

The Resurrection of Our Lord

Sunrise Service

St. John Lutheran Church and School

The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

Champaign, Illinois

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March 31, 2024

6:00am

Including the Service of Light

The Service begins with the blessing of the Paschal Candle. Please stand.

P In the name of the Father and of the ✝ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

P Beloved in the Lord, on this most holy morning, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, we are gathered here in vigil and prayer. This is the Passover of the Lord in which, by hearing His Word and celebrating His Sacraments, we share in His victory over death.

P Let us pray.

O God, You are like a refiner's fire, and Your Spirit enkindles the hearts of Your faithful people with the fire of Your love. Bless, we implore You, this new flame and those who keep this joyful Easter festival that, burning with desire for life with you, we may be found rightly prepared to share in the Feast of Light which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the ending, the Alpha and the Omega. His are time and eternity; His are the glory and dominion, now and forever. By His wounds we have healing both now and forever. Amen.

P May the light of Christ, who is risen in glory from the dead, scatter all the darkness of our hearts and minds.

P Let us Pray.

Almighty and most merciful God, pour out on us Your abundant blessing that all who in true faith share this day in joyful celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

from the dead may be filled with Your heavenly benediction. Once we were in darkness, but now we are in the Light, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

The following Responsory is sung three times:

P The Light of Christ.

C Thanks be to God.

The *Exsultet* (*Easter Proclamation*) is sung by the Pastor.

The Service continues with 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

Easter Acclamation:

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn 457 *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, You made this most sacred morning to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection. Preserve in us the spirit of adoption which You have given so that, made alive in body and soul, we may serve You purely; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

P The Old Testament reading is from Exodus 15:1–11.

¹Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously;

the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

²The LORD is my strength and my song,

and he has become my salvation;

this is my God, and I will praise him,

my father's God, and I will exalt him.

³The LORD is a man of war;

the LORD is his name.

- 4 “Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea,
and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea.
5 The floods covered them;
they went down into the depths like a stone.
6 Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power,
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy.
7 In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.
8 At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;
the floods stood up in a heap;
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.
9 The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake,
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’
10 You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.
11 “Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Epistle reading is from 1 Corinthians 5:6b–8.

^{6b}Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? ⁷Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. ⁸Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter. (20:1–18)

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. ⁴Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, ⁷and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰Then the disciples went back to their homes. ¹¹But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. ¹²And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. ¹³They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶Jesus said to her, “Mary.” She turned and said to him in Aramaic, “Rabboni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” ¹⁸Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”—and that he had said these things to her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sit

Hymn 478 *The Day of Resurrection*

Sermon “*Early on the First Day of the Week*” John 20:1–18

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

“The Holy Christ Is Risen”

Bach

Stand

Prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Concluding Sentences

P After his resurrection Jesus came and stood among the disciples and said,

C Peace be with you!

P Peace be with you.

C And also with you.

P Jesus was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.

C Blessed are they who have not seen and yet have believed.

P This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world?

C Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.

P Our Lord says, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.”

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Hymn 465 *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Postlude – *“Today the Son of God Triumphs”*

Bach

Serving Today –

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Caithamer

Organist: Keith Williams

Elders: Steve & Mike

Instrumentalists: Everett, Terry, Randy

*You are invited to have a coffee cake breakfast with us served by
the Fellowship Committee following the service.*

*Divine Service w/ Holy Communion will be celebrated today at
8:00am & 10:45am.*

*The Staff of St. John Lutheran Church and School wishes everyone
a blessed Easter celebration filled with joy and the peace
of Jesus Christ.*

THANK YOU to everyone who donated an Easter lily. Please take
your flower home with you any time following the 10:45 service

this morning.

LEARN BY HEART
THE FAMILY ALTAR

The families of St. John are encouraged to learn these words from the Small Catechism by heart this week:

The Table of Duties

Of Citizens –

Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. Matthew 22:21

It is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Romans 13:5–7

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Savior. 1 Timothy 2:1–3

Bible Passage: For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2

Hymn 464 *The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done* (sts. 1-2)

Psalm 114

Bible Readings for the Week:

The Sun and Moon Stand Still – Joshua 10:1–15

Joshua's Conquests – Joshua 11:15–20; 13:1–7; 18:1–2, 10; 21:43–45

Joshua's Farewell Address – Joshua 23:1–3; 24:2–14