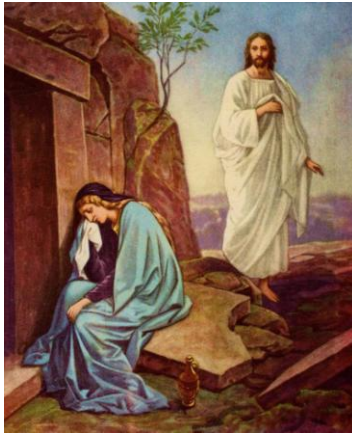


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The Resurrection of Our Lord

April 12, 2020



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Processional

LSB 457 'Jesus Christ Is Risen Today'



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to-day, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 But the pains which He endured, Al - le - lu - ia!
△ 4 Sing we to our God a-bove, Al - le - lu - ia!



Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
Un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - le - lu - ia!



Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
Now a - bove the sky He's king, Al - le - lu - ia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'n - ly host, Al - le - lu - ia!



Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

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The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Exhortation

LSB 151

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.

Confession of Sins

LSB 151

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.

Absolution

LSB 151

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Introit

Exodus 15:2a, 6, 13, 17–18; antiphon: v. 1b

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

The LORD is my strength | and my song,*
and he has become my sal- | vation.

Your right hand, O LORD, glorious | in power,*
your right hand, O LORD, shatters the | enemy.

You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you | have
redeemed;*

you have guided them by your strength to your ho- | ly abode.

You will bring them in and plant them on your own | mountain,*

the place, O LORD, which you have made for | your abode,
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have es- | tablished.*

The LORD will reign forever and | ever.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

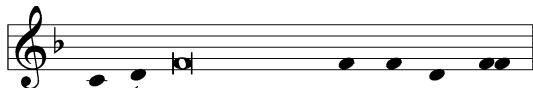
as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed | gloriously;*
the horse and his rider he has thrown in- | to the sea.

Kyrie

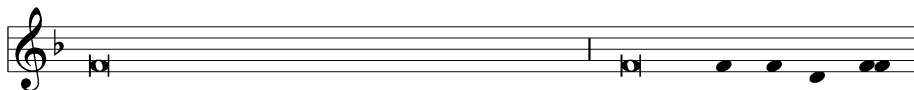
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



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



C Lord, have mer - cy.



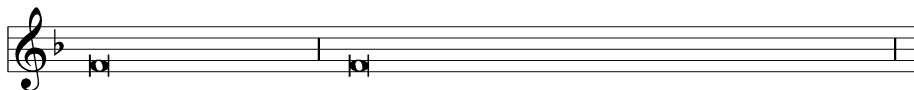
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.

C A - men.

This Is the Feast

LSB 155

Refrain

C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

1 — Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of God, and
 4 Bless-ing, hon-or, glo-ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be-

blood set us free to be peo-ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al-le-lu-ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Salutation and Collect of the Day



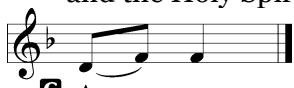
P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God the Father, through Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, You have overcome death and opened the gate of everlasting life to us. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of our Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by Your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C A - men.

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:1-6

The LORD Will Turn Mourning to Joy

¹“At that time, declares the LORD, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.”

²Thus says the LORD:

“The people who survived the sword
found grace in the wilderness;
when Israel sought for rest,

³the LORD appeared to him from far away.

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.

⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!

Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

⁵Again you shall plant vineyards
on the mountains of Samaria;
the planters shall plant
and shall enjoy the fruit.

⁶For there shall be a day when watchmen will call
in the hill country of Ephraim:

‘Arise, and let us go up to Zion,
to the LORD our God.’”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

You Will Not Abandon My Soul

- ¹Preserve me, | O God,*
for in you I take | refuge.
- ²I say to the LORD, “You | are my Lord;*
I have no good a- | part from you.”
- ³As for the saints | in the land,*
they are the excellent ones,
in whom is all | my delight.
- ⁴The sorrows of those who run after another god shall | multiply;*
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out
or take their names | on my lips.
- ⁵The LORD is my chosen portion | and my cup;*
you | hold my lot.
- ⁶The lines have fallen for me in pleasant | places;*
indeed, I have a beautiful in- | heritance.
- ⁷I bless the LORD who gives me | counsel;*
in the night also my heart in- | structs me.
- ⁸I have set the LORD always be- | fore me;*
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be | shaken.
- ⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being re- | joices;*
my flesh also | dwells secure.
- ¹⁰For you will not abandon my soul | to Sheol,*
or let your holy one see cor- | ruption.
- ¹¹You make known to me the | path of life;*
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for- | evermore.

Epistle*Colossians 3:1–4***Put on the New Self**

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

LSB 156



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 Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.



Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

The Resurrection

¹Now after the Sabbath, toward the dawn of the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. ²And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. ³His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men. ⁵But the angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples that he has risen from the dead, and behold, he is going before you to Galilee; there you will see him. See, I have told you.” ⁸So they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹And behold, Jesus met them and said, “**Greetings!**” And they came up and took hold of his feet and worshiped him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, “**Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me.**”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day *LSB 461 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives' vs. 1-4*



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives; What com-fort
2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; He lives e -
3 He lives to bless me with His love; He lives to
4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; He lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, He lives, who
ter - nal - ly to save; He lives all - glo - rious
plead for me a - bove; He lives my hun - gry
guide me with His eye; He lives to com - fort



once was dead; He lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head.
in the sky; He lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.
me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

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Sermon

Pastor Rockemann

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 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 at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the
living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
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 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.

