

Service of the Word

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



THE LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ASCENSION

APRIL 12, 2020 ✝ SUNDAY



EASTER ACCLAMATION

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF INVOCATION

Lutheran Service Book 457

“Jesus Christ is Risen Today”

1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which He en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

SERVICE OF THE WORD

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

INTROIT

Exodus 15:1-6, 11-13, 17-18

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

P The LORD is my strength and my song,
C and He has become my salvation;

P this is my God, and I will praise Him,
C my father's God, and I will exalt Him.

P The LORD is a man of war;
C the LORD is His name.

P Pharaoh's chariots and his host He cast into the sea,
C and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.

P The floods covered them;
C they went down into the depths like a stone.

P Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
C Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.

P Who is like You, O LORD, among the gods?
C Who is like You, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

P You stretched out Your right hand;
C the earth swallowed them.

P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
C You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.

P You will bring them in and plant them on Your own mountain,
C the place, O LORD, which You have made for Your abode,

P the sanctuary, O LORD, which Your hands have established.
C The LORD will reign forever and ever.

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

THIS IS THE FEAST

Revelation 5:12-13; 19:5-9

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:22

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Let us pray.

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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 31:1-6

P The Old Testament Reading for The Resurrection of Our Lord is from Jeremiah, chapter 31.

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;

when Israel sought for rest,

³ the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;

therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,

O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines

and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards

on the mountains of Samaria;

the planters shall plant

and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call

in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,

to the LORD our God.’”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Colossians 3:1-4

P The Epistle is from Colossians, chapter three.

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on

earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

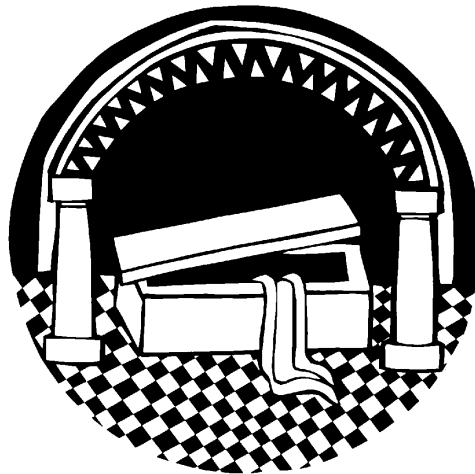
GOSPEL ANTHEM

Lutheran Service Book 488

“He Is Arisen! Glorious Word”

He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled
is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen.
My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar -
rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on.
O hear what cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious,
Life is giv - ing. He was dead but now is liv - ing!

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HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 28:1-10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

P ¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the

place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you." ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

NICENE CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C **I believe in one God**, *Romans 10:10; Deuteronomy 6:4*
the Father Almighty, *Matthew 6:9; Exodus 6:3*
maker of heaven and earth *Genesis 1:1; John 1:1*
and of all things visible and invisible. *Colossians 1:16*

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, *Romans 10:9*

the only-begotten Son of God, *John 3:16; Matthew 16:16*

begotten of His Father before all worlds, *John 1:2*

God of God, Light of Light, *John 17:22; John 8:12; John 1:1*

very God of very God, *Colossians 2:9*

begotten, not made, *John 1:2*

being of one substance with the Father, *John 10:30*

by Whom all things were made; *Hebrews 1:2; John 1:3*

Who for us men and for our salvation *1 Timothy 2:4; Romans 3:23*

came down from heaven *John 6:41; Luke 15:20*

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary *Luke 1:34-35*

and was made man; *John 1:14*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. *Mark 15:25; John 19:16-18*

He suffered and was buried. *John 19:1-3; Luke 23:53*

And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures *1 Corinthians 15:4; Luke 24:6*

and ascended into heaven *Acts 1:9*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *Acts 7:55*

And He will come again with glory *Matthew 26:64*

to judge both the living and the dead, *Acts 10:42; Matthew 3:12*

Whose kingdom will have no end. *2 Peter 1:11*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *John 14:26; Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:38*

the Lord and giver of life, *Genesis 1:2; John 3:6*

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, *John 15:26*

Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, *Matthew 3:16-17; Luke 2:14*

Who spoke by the prophets. *Ezekiel 11:5*

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, *1 Peter 2:5; Ephesians 2:19-22*

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, *Ephesians 4:5*

and I look for the resurrection of the dead *1 Corinthians 15:35-49; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*

and the life ✠ **of the world to come.** *Mark 10:29-30; Matthew 10:40-42*

Amen. *Psalms 106:48*

THE LITANY OF THE RESURRECTION

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P O Christ,
C have mercy.

P O Lord,
C have mercy.

P Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
C hear us.

P Paschal Lamb, who was offered for us and has taken away the sin of the world,
C have mercy on us.

P Who was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification,
C have mercy on us.

P Who foretold Your passion saying, "The Son of Man must be crucified and on the third day rise again,"
C have mercy on us.

P Who destroyed death by dying, and by rising to life again brought life and immortality to light,
C have mercy on us.

P Whose resurrection was first announced by an angel to the women,
C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to Mary Magdalene and was worshiped by her,
C have mercy on us.

