



Resurrection Reality

Worship Guide for Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024

Ascension of Christ Lutheran Church
Crossville

For Our Guests – Welcome!

- **Guest Wi-Fi:** search for **Guest@Ascension** - password is **Beourquest426**
- There's **coffee** before & after worship – help yourself or a host can help.
- **Materials** are for you at our **guest welcome table** in the entryway.
- **Restrooms** are easily accessible in the entryway.
- Please **make yourself at home!**

If you are a first-time guest today, we have a little gift for you. Please let us know.

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Today's Theme: "Resurrection Reality - All Will Be Made Alive"

The film director Woody Allen once said, "I'm not afraid to die, I just don't want to be there when it happens." Studies have shown that most people fear death to varying degrees. This fear is so common, there is even a field of psychological study called thanatology. It examines human reaction to death and dying.

One of the biggest reasons people fear death is the perception of its permanency. In the normal realm of human existence, dead is dead. Someone dies, and all you have are pictures and memories. That is the way people typically think, but it is far from reality. Today, Christ proves to us that death is *not* final at all!

Jesus' resurrection teaches us that he is the "first fruits" of those who have died and rose again. That means he is the first to come to life, and then many more will follow. Just as Christ rose, "**so in Christ all will be made alive**" (1 Corinthians 15:22). That changes everything: the way we grieve the death of a Christian loved one, the way we feel when our health fails, the way we look at the purpose of life right now, the way we our future. We treasure the *resurrection reality*: All will be made alive!

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ

We Gather Around the Reality of Jesus Coming Out of the Grave

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN - Choir & Congregation

"See What A Morning"

by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
Christian Worship 451

CHOIR SINGS:

See, what a morning, gloriously bright,
with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
folded the grave-clothes, tomb filled with light,
as the angels announce, "Christ is risen!"
See God's salvation plan,
wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
fulfilled in Christ, the Man,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!

PLEASE STAND AND SING:

**See Mary weeping, "Where is he laid?"
as in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb.
Hears a voice speaking, calling her name;
it's the Master, the Lord raised to life again!
The voice that spans the years,
speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us,
will sound till he appears,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!**

**One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
through the Spirit who clothes faith with certainty.
Honor and blessing, glory and praise
to the King crowned with pow'r and authority!
And we are raised with him;
death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered.
And we shall reign with him,
for he lives: Christ is risen from the dead!
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RESPONSIVE READING

from 1 Corinthians 15

Minister: For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance:

Congregation: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,

M that he was buried,

C that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

M If it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

C If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

M And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

C More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead.

M But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

C Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

M But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead,

C. The firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

M Christ is risen!

C He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF PRAISE - Choir and Congregation

"He is Lord"

by John I. Benson

Choir: He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

Ev'ry knee shall bow, ev'ry tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

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Congregation:

He is Lord, he is Lord. He is risen from the dead and he is Lord.

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PLEASE BE SEATED

The Word of God

God Speaks to Us Through His Word, the Bible

FIRST LESSON

Job 19:23-27

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!”

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PSALM 103

"Ten Thousand Reasons"

by Matt Redman and Steve Angrisano
Christian Worship 607

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning; it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening
comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**You're rich in love, and you're slow to anger. Your name is great, and your heart is kind.
For all your goodness, I will keep on singing ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing, the end draws near, and my time has come;
still my soul will sing your praise unending ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship your holy name.**

GOSPEL

Mark 16:1-8

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.

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EASTER CREED

I believe that almost two thousand years ago, there lived a man such as the world had never seen before and has never seen since. He was God the Son in a human body, at times laying aside his divine power, and at times shaking off his human limitations, but always obeying God's law perfectly.

I believe that he was put through the mockery of a trial, unjustly sentenced, and quickly put to death to get him out of the way. I believe that he died on a cross, and his body was laid in a borrowed tomb, which was sealed and guarded.

I believe that on the morning of the third day after his death, his friends came, intending to take care of his lifeless body, but instead found an empty tomb, because he had risen from the grave. I believe that he showed himself alive to his followers on a number of occasions, convincing them all, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that he was alive.