Prayer of the Church

Rejoicing in the resurrection of our Lord and sharing in His peace,
let us pray to the Lord on behalf of ourselves and all people as they
have need.

Brief silence

O risen Savior, set free our tongues to confess Your resurrection
before a world still captive to sin and death. Give us courage to go to
every place and to speak in every language the salvation won for us
upon the cross and the hope granted to us of life that death cannot
overcome. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O risen Savior, make us to burn with the fire of Your love, that we
may love You above all things and love our neighbors as ourselves.
Deliver us from fear and relieve the anxiety of our hearts, that we
may live out fully the hope planted within us and the new lives we
received in the waters of our Baptism. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O risen Savior, anoint the words of those who preach to us Your
Gospel, and open our ears to hear with faith all that He has done to
save us. Raise up many who will serve You in the various callings of
Your Church and who will serve us in Your name with Your Word
and gifts. Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.

O risen Savior, across our nation so many are imprisoned. Bless prison guards and police, that they may act mercifully and serve with integrity. Bless those incarcerated, that they may be brought to repentance and faith and restored to a productive place within our society, and bless their families who love them. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, hear us on behalf of those who cry to You in any need, especially the sick, the suffering, the disabled, the wounded in spirit, those who suffer mental illness and those in their last days on earth [*especially _____*]. Give them grace according to their need, and sustain them in their afflictions to the day when their sufferings will be exchanged with glory in the life to come. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, give all of the healthcare workers and first responders strength to face and accomplish the various tasks before them. Keep them safe by Your power, and bring a quick end to the ravaging Corona virus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, accept the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving from our lips and the tithes and offerings we bring this day, that these may flow from grateful hearts who delight in Your mercy and who are thankful for all Your gifts. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O risen Savior, before the words come to our lips, You know the desires of our heart. Hear our prayers as expressions of our trust that You supply us with all things needful and keep from us all things harmful. O crucified and risen Savior, with the Father and the Spirit You reign as one Lord and one God. Hear the prayers of Your people. Your will be done, O Lord, now and always.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

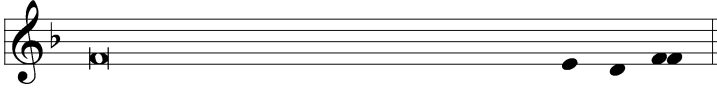
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Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

Benediction

LSB 166



P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.



C A - men.

Hymn to Depart *LSB 461 'I Know That My Redeemer Lives' vs. 5-8*



5 He lives to si - lence all my fears; He lives to
6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'n - ly friend; He lives and
7 He lives and grants me dai - ly breath; He lives, and
8 He lives, all glo - ry to His name! He lives, my



wipe a - way my tears; He lives to calm my
loves me to the end; He lives, and while He
I shall con - quer death; He lives my man - sion
Je - sus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this



trou - bled heart; He lives all bless - ings to im - part.
lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Proph - et, Priest, and King.
to pre - pare; He lives to bring me safe - ly there.
sen - tence gives: I know that my Re - deem - er lives!

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Announcements:

For the remainder of our vacancy you may reach Pastor Rockemann at: Phone: 847.754.8729 E-mail: larry.rockemann@att.net. Whenever there is a need for pastoral care/visitation during the times that Pastor Rockemann must be away, please call on Pastor Roberts (865.229.6024), or our Circuit Visitor, Pastor Portier (865.771.2118).

Rev. Ed Maanum has accepted the Call to serve as our Pastor. He is expecting to move to Knoxville in May. We give thanks to the Triune God for the guidance of the call committee and Pastor Maanum through the Holy Spirit. Please continue to pray for Pastor Maanum, his family, and the congregations he is leaving in Colorado as he embark on this monumental change.

In thanksgiving to the Triune God, the worship inserts for the month of April were anonymously donated, thanking the Lord for faithful Pastors, Teachers, and Staff at First Lutheran Church and School. To God be the glory!

This coming KARM lunch will be my last as organizer. I have been doing this for 14 years, and I need a break. I appeal to you all to search your hearts and consider taking this on. It is very fulfilling, and feeding the hungry has always been part of our mission as Christians. Please drop me (Karen Farris) a line and I will be happy to discuss it with you.

Prayer Requests:

Serving Our Country: Brett Anthonijs, Robert Boatman, Isaac Davis, Chad Kaiser, Adam Smith, Jeff Stone, and Neil Whitehead.

Members: Vicki Basler, Brenda Basler (Tony Basler's daughter), Janice Kaiser, George and Linda Walker, Doc Sternberg, Becky (friend of Don and Sandy Linde), and Jean Anderson (Mike Anderson's mom).

Our shut-in Members: Jim and Rosa Beck, Mary Acuff-Croes, Gene Franklin, Judy Kelley, Sharon Mueller, Doug Rodenbeck, Lily Varner, Liz Etzel, Marilyn Waldeck, Carl and Judy Testerman, and Harold and Katherine Whitaker.