P Who revealed Yourself to the two disciples on the Emmaus road and made Yourself known to them in the Scriptures and in the breaking of the bread,
C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to the disciples, bestowing on them Your peace and Your Spirit,
C have mercy on us.

P Who showed Your wounded hands and side to the apostle Thomas that he too might believe,
C have mercy on us.

P Who appeared to seven disciples on the Sea of Tiberias, bringing a miraculous catch of fish,
C have mercy on us.

- P** Who appeared to Peter and to the Twelve, to over 500 disciples, to James and to all the apostles, and to Paul on the Damascus road,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** Who commissioned Your Church to make disciples of all nations by baptizing and teaching them,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** By Your glorious resurrection from the dead,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By Your victory over sin and death,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** By the majesty of Your risen body,
C **good Lord, deliver us.**
- P** We poor sinners implore You
C **to hear us, Lord Jesus.**
- P** That we may daily die and rise with You in our Baptism and walk in the freedom of Your forgiveness,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may set our minds on things above and not on earthly things, serving others as we have been served by You,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** That we may dwell with You forever in the new creation as citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem, together with all the saints,
C **grant us, good Lord.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **have mercy on us.**
- P** Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
C **grant us Your peace.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Christ,
C **have mercy.**
- P** O Lord,
C **have mercy. Amen.**

P O God, for our redemption You gave Your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of the enemy. Grant that all our sin may be drowned through daily repentance and that day by day we may arise to live before You in righteousness and purity forever; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

P 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.

C Amen.

EASTER ACCLAMATION

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!
C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

HYMN OF DISMISSAL

Lutheran Service Book 465

"Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds In
2 E - ter - nal is the gift He brings, There -
3 O fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love; Set
4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring And



praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has tri - umphed!
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has tri - umphed!
heart and will on things a - bove That we con - quer
with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has tri - umphed!



He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of an - gels, loud and
He is liv - ing!" Now still He comes to give us
through Your tri - umph; Grant grace suf - fi - cient for life's
Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the Fa - ther and our



clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
life And by His pres - ence stills all
day That by our lives we tru - ly
Lord, To Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



here: "Christ has tri - umphed! Christ has tri - umphed!" Al - le -
strife. Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing! Al - le -
say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Al - le -
God, All the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP

Presiding Minister

The Rev. David V. Miller, *Pastor*

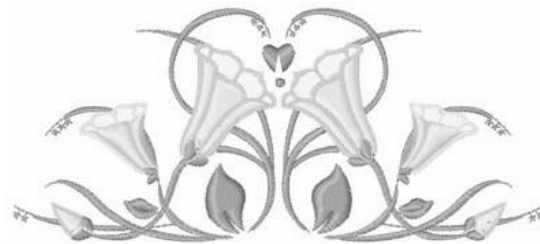
Organist

Debbie Dickensheets, *Director of Music*

Cinematography

Keith Worthington

THE EASTER LILIES ADORNING THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN BY:



- ✦ The Beckman family, to the glory of God.
- ✦ Anne Bigelow, in memory of Marlys and Bob Bigelow, and Robert Bigelow.
- ✦ Eileen Buehl, to the glory of God.
- ✦ Nancy Grossberg, in honor and memory of loved ones.
- ✦ Ruth Henry, in memory of her brother, Isaiah Gaither.
- ✦ John & Arlene Kateen, to the glory of God.

LIFTING UP ONE ANOTHER IN PRAYER

In Celebration

Birthdays

✝ Sarah Cadagin, 4/13

Rebirthdays (Baptismal Anniversaries)

✝ Drew Durden, 4/15

Wedding Anniversaries

✝ None this week

Membership Anniversaries

✝ Drew Durden, 4/15

In Need

Recent Requests

For persecuted Christians:

✝ India

For comfort, health, and healing:

✝ Jim Burroughs (brother of Jean Meyer's son-in-law)

✝ Hunter Chase (brother of J.P. Morr's friend)

✝ Terrie Dowling (aunt of Caitlin East)

✝ Rev. David Heller (Pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens, GA)

✝ The Kroll family (friends of Ascension)

✝ Rev. Philip Kuehnert

✝ Randolph Page (friend of Adrian Popescu)

✝ Jason Schoellen

✝ All impacted by the coronavirus (COVID-19)

For the health and safety of our deployed servicemen and women:

✝ Luke Voss (neighbor of the Schoellens)

Ongoing Requests

For family and friends of the congregation:

✝ Hannibal (Hank) Durden

✝ Willard Meyer (grandfather of J.P. Morr)

✝ Tom & Adi Murphy (former neighbors of the Beckmans)

✝ Heidi Schnakenberg (niece of Clara Smith)

For the leaders of Church and state:

✝ Director Barbara Collins & Open Arms Board

✝ English District Bishop Jamison Hardy & all district officials

✝ LCMS President Matthew Harrison & all synodical officials

✝ Pastor David Miller & Church Board of Lutheran Church of the Ascension

✝ Rev. Dr. Jonathan & Dcs. Cheryl Naumann, missionaries to Dominican Republic

✝ President Donald Trump & all U.S. government officials



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