

Christ The King Evangelical Lutheran Church

"To know... To teach... To share Christ"

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**Easter Sunday
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**In Nomine Jesu
The Resurrection Of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Order of Service**

Prelude

“Jesu Joy of Man’s Desiring“

J.S. Bach

Invitation To Worship

“Experience Easter“

Hymn 150: “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!”

P: O Lord, open my lips

C: And my mouth shall declare Your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

P: The Lord is risen: let us worship Him.

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Hymn Of Praise 144: “Christ Is Arisen”

First Lesson: Sunday Morning – The Empty Tomb

After the Sabbath, early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of Him that they shook and became like dead men. While the women were on their way, some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. Very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. And they asked each other, “Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?” But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus had driven seven demons, saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, “They have

taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put Him." When the other women 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, just as He said. Come and see the place where He lay. Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' Now I have told you. 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. So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell His disciples.

Hymn Response 143: "He's Risen, He's Risen"

Second Lesson: Peter & John Find the Grave Empty Jesus Appears To Mary

Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in. Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen. And he went away, wondering to himself what had happened. Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.) Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?" "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put Him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," He asked, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking He was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried Him away, tell me where you have put Him, and I will get Him." Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward Him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned

to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that He had said these things to her.

Hymn Response 153: "Alleluia! Jesus Lives"

Third Lesson: Jesus Appears To The Other Women

Suddenly Jesus met the other women. "Greetings," He said. They came to Him, clasped His feet and worshiped Him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me." Some of the guards went into the city and reported to the chief priests everything that had happened. When the chief priests had met with the elders and devised a plan, they gave the soldiers a large sum of money, telling them, "You are to say, 'His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep.' If this report gets to the governor, we will satisfy him and keep you out of trouble." So the soldiers took the money and did as they were instructed. And this story has been widely circulated among the Jews to this very day. When the women came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others who had been with Him and who were mourning and weeping. 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.

Choir: "He Is Alive"

Fourth Lesson: Two Men See Jesus On The Road To Emmaus

Now the same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus Himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing Him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed Him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified Him; but

we had hoped that He was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find His body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said He was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but Him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow to heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter His glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, He explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning Himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if He were going farther. But they urged Him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So He went in to stay with them. When He was at the table with them, He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Him, and He disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when He broke the bread. But they did not believe them either.

Hymn Response 145: "Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!"

Fifth Lesson: Jesus Appears To The Disciples In Jerusalem

While they were still talking about this, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus Himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He rebuked them for their lack of faith and their stubborn refusal to believe those who had seen Him after He had risen. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, He asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and He took it and ate it in their presence. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that He breathed on them

and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in His hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe it." A week later His disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Hymn Response 152: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

Choir Sings verses 1, 2
Congregation sings verse 3
Men sing verse 4
Women sing verse 5
Choir sings verses 6 and 7
Congregation sings verse 8

Sixth Lesson: The Christian Message: He Is Risen!

Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not recorded in this book. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His name. Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, He appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all He appeared to me also, as to one abnormally

born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them – yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed. But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that He raised Christ from the dead. But He did not raise Him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, the Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. 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 first fruits 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.

Hymn Response 157: “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Easter Sermon

Offering

Our Offerings to the Lord are freewill. Let your offerings be a joyful response to God’s Grace to you.

Cello Solo “Like the Golden Sun Ascending”

Thank Offering Prayers

Intercessory Prayers

P: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, on this first day of the week, we come together to celebrate Your resurrection from the grave.

C: He is risen! Alleluia!

P: You have promised that though our sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. So often we spoil our celebrations of Your grace. Sin plagues our thoughts, words, and actions. Forgive us, Lord Jesus. When our sins weigh heavily upon our hearts, assure us that You have arisen and our sins have been forgiven.

C: He is risen! Alleluia!

P: Dear Jesus, we sometimes become so busy with all the things of this life that the hope of Easter fades. When the pace of life causes us to worry about where we must be, what we must do, and what is next, remind us that Your empty tomb gives us victory over sin, death, and hell. Sustain us, O Lord, with the sure and certain hope that we shall live forever with You when all life's hectic events cease.

C: He is risen! Alleluia!

P: Death surrounds us all every day. As we watch our loved ones die, our hearts are saddened, and our eyes fill with tears. We know we too will die and our bodies will rest in the grave. Lord Jesus, give us confidence, hope, and joy in the face of death. When death reaches for us and our loved ones, comfort us with Your empty tomb. Our graves will not hold us any more than Your grave could hold You. Preserve us in faith that we may be reunited with all believers and sing Your praise forever. Give us the courage to share with others the hope we have because of Your triumphant resurrection from the dead.

C: He is risen! Alleluia! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: While we wait for You to take us home, we must face many trials and sorrows. We come to You with our personal prayers.

Silent Prayer

P: Alleluia! Lord Jesus, You have risen. Help us trust Your resurrection in the days ahead, whether they are filled with joy or sorrow. Guide us each day until we stand before You to sing Your praise forever. Now we bring our requests to You in the words of the prayer You have taught us:

C: 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.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of Your Son Jesus Christ, You conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with Him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing His glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

C.: Amen.

Closing Hymn 159: “Morning Breaks Upon The Tomb”

Postlude

“I Know That My Redeemer Liveth“

G. F. Handel

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday Worship 56	Sunday Offering \$1515	Organ Fund \$2620
Sunday Bible Class 25		
Maundy Thursday 27	Maundy Thursday Offering \$356	
Good Friday 32	Good Friday Offering \$690	

Serving In Worship Today

Minister	Pastor Alan W. Gumm
Organist	Jan Nelson
Choir Director, Cellist	Linda Martin
Accompanist	Sharon Martin
Videographer	Larry Martin

OUR READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

The Gospel	John 20:19-31
First Lesson	Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Second Lesson	1 Peter 1:3-9
Psalm	16

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Today, April 16:	Sunrise Worship Service, 7:00 AM Easter Breakfast, 8:00 AM Easter Worship Service, 10:30
Tuesday, April 18	No Bible Class
Wednesday, April 19	Choir/Church Council Party, 5:00 PM
Thursday, April 20	Men's Breakfast, 8:00 AM Church Council Meeting, 9:00 AM
Friday, April 21	The Story of Moses, 7:30
Saturday, April 22	Work Day, 9:00 AM
Sunday, April 23:	Worship Service, 10:30 AM

Pastor in the Office: Tuesday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Thursday, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM & 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Please bring "Goodies" for Sunday Fellowship.

Please continue to bring food items for our food pantry, especially protein items.

Don't forget to check the sign up sheets in the Narthex.

Serving our congregation: President-Larry Martin, Finance Chairman-John Smith, Worship Chairman-Marlyn Rische, Education Chairman-Ron Gorske, Outreach Chairman-Don Schoening, Properties Chairman-Wally Jordan,

April Birthdays: Carolyn Gumm-20th, Sharon Martin-25th

Prayer List: Doris Cox, Ellen Laurencell, Mary Emery, Fran Stecher, Keith Haslam, Dick Clemens, John & Joan Smith, the family of Ruth Ellis



HE IS NOT HERE;
HE HAS RISEN!

LUKE 24:6, NIV



HE
is
ALIVE!