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**ALLELUIA!**

**CHRIST IS ALIVE!**

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**HE IS RISEN! - HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!**

**WELCOME TO OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN!** Thank you for joining us as we worship of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! We are happy you are here! As a kindness to one another, **please place your cell phones on mute** for the time we are together in worship. If you are a visitor, let us know you are here!

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Please use a prayer request card if you have a specific prayer request this morning. It is our joy and our privilege to share in these petitions to Almighty God. If you have them ready before the service, hand them to Pastor when you have them completed, otherwise give them to the ushers at the time the offering is collected.

**THE MEANING OF THE TWO PICTURES IN THE BULLETIN:** The two pictures at the top of the bulletin are the church's logo and the LCMC logo. The church's logo is the descent of the Holy Spirit into 'Our Savior' at the time of His Baptism.

**We Serve Today:**

Reader: Pr. Donald Francis

Offering: David Colburn, Jeff Cisco

Communion: Beverly Cisco

Greeter: Sarah Stern

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**The Second Sunday in Easter – HE IS RISEN!**

**GATHERING AND MEDITATION TIME:** *Pre-Service Music, Welcome, and Announcements*

**CONFESSIONAL PRAYER** - *congregational responses in BOLD*

Pastor: Lord, we approach your altar with with love for You and our concern for the price you paid for us on the cross. We realize the difficulties that we face, and we confess the poor job we have done with our response to your sacrifice. For that, dear Lord, we make our confession to you this day.

*1 John 1:8-9*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by the things 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. 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**

**ABSOLUTION**

Pastor: As a result of the love of God, the work of Jesus on His cross, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, I, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, and by the authority of Jesus Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In the name of Jesus we pray. **Alleluia and Amen.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: R183 Jesus Christ is Risen Today**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY** (Unison):

**Alleluia.**

**May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which God has called us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Alleluia and Amen.**

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**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Exodus 14:10-15:1 ESV

Crossing the Red Sea

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Tell the people of Israel to turn back and encamp in front of Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, in front of Baal-zephon; you shall encamp facing it, by the sea. For Pharaoh will say of the people of Israel, 'They are wandering in the land; the wilderness has shut them in.' And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he will pursue them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, and the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD." And they did so.

When the king of Egypt was told that the people had fled, the mind of Pharaoh and his servants was changed toward the people, and they said, "What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

So he made ready his chariot and took his army with him, and took six hundred chosen chariots and all the other chariots of Egypt with officers over all of them. And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the people of Israel while the people of Israel were going out defiantly.

The Egyptians pursued them, all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and his horsemen and his army, and overtook them encamped at the sea, by Pi-hahiroth, in front of Baal-zephon. When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.

They said to Moses, "Is it because there are no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us in bringing us out of Egypt?"

Is not this what we said to you in Egypt: 'Leave us alone that we may serve the Egyptians'? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness." And Moses said to the people, "Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again.

The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent." The LORD said to Moses, "Why do you cry to me? Tell the people of Israel to go forward. Lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the people of Israel may go through the sea on dry ground. And I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they shall go in after them, and I will get glory over Pharaoh and all his host, his chariots, and his horsemen. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I have gotten glory over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his horsemen."

Then the angel of God who was going before the host of Israel moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood

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behind them, coming between the host of Egypt and the host of Israel. And there was the cloud and the darkness. And it lit up the night without one coming near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. The Egyptians pursued and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

And in the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and of cloud looked down on the Egyptian forces and threw the Egyptian forces into a panic, clogging their chariot wheels so that they drove heavily. And the Egyptians said, "Let us flee from before Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its normal course when the morning appeared. And as the Egyptians fled into it, the LORD threw the Egyptians into the midst of the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen; of all the host of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea, not one of them remained.

**But the people of Israel walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the hand of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great power that the LORD used against the Egyptians, so the people feared the LORD, and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.**

**PSALM: Psalm 90; The Song of Moses and Israel**

*(Recited whole verse by whole verse – Congregation in **Bold**)*

From Everlasting to Everlasting

A Prayer of Moses, the man of God. Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You return man to dust and say, "Return, O children of man!"

**For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday when it is past, or as a watch in the night.**

You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning:

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**in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers.**

For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away.**

Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you?

**So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.**

Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

**Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, and for as many years as we have seen evil.

**Let your work be shown to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.**

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!

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

**EPISTLE LESSON:** 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-11 ESV

The Resurrection of Christ

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

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Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy 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 toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

**Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.**

*Please rise for the singing of the Alleluia. John 6:6-8*



**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:1-18**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20<sup>th</sup> Chapter.



The Resurrection

Now 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. So 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."

So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself.



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Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples went back to their homes.

**Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene**

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet.

They 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." Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

Jesus 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."

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus 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.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.



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

**SERMON "He Is Risen!"** - Rev. Steve Dygert + STS

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God our Father, and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Ephesians 1:2*

**C: Amen**

**SERMON HYMN: R203 Lift High the Cross**

**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed (C)**

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

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the 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 our salvation, came**

down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit 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 sits on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father [and the Son]; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic 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.

