

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD  
EASTER SUNDAY  
APRIL 4, 2021**

**In Preparation for Worship:**

**\*Please bring a small bowl of water, bread or cracker, cup of juice or wine to the screen.**

**\*Remember to remain muted during the hymn. The accompaniment will only be audible if everyone is on mute.**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

**P: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all.

**P: Amen.**

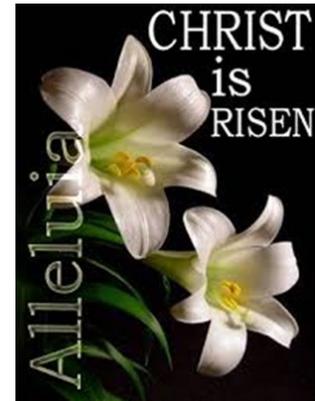
**GATHERING SONG: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” verse 1  
Accompanied by Val Bushnell**

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.



**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

L: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*(Water is poured and all are welcome to make the sign of the cross on their forehead)*

L: We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our soul, like sips of cold water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church. Clothes us with your mercy and forgiveness. Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ. Cleans our hearts. Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

**SONG: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

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.

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray. God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

**Shivon Miller, Minister of Congregational Life**

### **CONGREGATIONAL SONG: "Allelu, Allelu"**

L: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia

**P: Praise ye the Lord**

L: Allelu, Allelu, Allelu, Alleluia

**P: Praise ye the Lord – Praise ye the Lord.**

L: Alleluia.

**P: Praise ye the Lord**

L: Alleluia.

**P: Praise ye the Lord.**

L: Alleluia.

**All: Praise ye the Lord.**

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9**

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And the LORD will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>the LORD will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of the chosen people God will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited, so that God might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in the salvation of the LORD.

L: Word of God, word of life.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;

God's mercy endures forever.

<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,

**"God's mercy endures forever."**

<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,

and has become my salvation.

<sup>15</sup>**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"** *(continued on next page)*

<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”

<sup>17</sup>**I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD.**

<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.

<sup>19</sup>**Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

<sup>20</sup>“This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter.”

<sup>21</sup>**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation.**

<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup>**By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup>through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup>For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup>and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup>and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one untimely born, Christ appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup>For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup>But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God’s grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup>Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

**L:** Word of God, word of life.

**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL READING: Mark 16:1-8**

**L:** The holy gospel according to Mark.

**P:** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Brent:** When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. <sup>3</sup>They had been saying to one another, Michelle: “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

**Brent:** <sup>4</sup>When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. <sup>5</sup>As they entered the tomb, they saw a youth, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. <sup>6</sup>But the youth said to them,

**Sophie:** “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. <sup>7</sup>But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

**Brent:** <sup>8</sup>So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

P: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON: “Free At Last”      Pastor Jerome Evavold**

**SONG: “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”**

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.

#### **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**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.**

**OFFERING SONG: “I Can Only Imagine”      Special Music by Sara Sorenson  
On Facebook**

#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

L: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world, for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

P: **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Let us rejoice and be glad on this festival of Christ's resurrection, offering our prayers to God for all in any need, concluding each petition with the Easter response "Christ is risen indeed." We praise you for the gift of the global church and for all the newly baptized around the world. And we pray that you send the Spirit of the resurrection into every assembly of the baptized. Give us joy in one another and hope in the face of sorrow, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the wondrous earth that you continuously create and for the myriad plants and animals that show forth your glory. And we pray for everything in nature that is endangered, from the undersea coral to the elephants of Africa. Form us into caretakers who protect your lands and seas, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the times of peace and freedom that you have granted to us. And we pray for everyone who suffers from yet more gun violence, from prejudice and injustice, from oppression and poverty. Bring an end to wars and tyrannical rule throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for the food that you provide and for the promise of an everlasting feast for all peoples. And we pray for everyone who is hungry, for residents in refugee camps, for teenage migrants, for the people who live on our streets, that they all may be fed. Show us how to meet the needs of the hungry in our world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for a lessening of the pandemic and for the availability of vaccines. And we pray for everyone who is still contracting the coronavirus, for healthcare workers, and for all who have lost family, friends, and livelihood. Restore health throughout the world, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for each day of health and well-being. And we pray for everyone who suffers from illness of any kind, for those who today will die, and for those we name here before you: **The Tomaich family; Craig Godmare; Joanne Robson and family who mourn the death of Dale Belsvik; and the Dundas family on the death of their granddaughter.** Accompany all who face troubles and sorrows, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

We praise you for your words to Isaiah, to Paul and Peter, to Mary Magdalene and the women at the tomb, and to each one of us. Receive now, we pray, our silent prayers, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

*A longer period of silence.*

We praise you for the presence of the risen Christ among us and for the witness of all who have died in the faith. And we pray that at the end of all things you raise us with all the saints to rejoice in your presence forever, for Christ is risen:

**Christ is risen indeed.**

In thanksgiving for the new life of the resurrection, we raise these prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **AMEN**

### **SETTING THE TABLE FOR THE MEAL PRAYER**

L: God of all creation, all you have made is good and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine, gathered in to be one loaf and one drink. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world sing of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**P: Amen.**

### **GREAT THANKSGIVING (Leader: Pastor Jerome, Shivon leading the Assembly)**

L: The Lord be with you.

**P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name.

**P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Pastor Jerome)**

L: 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.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unmute and join Pastor Jerome in the prayer)**

L: Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**P: 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.**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (Pastor Jerome)**

L: The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat and be satisfied.

### **THE MEAL**

L: We receive the bread - The body of Christ, given for you. **(Everyone takes)**

L: We receive we the wine (juice) -The blood of Christ, shed for you. **(Everyone takes)**

L: For all not taking of the elements but celebrating with us in one body, receive a blessing:  
**Child of God, May God bless and keep you.**

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

L: Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**P: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

L: May our glorious God grant us a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.

**P: Amen.**

**SENDING SONG: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”**

Sing we to our God above. Alleluia.  
Praise eternal as his love. Alleluia.  
Praise him, all you heav’nly host. Alleluia.  
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

**DISMISSAL**

L: Alleluia. Christ is Risen.

**P: Christ is Risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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**RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, EASTER DAY**

**On the Other Side of Fear**

The very last verse of this morning's gospel comprises what scholars believe to be the original ending of Mark. Somewhat alarmingly, the final words are "they were afraid" (Mark 16:8). If you crack open your Bible today, you'll see a few other paragraphs and endings beyond this verse; however, Mark 16:8 is thought to have been the original end to the book.

As people who are used to greeting Easter morning with flowers, banners, trumpets, and boisterous hymns, this original ending to Mark, filled with fear and silence, isn't quite what we expect to find at the empty tomb! The end of Mark's Easter story can feel disquieting; maybe that's why a faithful person added another ending or two.

Fear and silence are hallmarks of human life. Anyone who says they have never been afraid is either living under a rock or probably not sharing the full truth of their experience of things. As vulnerable human creatures, we are susceptible to fear, which can cascade into silence at our worst when we are most frightened. That is exactly where we meet the disciples today.

Yet someone, sometime, somewhere, had to have said something, or else we would not be here worshipping at Easter. At some point joy crept up and leapt over the disciples' terror and paralysis. At some point the words were blurted out and released into the air with gladness: "Christ is risen, alleluia!"

Today, we enter the story on the other side of fear and silence. Someone among those disciples did indeed proclaim the truth: Christ is risen! We can rest assured knowing that despair and death don't have the last word. Drawn into the resurrection life of Jesus, we are invited to take part in this movement of God, shouting with loud praise, "Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

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