I believe that his death paid the price for my sins, and that his resurrection has opened the door of eternal life to me and all who believe in him. I believe that Jesus Christ is my Savior, that he is living and ruling forever, and because of his life, death, and resurrection, I, too, shall rise from the grave and live forever with him. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

Christian Worship 465

Today's Message

"Resurrection Reality – All Will Be Made Alive"

EASTER MESSAGE

based on 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, *so in Christ all will be made alive.* ²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Our Response

Thanking, Giving, Praising

CHOIR SOING

"Because He Lives"

by Gloria and William Gaither

God sent his Son, they called him Jesus. He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon, an empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone,
because I know he holds the future. And life is worth the living just because he lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby, and feel the pride and joy he gives.
But greater still the calm assurance, this child can face uncertain days because he lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone,
because I know he holds the future. And life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day I'll cross the river. I'll fight life's final war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory, I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know he lives.
Because he lives I can face tomorrow, because he lives all fear is gone,
because I know he holds the future. And life is worth the living just because he lives.
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OFFERING

*For our guests, please do not feel obligated to give a gift, but we would be honored if you would fill out your **Connect Card** and place it in the offering plate.*

*If you are interested in **giving a gift electronically**, simply use the QR code on your phone and it will take you to our secure online giving platform.*



OUR PRAYERS AND PRAISE

Sung by soloist

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth”

by George Frideric Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand
at the latter day, upon the earth.
I know that my Redeemer liveth and that he shall stand
at the latter day, upon the earth, upon the earth.
I know that my Redeemer liveth and he shall stand,
stand at the latter day, upon the earth, upon the earth.
And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God,
yet in my flesh shall I see God.
I know that my Redeemer liveth and though worms destroy this body,
yet in my flesh shall I see God,
I know that my Redeemer liveth,
for now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep,
of them that sleep, the first fruits of them that sleep.
For now is Christ risen,
for now is Christ risen from the dead,
the first fruits of them that sleep.

M Almighty God, you give us JOY--

C the infectious joy the angels shared with the women, the contagious joy the women shared with the disciples, the joy that spreads even to us, even today.

♪ **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.**

M Almighty God, you give us JOY--

C the joy that enriches our lives as we serve you, our Savior.

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

M Almighty God, you give us JOY--
C the joy that anticipates heaven's eternal courts of joy.

♪ 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.

M For that is what you give us this day, Almighty God. Your Son's tomb is open!
C The doors of heaven are open – for us!

♪ 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!"

M And so, with the white-robed saints and angel choir we join the great heavenly chorus:
C Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

M With confidence and conviction we pray the prayer Jesus taught us to pray:

**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.**

OR

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

BLESSING

from Numbers 6

M The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Let all God's people say:

C **Amen!**

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once, upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!
praise him, all you heavenly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

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Everyone is welcome to stay for our Easter dinner. There is no cost.
Please, feel free to be our guest!

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Serving Us Today:

Keyboard: Eileen Krumrey

Guitar: Ben See

Soloist: Gayle Mitchell

Descant: Robin Baxter

Hosts: Jerry & Jan O'Keefe, Rick & Renell Syring, Rolf & Sharon Weeks

Easter Dinner Coordinator: Joanne Casada

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Ascension of Christ's Mission & Vision:

*As a family of believers in our Savior Jesus Christ, we **learn, live,**
and **share** the good news of God's forgiveness with our community.*

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What You Can Find at Ascension of Christ

NEW WORSHIP SERIES – “What You Find in Your Easter Basket”
Starts next Sunday!

April 7 - Find Proof & Peace
April 14 - Find Meaning & Purpose
April 21 - Find a Good Shepherd
April 28 - Find Love
May 5 - Find a Real Faith
May 12 - Find the Solution to a Broken World

GRIEFSHARE
Starts April 9 – 1:00 pm

Find support, comfort, and friends in your grief!

READING WITH SECOND GRADERS AT MARTIN ELEMENTARY
April 11 – 9:00 am Volunteers needed!

Find satisfaction listening to second graders read!

STARTING POINT – Ten Lessons of Bible Basics
Starts April 16 – 6:30 pm

Find answers to your questions!

ASCENSION’S ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE
April 18 & 19

Find great bargains!

LUTHERAN WOMENS’S MISSIONARY SOCIETY RALLY
April 20 – Abiding Faith Lutheran Church in Smyrna

Find engaging missionary speakers & mission updates!