

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

St. John's Lutheran Church (LC-MS)  
Pekin, Illinois

April 21, 2019  
7:00 & 10:30 a. m.

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## HOLY COMMUNION

TO OUR GUESTS AND MEMBERS: We receive the Lord's Supper, believing the Word of Jesus, that He gives into our mouths His true body and blood, miraculously united to the bread and wine, to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins, and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His Word, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love one another, even as He forgives and loves us.

God's Word teaches us that those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm, and that this Holy Communion is a confession of the faith that is confessed in this church. Therefore any who are not yet instructed, who are in doubt, or are members of a congregation not in the fellowship of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and yet desire to commune, are asked to kindly speak with the pastor ahead of time. (*Matt. 5:23f.; 10:32f.; 18:15-35; 26:26-28; 1Cor. 10:16-21; 11:17-34*)

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## FESTIVAL ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRESERVICE MUSIC – Bells of St. John's (7:00)

HYMN 200 “I Know that My Redeemer Lives”

verse 1 All            5 Lectern side  
2 Men                    6 Women  
3 Women    7 Men  
4 Pulpit side 8 All

### INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

#### EASTER ACCLAMATION

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!**

#### PSALM 118:1, 21-24, 29

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

**I will praise You, for You have answered me, and have become my salvation.**

The Stone which the builders rejected has become the chief Cornerstone.

**This was the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

**Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

#### HYMN 205 "The Day of Resurrection"

#### COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

#### LECTION

##### **Isaiah 65:17-25**

<sup>17</sup> "Behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be  
remembered  
or come into mind.

<sup>18</sup> But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

<sup>19</sup> I will rejoice in Jerusalem

and be glad in my people;  
 no more shall be heard in it the sound of  
 weeping  
 and the cry of distress.  
<sup>20</sup> 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,  
 for the young man shall die a hundred  
 years old,  
 and the sinner a hundred years old shall  
 be accursed.  
<sup>21</sup> They shall build houses and inhabit  
 them;  
 they shall plant vineyards and eat their  
 fruit.  
<sup>22</sup> They shall not build and another inhabit;  
 they shall not plant and another eat;  
 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.  
<sup>23</sup> They shall not labor in vain  
 or bear children for calamity,  
 for they shall be the offspring of the  
 blessed of the Lord,  
 and their descendants with them.  
<sup>24</sup> Before they call I will answer;  
 while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
<sup>25</sup> The wolf and the lamb shall graze  
 together;  
 the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
 and dust shall be the serpent's food.  
 They shall not hurt or destroy  
 in all my holy mountain,"

says the Lord.

### **1 Corinthians 15:19-26**

<sup>19</sup>If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.  
<sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have  
 fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrec-  
 tion of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.  
<sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong  
 to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father af-

ter destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hallelujah Verse:

Hallelujah! Christ Jesus has abolished death!

**He has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel!**

**Hallelujah!**

### **Luke 24:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. <sup>5</sup>And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? <sup>6</sup>He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, <sup>11</sup>but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.

### NICENE CREED

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary and was made man; And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

HYMN 202 "Welcome, Happy Morning!"

SERMON: "Easter Marvel" Luke 24:12

- I. Marvel at the empty tomb
- II. Marvel at Jesus' resurrection power
- III. Marvel at the meaning of Jesus' resurrection

OFFERING

Sanctuary Choir: "Easter Is Here" (7:00)

Vocal ensemble: "Christians, to the Paschal Victim" (10:30)

PRAYER

COMMUNION LITURGY, p. 24-28

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN 191 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia"

HYMN 195 "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands"

HYMN 188 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

HYMN 193 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

NUNC DIMITTIS, p. 29-30

CONCLUDING LITURGY, p. 30-31

HYMN 199 "Jesus Christ is Risen Today, Alleluia!"

*We thank our organist, Rachel Keehner, the members of the Sanctuary Choir and Director Peggy Patten, the members of the Bells of St. John's and Director Mary Ashbaker, and vocalists Allison Harley, Deanna Bishop, Ron Reising, and Pastor Bishop for their efforts in contributing to the special music of this morning's services.*