymns of tri - umph sing, through thy death - less love; kept the fold - ed grave - clothes for the Lord now liv - eth; bring us safe through Jor - dan

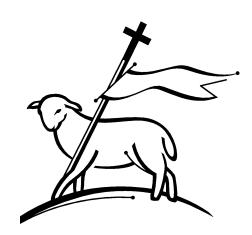


where thy bod - y lay. death hath lost its sting! to thy home a - bove.

Thine is the glo - ry,

ris - en, con-qu'ring





The Nicene Creed (which begins, "We believe...") has been used in worship since the 5th century

The Creed

P Living together in trust and hope we confess our faith.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

We join our hearts in prayer as we pray for the Church, for the well-being of creation, for peace and justice, for those in need. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Much more than a pleasant greeting—we do this to proclaim God's promise of peace. 2 Corinthians 13:11 The Prayers



Each petition concludes:

P Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

THE EUCHARISTIC LITURGY

The Peace

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

We greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

The Offering

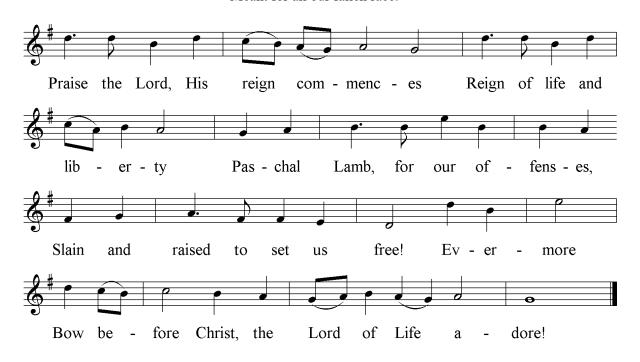


We stand and sing stanza 4 together.

All the earth with joy is sounding:
Christ has risen from the dead!
He, the greater Jonah, bounding
From the grave, His three-day bed,
Wins the prize:
Death's demise—
Songs of triumph fill the skies.

Christ, the devil's might unwinding, Leaves behind His borrowed tomb. Stronger He, the strong man binding, Takes, disarms his house of doom; In the rout Casting out Pow'rs of darkness, sin, and doubt.

Jesus, author of salvation,
Shared in our humanity;
Crowned with radiant exaltation,
Now He shares His victory!
From His face
Shines the grace
Meant for all our fallen race.



Our prayer is modeled after the Jewish prayer of thanksgiving and dedicates the giver to a stewardship of all life.

Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray. Risen One,

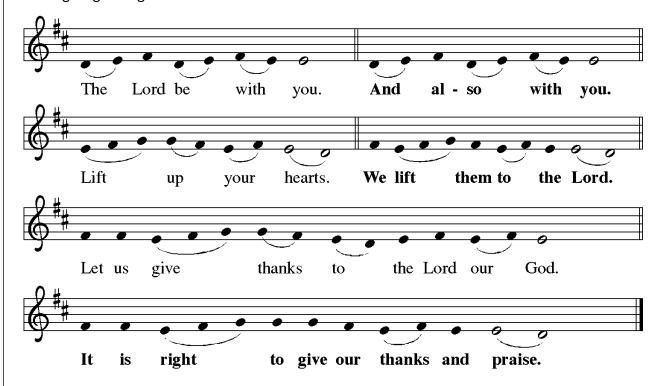
you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring.
Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.
Amen

The Thanksgiving Dialogue begins the part of our worship called the Great Thanksgiving.

The dialogue and the Proper Preface are ancient parts of the worship which proclaim our thanks for the gifts of God in the meal.

The Sanctus ("holy") echoes the angels' cry in Isaiah 6:3 and the crowds of Mark 11:9 as Jesus entered Jerusalem. This reminds us that we are in the presence of a God identified both by holiness and humility.

Thanksgiving Dialogue

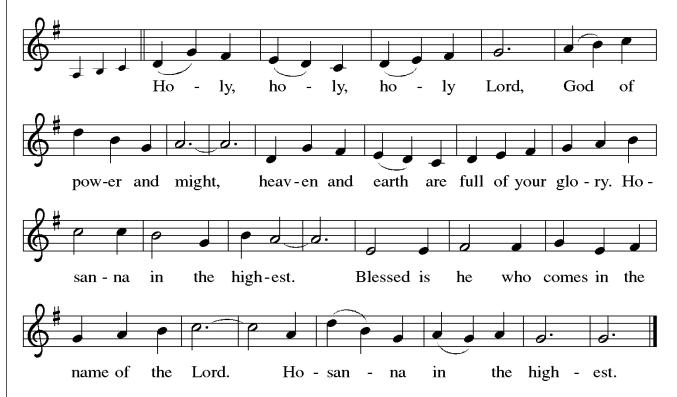


The Proper Preface

The presiding minister continues: "It is indeed right ..."

The proper preface concludes: "we praise your name and join their unending hymn."

Sanctus



The Eucharistic Prayer recalls God's saving acts throughout history and, particularly, the words and actions, the commands and promises of Jesus at the last supper with his disciples as recorded in scripture.

