

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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

April 4, 2021
7:00 & 10:30 a.m.

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*)

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF READINGS AND HYMNS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

PRESERVICE MUSIC

HYMN 205 "The Day of Resurrection"

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 16:1, 7-11

Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust.

I will bless the Lord, who has given Me counsel; My heart also instructs Me in the night seasons.

I have set the Lord always before Me; because He is at My right hand I shall not be moved.

Therefore My heart is glad, and My glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope.

For You will not leave My soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption.

You will show Me the path of life. In Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

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.

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY

READINGS

Job 19:23-27a

HYMN 200 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" v. 1,2,5,7,8

Acts 10:34-43

HYMN 189 "He is Arisen! Glorious Word!"

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

ENSEMBLE: "Oh, Let Us Joyful All Become"

Hallelujah Verse:

Hallelujah! Christ Jesus has abolished death!

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

Hallelujah!

Mark 16:1-8

HYMN 193 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

John 20:1-18

HYMN 188 "Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!"

SERMON: "Believe What?" John 20:8-9

I. Believe Jesus rose from the dead:

A. because of John's eyewitness testimony.

B. because of the Old Testament Scriptures.

II. Believe what Jesus' resurrection means for you.

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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.

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

VOCAL SOLO: "My Heart Ever Faithful"

You may follow along with the text:

My heart ever faithful, sing praises, be joyful;

My Jesus did rise!

Hence, sorrow and crying, away with all sighing;

My Jesus did rise!

PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

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

HYMN 207 "Like the Golden Sun Ascending"

THE POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

THE BENEDICTION

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

Amen.

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

We thank our organist and vocalist Allison Harley, pianist Tracy Glass, and vocalists Deanna Bishop and Pastor Bishop for their efforts in contributing to the special music of this morning's services.

A very special thank you to Karli McCann, Pekin Community High School Director of Instrumental Music, and band members Sarah Arseneau, Kaleb Davis, Norah Springborn, and Sean Hyde for providing the brass music in the 10:30 service. We deeply appreciate their efforts.