**SONG FOR MEDITATION: 192 Because He Lives – Dean Carson**

**RITE OF FRIENDSHIP:**

P. The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always.

C. **And Also With You.**

P. We now have the opportunity to share back with the Lord a little of the bounty He has shared with us.

**OFFERTORY HYMN: Psalm 51:10-12**



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -  
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -  
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it  
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -  
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

**THE OFFERING:** *As the offering is brought forward, we will sing the Doxology.*



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The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost." The score is divided into four systems, each with a line of music and corresponding lyrics below. Chords are written above the notes. The first system has chords G, D, Em, Bm, Em, D, G. The second system has chords G, D, Em, C, G, D, Em. The third system has chords D/F#, G, D, G/B, C, D7/A, G, D/F#. The fourth system has chords G, A7/E, D, Am, G/D, D7, G.

*Doxology, written in England for Protestant Churches in 1674.*

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us-our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.**

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P: The Lord be with you. *2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:22*

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. *Colossians 3:1*

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *Psalms 136*

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

### **PROPER PREFACE FOR Easter Sunday:**

P: It is indeed good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore with angels and arch angel and all the hosts of Heaven, we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

**SANCTUS:** *Revelation 4:8*

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God, Almighty**  
**Early in the morning, our song shall rise to Thee**  
**Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty**  
**God in three persons, blessed Trinity.**

**PRAYERS OF PRAISE: Pr. Steve;** *(Prayer Response) Lord in your Mercy: Hear our prayer.*

**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.**  
**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**  
**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**  
**forever and forever. Amen**

**PREPARATION OF THE TABLE: WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

*Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:23-25*

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ, took bread, and after giving thanks, He broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said; "Take and eat; this is My body, given for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

In the same manner, after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of Me."

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. *1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 11:26*

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER:**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**THE DISTRIBUTION, THE COMMUNION BLESSING**

**SENDING HYMN: R188 Thine Be the Glory**

**THE AARONIC BENEDICTION: LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH:**

**Let there be peace on earth**  
**And let it begin with me**  
**Let there be peace on earth**  
**The peace that was meant to be**  
**With God as our father**  
**Brothers all are we**  
**Let me walk with my brother**  
**In perfect harmony**

**Let peace begin with me**  
**Let this be the moment now**  
**With every step I take**  
**Let this be my solemn vow**  
**To take each moment**  
**And live each moment**  
**In peace eternally**  
**Let there be peace on earth**  
**And let it begin with me**

**THE DISMISSAL**

P. Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C. **Thanks be to God**

Grace mercy and peace to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

I awoke early this morning – it was a cool spring morning and it was still dark outside.

I had a duty to do this morning that I had no energy to do.

Friday was a horrible day. It was the day that our leader was killed in the most horrible way. The Roman's crucified him on a tree on top of the hill of the skull outside of the main gate into Jerusalem.

When you see the most important person you loved put to death in a most horrible way it changes you. The master had 3 trials on Thursday night and the Roman Prefect Pontius Pilat, did not want to condemn Jesus and his wife brought out water and he washed his hands of the entire situation.

Jesus hung on that cross for 3 hours before he suffocated to death.

It was the afternoon of the Sabbath and we had to get Jesus into the tomb before sunset. I was standing with his mother Mary and she could not stop crying. She and the other women quickly covered Jesus' with the cloths and we left the tomb and Roman soldiers rolled the stone door closed; and we left.

I walked out in the early morning and I trudged to the tomb in the dark. While I was walking the sun started to come up but it was not getting warmer and I was shivering – not only from the cold but from seeing my dead Lord.

I was going to ask the Roman soldiers to roll the stone back, but it was open and the soldiers were not there. Did someone steal the master's body?

I looked in the tomb and it was empty. I ran back to tell the followers of Jesus and Peter and John took off running to see for themselves.

John was younger so he ran faster than Peter, and reached the door first, but he was scared to go in and Peter was the disciple who entered the tomb and saw that Jesus was not on the slab. They left running to tell the others and I gathered my courage and entered the tomb to see for myself.

There were two shining angels sitting on the slab – one where Jesus head was laying and the other was where the master's feet had been set.

Then they talked to me and asked me a question.

*They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"*

I was so scared and the words just burst out of my mouth. "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

I sensed a shadow in the doorway and I turned and the gardner was standing there. I asked

**"Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?"** I decided to ask him where they had taken Jesus' body, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

The gardener said my name Mary! And then it hit me = this was no gardener – this was Jesus – he was alive!

I was so shocked I almost fainted and fell at his feet I reache d to put my arms around his feet and called out to him Rabonni and I almost started to cry.

Jesus told me = *"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.'"*

I jumped to my feet and ran off to the upper room in the city to tell the disciples, he is risen!

*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"—and that he had said these things to her.*

Can you imagine what was going through her mind during this time? How would any of you feel being in the middle of this experience?

These people experienced a miracle of God in our midst talking with us bringing us the word made flesh back in the flesh. Jesus did not appear just to the disciples but to hundreds of people in the city.

If this was a secret how can any of us explain seeing a dead man walking and talking with myriads of people in the city – do you think they said crucify him again? I think not.

In closing, I would like to leave you with this blessed thought today. Later the apostles were arrested for witnessing and teaching about Jesus in the city. At the trial before the Sanhedrin the Pharisees wanted to put the apostles to death. Rabbi Gamalial stood up and addressed the Sanhedrin. Brothers, do not kill these men. If this movement is man it will fade away on its own. But if it is of God this will not end what they are teaching – it will last forever.

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So today let us be as Mary with eyes wide open with delight glory and joy and announce like she did. He is Risen – he is risen indeed alleluia – and amen.