he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

1 Peter 1:3, NIV
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD—EASTER DAY

Christ is Risen!

AS WE GATHER

Christ is risen! It’s hard to imagine someone who was killed on Friday rising to live again on Sunday. It has happened only once and is what we celebrate today: Jesus’ resurrection. Jesus didn’t keep His resurrection a secret. He appeared to many people. He appeared to Mary, to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to Peter and the apostles, to His brother James, to more than five hundred people, and lastly to the apostle Paul. We believe Jesus rose from the dead because He said He would, because the Scriptures said He would, and because He appeared to many. Christ is risen and He lives to intercede for us on high! It was prophesied; it happened; Christ will come again just as He promised!
PREPARATION

PRESERVICE MUSIC
  “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”  Michael Burkhardt
  “This Joyful Eastertide”  Michael Burkhardt
  “Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bonds”  J.S. Bach
  “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing”  Paul Manz
  “Jesus Priceless Treasure”  Paul Manz
  “Jesus Christ is Risen Today”  Robert Hobby

PRELUDE  “Fanfare for Easter Day”  Brass and Organ  Gerald Bales

GREETING

TOLLING OF THE BELL

Please rise during the tolling of the bell and turn to the back to follow the cross.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  “Lift High the Cross”  LSB 837
  arr. Michael Burkhardt

INVOCATION

Pastor:  In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People:  Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor:  Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor:  He died for our sins,
People:  according to the Scriptures.
Pastor:  He was buried in the tomb,
People:  according to the definite plan of God.
Pastor:  He rose from the dead
People:  and appeared to many.
Pastor:  Alleluia! Christ is risen!
People:  He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor:  If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins. Let us consider our sinfulness and God’s great mercy in Christ.
Silence for reflection

Pastor: Heavenly Father,
People: we have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We confess our shameful thoughts about our leaders, enemies, and strangers. We confess our inappropriate words spoken to our families, friends, and colleagues. We confess our inappropriate actions and thoughts toward our neighbors. For the sake of the risen Christ, forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we follow in His footsteps both now and when He returns in glory. Amen.

Pastor: If Christ had not been raised from the dead, we would still be dead in our trespasses and sins, but Christ rose from the grave, and death no longer has dominion over Him! God did this in accordance with the Scriptures to forgive our sins. As a called and ordained servant of the risen Christ and by His authority, I announce the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father and of the * Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.
KYRIE

A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.  C Lord, have mercy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  C Amen
HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verses

1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.
2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.
3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb for ever. Amen.
5 For the Lamb who was slain has been raised to reign.

Final Refrain

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray...

Heavenly Father, You have given us hope for life beyond death in the resurrection of Your Son. Help us focus our eyes on the things of first importance: the death and resurrection of Jesus for our forgiveness, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.
First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

(God creates anew; remember not the things of the past.)

Lector: Isaiah wrote in poetic form. Let us therefore speak the reading responsively, as we would a psalm.

“Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Lector: But be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create;
People: for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy, and her people to be a gladness.

Lector: I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in My people;
People: no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Lector: No more shall there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, or an old man who does not fill out his days,
People: for the young man shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

Lector: They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
People: They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

Lector: for like the days of a tree shall the days of My people be, and My chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Lector: They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity,
People: for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord, and their descendants with them.

Lector: Before they call I will answer;
People: while they are yet speaking I will hear.
Lector: The wolf and the lamb shall graze together; the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food.

People: They shall not hurt or destroy in all My holy mountain,” says the Lord.

Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
RESURRECTION
(An Easter Medley)
for congregation

Verse 1:
Choir and Congregation

Christ the Lord is ris’n to-day, _ Alleluia!
Earth and heav’n in chorus say, _ Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, _ Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav’ns and earth reply, _ Alleluia!

Verse 2:
(Choir only)
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Verse 3:
(Choir only)
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
Were you there when He rose up from the grave?
O, sometimes I feel like shouting glory,
I shout glory to God!

Verse 4:
Choir and Congregation

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love.
Hearts unfold like flow’rs before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness on this resurrection day!

Positlude: Alleluia! Alleluia!
(Choir only) Amen!

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Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
(Christ is the firstfruits of those who will be raised.)

If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, 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.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Congregation, please rise and turn to the center aisle for the Gospel Processional and reading of the Good News.

(Angels remind the women of Jesus' words.)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with 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; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words.
When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.
HYMN OF THE DAY “Jesus Christ is Risen Today” arr. B. Wayne Bisbee  *LSB 457*

SERMON “Against All Odds”  
Pastor John Larson  
TEXT: Exodus 15:1-18

CREED—The Second Article with Explanation (Luther’s Catechism)  
(Pages 322-323 in Your Hymnal)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, we live in a culture of distractions and diversions. Help us to focus our hearts and minds on the things of first importance: Christ’s death and resurrection for sinners, for Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lord, You sent a messenger to proclaim Jesus’ resurrection to the women on Easter morning. Inspire us to share the message of Jesus’ resurrection throughout the world, for Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lord, there are many in this world who have been abused, neglected, and abandoned, suffering at the hands of evil people. Spread Christ’s resurrection victory into their lives of pain and hopelessness. Raise them from darkness into Your light, for Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Pastor: Lord, send healing and care to all who are sick, injured, and recovering, [*especially . . .*]. Comfort them with the hope of resurrected bodies that will be ours when Jesus returns, for Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: [Other intercessions may be added here….] Christ is risen!
People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Pastor: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.
People: Amen.

The Sharing of the Peace
Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
People: And with you also.

We greet one another with a word of reconciliation, such as “Peace be with you.”

OFFERINGS “Vivamus” (Let Us Live!) arr. Michael J. Glasgow
Gloria Dei Handbell Ringers

HOLY COMMUNION AT ASCENSION
The Lord, our Host, invites to his Supper those who are baptized into the Christian faith, confess him as Savior, have been instructed and have examined themselves, truly repent of sins, believe the Risen Lord is present in the sacrament with his true body and blood, and resolve to live faithfully and obediently. For those with an intolerance to alcohol, the center ring of the tray contains grape juice. Gluten free wafers are available to those with wheat allergies. Children who have not been instructed, yet desire a blessing, are invited to come forward with arms crossed. When receiving the bread and wine, the communicant may respond with “Amen!”, a word of affirmation and belief.

*SACRAMENT*

PREFACE
Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22
People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1
People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Psalm 136
People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

The Words of Our Lord


Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

LORD’S PRAYER Text found in back of Hymnal
AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

“Resurrection Victory” by Lloyd Larson
“I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

Verse 1-2: All
Verse 3: Men Only
Verse 4: Choir Only
Verse 5: All
Verse 6: Handbells Only
Verse 7: Women Only
Verse 8: All

“Majesty”

arr. Bruce Greer
Diana Gaide, pianist

“There in God’s Garden” arr. K. Lee Scott With One Voice 668 (Blue Supplement)

Verses 1-4, 6

GENERAL COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

Pastor: 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. Numbers 6:24–26

People: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven” arr. James Biery LSB 477

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

POSTLUDE “Triumphant March on ‘Thine is the Glory’” (From Judas Maccabaeus)
G.F. Handel
HE IS NOT HERE; HE HAS RISEN!

LUKE 24:6, NIV

HE ALIVE!
2019 Lilies were given by:

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THANK YOU!

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