Eucharistic Prayer

P Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

- P With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
- C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
- P O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.
- C Come, Holy Spirit.
- P With Saint Mark and your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.
- C Amen

The Lord's Prayer brings the Great Thanksgiving to a conclusion. Prayed here, this familiar and beloved prayer becomes the table-prayer of the congregation. Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15

The 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

We are seated.



COMMUNION WITH OUR RISEN LORD WELCOME TO CHRIST'S TABLE

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

We come forward by way of the center aisle, and we return to our pews by way of the side aisles.







Once we have all received the sacrament and returned to our seats, we celebrate the personal encounter with the risen Christ through blessing, prayer, and singing.

Post-Communion Blessing

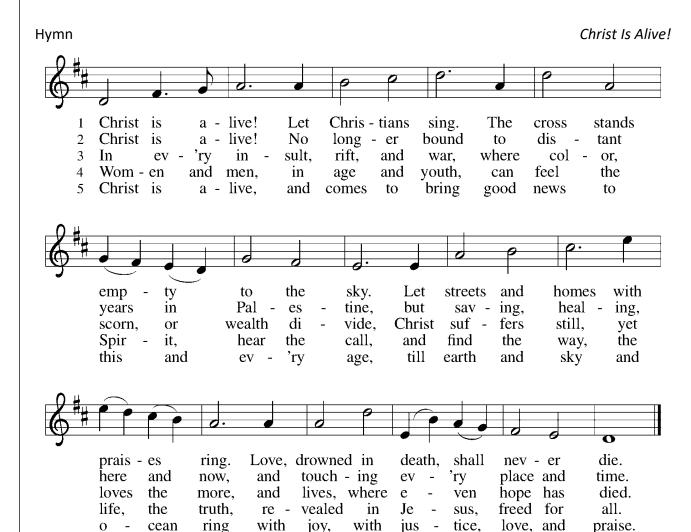
- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
- C Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

- P Let us pray. Living One,
- C in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
 Send us now to tell of your wonders,
 sing of your glory,
 and proclaim your risen life
 to a wounded and weary world.
 Amen

Blessing

- P God the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead, continually show us loving kindness.
- C Amen
- P God the Son, victor over sin and death, grant us a share in the joy of his resurrection.
- C Amen
- P God the Spirit, giver of light and peace, renew our hearts in love.
- C Amen
- P May almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, continue to bless us, now and forever.
- C Amen



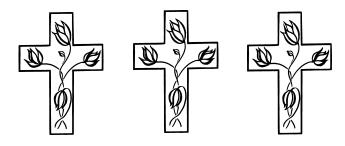
We are dismissed from worship knowing that our service does not end. Rather, having been in the presence of the risen Lord, we leave so that our service may truly begin.

Dismissal

- P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
- P Go in peace loving the risen Lord and loving your neighbor. Alleluia, alleluia.
- C Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude Christ Is Alive J. Wayne Kerr

We give thanks to God for the gifts shared in worship today by trumpeters George Saunders and Matthew Warnock. Welcome, George & Matt!



Gifts for Easter Flowers and Music

Ralph & Sandy Anders

in memory of Shirley Coffey
Linda Anderson
Karen Arthur

in memory of George Arthur
Howard & Loretta Barnard

in loving memory of Ernest & Mildred Barnard
Harry Brewbaker

in honor of Connie Watkins
Kathy & Jordan Bryant

in honor of Rob Bryant

and Nancy Dyer

and Nancy Dyer
Clara Chitty
Wally Coffey & Family

in memory of Shirley Coffey

Don & Gwynn Derrick Shirley Dyer

in memory of Joseph A. Dyer

Cheryl Gordon
in memory of Steve Gordon
and Jim Groendyke

Jacob Gordon

in honor of the St. Mark's choir

Mitch House

in honor of his family

Patricia Hubbard

Carol Jensen, Charles Jensen & Family, and Ken Jensen & Family,

in memory of Carl S. Jensen

David Johnson

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in honor of Andy and Matt Jones

Nan Keenan

in memory of Clarence & Becky Keenan,

Bill & Ethel Hart, and Ruth Moore

Richard Kegley

Brad McDaniel

Eric & Patti Mills

in honor of our children and grandchildren

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in memory of Jonathan Ugochukwu

and Peter Uzodinma

Connie Watkins

This week at St. Mark's			
Sunday, April 20 The Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion	
Monday, April 21	5PM—7PM	The Lion's Share open	
Tuesday, April 22			
Wednesday, April 23			
Thursday, April 24			
Friday, April 25	10AM—noon	The Lion's Share open	
	6:30PM	NA meeting (Library)	
Saturday, April 26	8PM	NA meeting (Fellowship Hall)	
Sunday, April Second Sunday of Easter	11AM	Worship with Holy Communion	

SERVING IN WORSHIP				
	<u>Today</u>	Next Week		
Greeter	Alex Adkins	Betty Burrows		
Lector	Nan Keenan	MaryAnne Meloy		
Communion Assistant	Eric Mills & Evan Odson	Jerry McDaniel & MaryAnn Snider		
Coffee Hour		Mary Brewer		

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