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He is Risen



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Easter Sunday

Welcome to All in the Name of our Risen Savior!

Christ's resurrection assures us that Jesus' work of redemption for us is total and complete and that His sacrifice for us was accepted by God. Jesus is risen! He is alive! We have complete forgiveness and eternal life through the only Savior of the World, JESUS CHRIST! If you are looking for a church home, we would invite you to join us as we gather to worship our ever-living Savior Jesus every Sunday morning! Please sign our Guest Book at the entry of the church, and if you have any questions, please speak with Pastor Naumann. The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today's Worship!

"Christ is Arisen" Solo

Responsive Greeting

P He is risen!

C He is risen indeed!

P Remember how He told you that the Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise.

C The Lord is risen!

P Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more;

C Death no longer has dominion over Him.

P Christ was delivered for our offenses;

C He was raised again for our justification.

P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!

C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!

Hymn 199:1-2 (TLH): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!*

1. Jesus Christ Is risen today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia! Who did once upon the cross Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. 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!

The Confession and Absolution of Sins

We come before our Holy God admitting that we are sinful and need His forgiveness.

P Beloved of God, on this Easter morning, let us with a true heart confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our resurrected Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our risen Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.**

P God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His Only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. God raised God from the dead, thereby proving His acceptance of the full payment of our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Hymn 199:3-4 (TLH): *Jesus Christ is Risen Today, 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!*

4. *Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as His love: Alleluia! Praise Him, all ye heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son. and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!*

The Prayer for the Day

The main thoughts for the day are collected together in this prayer.

P Let us pray.

Merciful God, Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have raised up Your Son from the dead and from the empty tomb caused the light of eternal life to shine upon the world; we pray that on this day of great joy shed in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, that we may with joyful faith cling to the atonement made for our sins and be enabled more and more to serve you in holiness of living in fervent hope of life and glory everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives forevermore and reigns as our glorious King.

C Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 25:6-9*

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

Easter Responsive Reading: *Job 19:23-27*

- P** Oh, that my words were written!
C Oh, that they were inscribed in a book!
P That they were engraved on a rock!
C With an iron pen and lead, forever!
P For I know that my Redeemer lives,
C And He shall stand at last on the earth;
P And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,
C That in my flesh I shall see God,
P Whom I shall see for myself,
And my eyes shall behold, and not another.
C How my heart yearns within me!
P The Lord is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!
C He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



The Epistle Reading: *1 Corinthians 15:19-26*

If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every 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.

Easter Creed

We boldly confess what we believe.

C I believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Man, Lord of lords and Savior of the fallen world.

I believe that He is the Word made flesh, Who came to earth to redeem all sinners. He was born under the Law, to fulfill all of God's commandments on my behalf. He was crucified at the hands of sinful men, and endured all the punishment that I and all sinners deserved, to fully satisfy the justice of God. He died and was buried.

I believe that on the third day Jesus Christ rose bodily from the dead, as the prophets foretold and as He himself promised. Proved by the inspired Scriptures and by many eyewitnesses, Jesus' resurrection shows that He is God's Son, that His mission of salvation is complete, and that He has triumphed over death, our last great enemy. With this victory, Christ has become our forerunner, the firstfruits of all who sleep in Him.

Because He rose, I and all who trust in His redeeming work shall rise to eternal life on the Last Day.

Because He lives, I too shall live. For He has promised me: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die."

Amen.

Hymn 200:1-4 (TLH): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

- 1. 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.*
- 2. He lives triumphant from the grave, He lives eternally to save,
He lives all-glorious in the sky, He lives exalted there on high.*
- 3. He lives to bless me with His love, He lives to plead for me above.
He lives my hungry soul to feed, He lives to help in time of need.*
- 4. He lives to grant me rich supply, He lives to guide me with His eye,
He lives to comfort me when faint, He lives to hear my soul's complaint.*

The Sermon: Mark 16:1-7

When the Sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. ³ And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance of the tomb?" ⁴ And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled back--it was very large. ⁵ And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶ And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷ But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going before you to Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you."

Theme: THE EASTER ANGEL'S INVITATION

- I. "Do not be alarmed."
- II. "See the place where they laid Him."
- III. Go and tell others."

Sermon Hymns:

203 (TLH): *Morning Breaks Upon the Tomb*

- 1. *Morning breaks upon the tomb; Jesus scatters all its gloom.
Day of triumph through the skies; See the glorious Savior rise.***
- 2. *Ye who are of death afraid Triumph in the scattered shade.
Drive your anxious cares away; See the place where Jesus lay.***
- 3. *Christians, dry your flowing tears Chase your unbelieving fears;
Look on His deserted grave, Doubt no more His power to save.***

732:1-2 (WS2000): *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

- 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!***

193:1-3,5 (TLH): *Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

- 1.** *Christ the Lord is risen today, Sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Sing, ye heavens, and, earth, reply.*
- 2.** *Love's redeeming work is done, Fought the fight, the battle won.
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er; Lo, He sets in blood no more.*
- 3.** *Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has burst the gates of hell.
Death in vain forbids His rise; Christ has opened Paradise.*
- 5.** *Soar we now where Christ has led, Following our exalted Head.
Made like Him, like Him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.*

198:1,5 (TLH): *He's Risen, He's Risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord*

- 1.** *He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened Death's prison, the incarnate Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song,
And, earth, sea, and mountain, the paean prolong.*
- 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,
Who now sits in glory and ever shall reign!*

341:1,4 (TLH): *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

- 1.** *Crown Him with many crowns The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.*
- 4.** *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,
Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.*

Reception of the Offering *In tangible evidence of our gratitude, we offer the Lord the gift of our money, remembering that He has first given to us that we might have to give to Him. Offerings may be deposited in the gold plate on the shelf in the back of church or electronically via CashApp to "Şclcmztzion".*

The Easter Prayer – The Lord's Prayer

The petitions of the congregation are gathered and presented to the Lord.

- ☪** **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 Benediction

The blessing given by God for His people (Numbers 6:24-26)

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

G Amen!

Closing Hymn 200:5-8 (TLH): *I Know that My Redeemer Lives*

**5. He lives to silence all my fears, He lives to wipe away my tears
He lives to calm my troubled heart, He lives all blessings to impart.**

**6. He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend, He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

**7. 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.**

**8. 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!"**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"If the LORD wills, we will do this or that." James 4:15

WELCOME EVERYONE! We pray that God's Word and our worship today will help you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus. We ask our visitors to please sign our guest book. If you are looking for a church home, we hope you've found it with us. Ask our Pastor about a free Bible study he offers to explain what we believe, teach, and practice. Where and when? Your convenience.

EASTER BRUNCH TO GO: This year we are foregoing our traditional Easter Sunday potluck brunch in exchange for outdoor after-service "brunch to go" coordinated by LIFT. We hope you can join us for some fellowship time outside!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

In-Person Worship Last Sunday = 17 // In-Person Bible Class Last Sunday = 11
In-Person Good Friday = 20

Bi-Weekly Offerings Needed:	\$3,076.92	Total Offerings Needed YTD:	\$20,000.00
Bi-Weekly Offerings Received:	\$3,897.00	Total Offerings Received YTD:	\$20,,219.00
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