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FROM DEATH

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I'LL *sing on!*



**Our Savior Lutheran Church
Easter Celebration
9:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sunday, April 12, 2020**

Thought: Even though we cannot physically be together, we are together in Spirit and Hope.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for You.

HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

When crucified Jesus is raised from the dead, he thereby sets in motion a commissioning of his followers to go, show, and tell the world the truth – God is determined to raise up the world, to defeat death, and to conquer evil in order that God's good intentions for the world might be completely fulfilled. To be a follower of the resurrected Christ is to be an agent of the resurrection!

Go, Tell, Show and Love!

God is more than any virus – the tomb is empty and Jesus goes before us!

Prelude – "What Wondrous Love Is This" ELW #666 Verse 4

*And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing God's love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and through eternity I'll sing on.*



Every Easter at Turtle Pond, Zebedee (old beyond knowing) and the rest of the turtles swim across Turtle Pond to the "Sandbar of Sainted Turtles." They can see the rippled sand just beneath the clear waters and raise their heads humming a happy song of hope – not in the ELW! Sung for the turtles having died and given to God at the sandbar, who will one day swim in the River that flows through the city of God!

Revelation 22:1-2

Call to Easter Worship

A: Easter is here, and the stone has been rolled away.

C: Christ is alive! And our sins have been taken away!

A: The bright morning light has dawned on an empty tomb.

C: Christ is alive! And our dark past is no more!

A: The sure hope of salvation is found in the resurrected Christ.

C: Christ is alive! And all doubting is done!

A: The grave is now open, and no dead can be found.

C: Christ is alive! And now death is defeated!

A: The disciples run with joy to see for themselves what Christ has done.

C: Christ is alive! And now all fear has fled!

A: The glorious news of Easter is spreading fast.

C: Christ is alive! Let new life begin!

Easter Hymn – “Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing” ELW #389

Cantorei – St. Olaf College

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Christ-Is-Alive-Let-Christians-Sing-18.mp4>

Greeting

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

And also with you!

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer her their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen and Amen!

“This is The Feast”

Easter 2011- St. Matthews, Wauwatosa, Wisconsin

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9sjmkovrCg>

Prayer of Easter

A: Almighty God, you give us JOY –

C: the infectious joy the angels shared with the women – the contagious joy the women shared with the disciples – the joy that spreads even to us – even today.

A: Almighty God, you give us JOY –

C: the joy that enriches our lives as we serve you, our Savior.

A: Almighty God, you give us JOY –

C: the joy that anticipates heaven’s eternal courts of joy.

A: For that is what you give us this day, Almighty God. Your Son’s tomb is open!

C: The doors of heaven are open – for us.

A: And so, with white robed saint and angel choir we join the great celestial chorus:

C: ALLELUIA!

A: Praise the Lord! Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now...

C: and forever. Amen.

Anthem – “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

(Lutheran Service Book 465)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lpArZ_eAMqM

The Word

First reading – Acts 10:34-43

Everyone who believes in Jesus, whose life, death, and resurrection fulfilled the words of the prophets, “receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

A Song of Victory

**¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!**

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

**¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.**

¹⁵ There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

**¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD is exalted;
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.”**

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

**¹⁸ The LORD has punished me severely,
but he did not give me over to death.**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

**²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

**²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

**24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Second reading – Colossians 3:1-4

Easter means new life for us as it first meant new life for Christ.

The New Life in Christ

3 So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Gospel Acclamation



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

The Resurrection of Jesus

28 After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ² And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³ His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴ For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. ⁵ But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. ⁶ He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he^[a] lay. ⁷ Then go quickly and tell his disciples, ‘He has been raised from the dead,^[b] and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” ⁸ So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹ Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Children’s Time – Turtles are a part of the Heavenly Host singing Alleluia!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rcUs6IEhnnQ&feature=youtu.be>

**Homily – Pastor Barnes
“The Easter Earthquake”**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2K5xXlaXtf4&feature=youtu.be>

**Hymn – “Christ the Lord, Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”
Mormon Tabernacle Choir & Orchestra**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFjnlBn0K10>

Prayers of Intercession

Uplifted by the promised hope of healing and resurrection, we join the people of God in all times and places in praying for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of resurrection, from the very beginning you give the church the gift of women as your witnesses: as preachers, teachers, and leaders. Open our ears to their proclamation this day and always. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All your creation praises you – the earth hums, the seas pulse, the stars shine, and the galaxies whirl in glorious harmonies to honor you. Let us hear and blend our voices in the song. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

The countries of the world experience disunity and conflict; we set our minds on fear and greed rather than on your rule of justice and steadfast love. Build up all countries on your cornerstone of peace.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

We still weep with those who weep, and mourn with those who mourn. Cradle the fearful, the suffering, and the dying, assuring them of your loving presence. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Bless the creative and helpful service of worship leaders this day: musicians, ushers, greeters, worship assistants, preachers, readers, and all others who provide welcome and hospitality in our midst. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, you went ahead of us into the grave and defeated the powers of evil. We remember those who have died. Inspire us to live our lives in this resurrection hope and draw us to you in our final days. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

With bold confidence in your love, almighty God, we place all for whom we pray into your eternal care; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A time to offer your “gifts” to God

Whether it is continuing your support of OSLC during this strange time or sharing your compassion and love with others or the needs of the community and world – your heart is blessed.



Easter Celebration of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has one measure. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

Proper Preface

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending him:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,

heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who

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The Words of Institution

P: Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

C: Come, Holy Spirit!

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Music for reflection:

“One Bread One Body”

<http://www.oslchopeonthehill.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/One-Bread-One-Body-with-lyrics.wmv-18.mp4>

“I Am the Bread of Life” by John Michael Talbot

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrCN2sJpfvY>

Post Communion Prayer

A: This meal proclaims your death, O Christ – your death for the world's son.

C: Give us voices to proclaim your LIFE!

A: Give us hearts to LIVE your life!

C: Give us wills to spread your love.

A: We bless you now and evermore.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. May he make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. May he lift up his countenance upon you and give to you HIS peace!

C: Amen.

Easter Recessional Hymn – “Thine Be the Glory, Risen Conquering Son”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbBOOmKMLmI>

